

BHS Senior News

May 20, 2021



Decision Day Slides - Due May 21

Mrs. Barlow has sent every senior a link to a Google Classroom for students to submit a "Senior Slide", which will be used in our graduation ceremony. Students are asked to create a slide that includes their picture and their after high school plans.

These slides are a very important part of our graduation ceremony. Please be sure you have submitted your slide!

Baccalaureate - May 23

Area churches celebrate our seniors by providing a non-denominational baccalaureate service. This year the service will be held at 2:00 on May 23rd at the Commons. Although not an official school event, all seniors and their families are invited to attend this special program sponsored by the Buchanan Ministerial Association.

Honors Celebration & Senior Dinner - June 3

This event will take place at Centennial Park, where students will have a seated picnic dinner. School memories will be celebrated as well as student accomplishments. Awards, scholarships, caps and gowns, graduation tickets and seating, letters to self, and honor cords will be distributed. **Seniors should make their reservations to Mrs. Neal or Mrs. Hess and pay a nonrefundable fee of \$15.00 by the end of May 28.** Students will receive a ticket that must be turned in to redeem their meal at the event. Once the event is over, students are encouraged to put on their caps and gowns and take pictures around campus. Due to space limitations, this is a student only event.

Seniors should start to arrive around 6:50, dinner will be served at 7:00.

Graduation - June 11

Students will be given 4 guest passes to give to family members who will be seated on the field for our event at 6:30 pm on June 11, 2021 at Memorial Field. We will have open seating in the bleachers for other guests. More information regarding this event will be sent soon.



Scholarships

Students can continue scholarship applications. Application deadlines vary so please pay close attention to those dates.

Scholarship Page: <http://guidance.buchananschools.com/bhs-currently-available-scholarships.html>

End of Year COVID guidance

Be aware that if someone tests positive, is in quarantine, or has symptoms they will not be able to participate in any end of year events. Be safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, don't do anything to jeopardize your chances of participating in your high school commencement ceremony!

Important things to remember:

Buchanan Commencement has been pleasant and dignified for many years. Please help us keep Commencement an important and respectful ceremony. Your cooperation with the following is appreciated:

1. To walk in graduation, seniors must have met all academic requirements for a Buchanan High School diploma.
2. Seniors must take care of all debts (missing or damaged athletic equipment/uniforms, books, chromebooks, chargers, and other school supplies) no later than **Thursday, June 4**. Any remaining outstanding debts will result in a student not being able to walk in the graduation ceremony. **A letter from Mr. Pruett for seniors who *currently* have an outstanding debt will be sent out this month.**
3. Individual pictures of each senior, in cap and gown, will be taken on the day of graduation beginning at 5:30 PM in the auxiliary gym. These pictures will be used to create a class composite photo. This will be a "closed" photo session.
4. A photographer will be at Commencement to take photos on the field.

5. A flyer with ordering information for all graduation photos will be provided inside the diploma holders seniors receive on the field.

6. Family guests are limited to 4 per graduate and will be seated on the field with their graduate. Other guests may be seated in the bleachers.

7. Please do not put individual names on banners or in Styrofoam cups in the fence or with similar methods. Also, all handheld signs are prohibited to ensure everyone has an unblocked view of the ceremony.

8. Dr. Harvey Burnett, School Board President, will remain after the ceremony to re-enact the granting of the diploma to anyone who wishes a photo.

9. Please have your son or daughter dress in appropriate attire for graduation so as not to detract from the program. Heels are strongly discouraged as we will be on the field. Gowns that have been altered will not be allowed. Caps may be tastefully decorated, however anything deemed inappropriate will jeopardize participation in the graduation ceremony.

10. We urge you to speak to your graduate about his/her behavior during Commencement. Squir guns, water bottles, beach balls, etc. are inappropriate for what is a dignified ceremony. Please speak with your son/daughter about this day. This is a dignified occasion and your cooperation will be appreciated.

11. On a more personal note I ask for your help in encouraging your graduate to act responsibly during the graduation party season. Drinking and driving do not mix. There will, I assume, be numerous opportunities for students to celebrate in an "adult" manner. I realize this is a concern for all of us and together we can help encourage the Class of 2021 to have a wonderful, safe and sober graduation season.

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