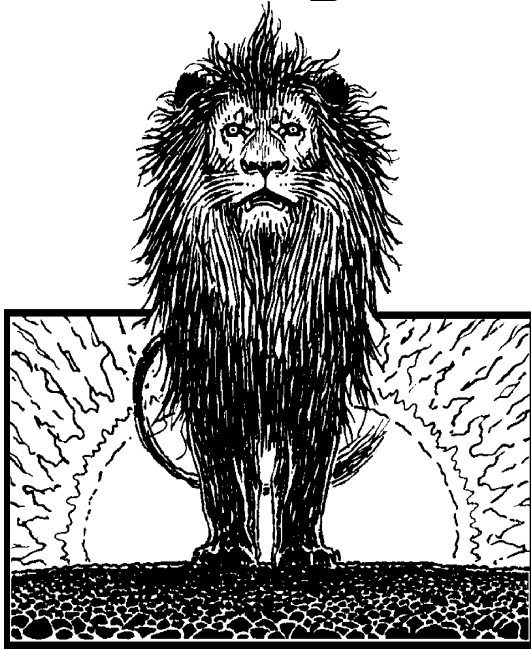


# *Howard High School*



*Class of 2017*

*Senior Activities & Commencement Instructions*

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Dear Senior,

You will find this information very helpful during your final weeks at Howard High School. We are giving you this information at this time so that you may begin to make plans for your senior activities. Attendance at graduation rehearsals is mandatory if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please make arrangements to be present in school for all of the scheduled mandatory graduation rehearsals (see calendar for times).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
April 19	9:00am	Senior Assembly during Lions' Time
April 27	7:00 pm	Dance Concert
April 28	7:00 pm	Dance Concert
<b>May 1 – May 12</b>		<b>Advance Placement Exams/Regular Class Schedule</b>
May 2	7:00 pm	Spring Music Concert
May 3	7:00 pm	Spring Music Concert
May 11	7:00 pm	Guitar Concert
May 15	2:30 pm	Class Period 1, 2, 5 & 6 Senior Exams Period <b>3 and 4B</b> All requests for tickets/parking due to Ms. Adams
May 16		Class Period 1, 2, &3 Senior Exams Period <b>4A, 5, &amp; 6</b>
May 17	9:20 am 7:00 pm	Senior Exams Period <b>1 and 2</b> <b>Mandatory</b> Graduation Rehearsal / <b>Caps &amp; Gowns Distributed</b> Percussion Concert  - Written requests for non-participation due to Mr. Novak. - All Senior Obligations must be cleared. If all obligations are not cleared, no graduation tickets will be issued on May 22.
May 18	7:30 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Mandatory</b> Graduation Rehearsal/Event Line Up for Senior Awards Assembly <b>Mandatory</b> Senior Awards Assembly
May 19	8:00 pm Midnight	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b> Senior Prom - Turf Valley After Prom – Hoyts West Theater
May 22	8:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Senior Breakfast Senior Picture <b>Mandatory</b> Graduation Rehearsal/ <b>Graduation tickets distributed</b> Arrive at Howard High for Bus to Senior Boat Trip* Senior Boat Trip – Lady Baltimore
May 23	7:00 am 8:00 am	Seniors Report to Merriweather Post Pavilion Commencement Ceremony Begins

**Howard High Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, May 23rd at 8:00am**  
**Seniors Must Report at 7:00 am**

**GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. You do not have to participate in the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma. Parents must submit a written request for non-participation to Mr. Nicholas Novak by May 17, 2017.
2. Although participation in the graduation is voluntary, attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate in the exercise. Be on time and stay for the full time. Please make arrangements NOW to attend all rehearsals.
3. Caps and gowns are required attire for the graduation ceremony and the Awards Assembly.
  - a. Seniors should wear their caps straight on their heads with the deep part at the back and the tassel over the left temple.
  - b. Some of the caps will not fit easily with all present hair fashions. Adjust your hair fashion accordingly.
  - c. Avoid large earrings and bracelets.
  - d. No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, or other such footwear will be allowed. For safety reasons no Flip Flops may be worn.
  - e. Males should wear a white or light colored shirt, dark background necktie and dark pants, dark shoes and dark socks. All shirts are to be buttoned and collars inside the gown.
4. When you receive your cap and gown, hang it up in the bathroom with steam. Wrinkles do not come out when the gowns stay in the bags. Do not use any kind of iron on your gown. It will melt your gown and destroy your iron.
5. During the ceremony:
  - a. When crossing the stage, walk briskly.
  - b. Posture straight—head up—proud appearance—smile—show a sense of pride.
  - c. Spacing 6 to 8 feet while walking.
  - d. Stand for the National Anthem. Gentlemen remove their caps.
6. All Howard County School System policies and school rules will remain in effect and will be enforced. Please do not jeopardize your privilege to receive a diploma. Listen! Pay attention! If you do not cooperate during rehearsals, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
7. Each graduate will receive 8 graduation tickets at rehearsal on Monday, May 22, 2017. Students may request a maximum of 10 additional tickets. If additional tickets are needed, please submit a written request to Ms. Adams or complete the link below

<https://goo.gl/forms/3cf3auNx2GWTDsEr1>

by **Monday, May 15, 2017**. The written request should include your child's name, # of additional tickets, and contact phone #. If you do not hear from us, your request has been approved. Students who still have outstanding obligations will not receive their tickets until these obligations have been satisfied.

8. **Parking at Graduation:** Upon arrival in the vicinity of Merriweather Post Pavilion, uniformed staff will direct cars to the closest available parking. Please plan to walk; the number of close spaces is limited. Merriweather "Lot 1" which is located just inside the Little Patuxent Parkway entrance is designated as ADA/Handicapped parking. Entrants must have a disability placard and/or license plates. The lot can accommodate 160 vehicles, if it fills the parking team will direct cars to the nearest available spaces. Guests with disabilities may also be dropped off and picked up in the backstage loading area.
9. **Handicapped Seating:** Please submit a written request to Ms. Adams or complete the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/3cf3auNx2GWTDsEr1> by **Monday, May 15, 2017**.