

2023 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
(FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH GRADUATION - SENIORS, MARSHALLS, SPONSORS)

MANDATORY - All Senior must attend Graduation Rehearsal. If you do not attend, you will not be allowed to participate in Graduation Exercise.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Gym
Seniors, sponsors, Marshalls, and all others participating in the Graduation Exercises are to meet at the Hannah-Pamplico High gym for practice. **ALL SENIORS BRING CAP AND TASSELS.** Girls wear heels they will wear at graduation. Senior speakers will practice following the rehearsal.

GRADUATION: Friday, May 19, 2023
5:30 p.m. Marshals are to report to the Media Center.
6:15 p.m. Honor Graduates are to report to the Media Center.
6:00 p.m. Seniors and sponsors report to the Cafeteria
6:40 p.m. Seniors are to line up in the hall for the procession. Anyone arriving late will not be seated with the graduates.
7:00 p.m. Processional.
8:00 p.m. Recessional. (Estimate)

PERTINENT TIPS CONCERNING GRADUATION:

1. **Be prompt in reporting for graduation. Late comers will not be seated with the class.**
2. Be sure to bring your cap and gown and have them in good shape. Do not attempt to iron; wrinkles will disappear if placed on a hanger.
3. Do not monogram your cap or gown.
4. Be sure to bring your tassel complete with the gold emblem.
5. Report to the cafeteria upon arrival. Do not loiter about the building and do not go to the Gym. Senior's Park near the cafeteria.
6. Line up on time and in the correct order. Keep lines quiet and orderly.
7. Issue guest tickets to parents and other special guests (2 tickets per senior for the floor) and advise them to be in and seated prior to 6:45 p.m. **No late comers will be admitted to the reserved seats after the processional begins. All persons in the reserved area will need a ticket, including children.**
8. During the processional and recessional, walk in a dignified manner. Hold your body erect, your head up and to the front, and take moderate, even steps as you walk. Keep the proper distance between you and the person just in front of you.
9. Be sure to be in the correct seat. It will be embarrassing to be in the wrong position when you are called to receive your diploma or certificate.
10. Caps should be worn so that the mortarboard is level and the long point of the crown is at the back. The front point should be well down on the forehead. Girls will wear their caps at all times. Boys will remove their caps for the invocation and benediction.
11. The tassel is worn over the right temple until the signal is given for the class to shift the tassel. After the last class member returns to his/her seat, the signal will be given for all class members to shift their tassels from the right to the left simultaneously. The signal shall be, **"I now present to you the class of 2023."**
12. When receiving your diploma, proceed toward the stage, pause (for pictures), receive your diploma with your left hand and shake hands with your right hand. Then shake the hands of the Superintendent, Board Chairman and administrators.
13. Exercise extreme care walking up/down the steps to receive your diploma.
14. By all means leave your chewing gum at home.
15. Request your parents and other guests to use restraint in taking pictures during the graduation ceremony. This is most disruptive for the general audience.
16. Boys should wear dark ties, white shirts, black or navy trousers, and black shoes. Girls should wear appropriate church dresses and dark shoes (Black or Navy Blue). **ABSOLUTELY NO SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS OR TENNIS SHOES!**
17. Remember, your graduation is one of the highlights of your life. We want to help make it a pleasant and memorable occasion. We ask you to exercise dignity in carrying out your responsibilities toward making this occasion a success.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MARSHALS:

Girls will wear white dresses and white shoes. Boys will wear a white shirt, dark jacket, pants and tie. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL MARSHALS CONFORM TO THIS DRESS CODE.**

SPECIAL NOTE FOR SENIORS:

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM FOR GRADUATION EXERCISES WHO IS NOT IN PROPER GRADUATION ATTIRE!!!!**

****Graduates that are not in proper attire, or are disorderly, will not be issued a diploma until a conference has been held at a later date.**