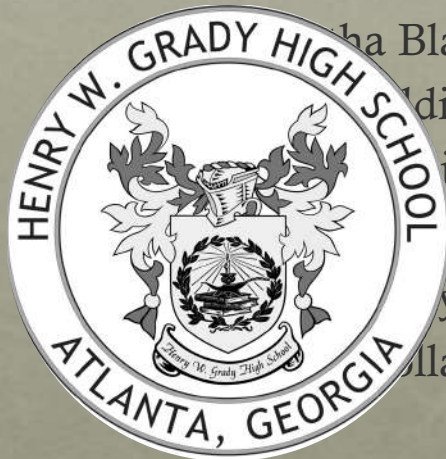


# GRADY HIGH SCHOOL

## SENIOR PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Vincent D. Murray, Principal**

Brandi Sabb and Willie Vincent, Senior Advisors



Sha Blankenship, Counselor

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lland, Registrar

October 29, 2013



# WELCOME!!!

On behalf of Dr. Murray, our principal, we welcome you to our Fall Semester Senior Parent Meeting.

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- Introductions of the Senior Team
    - Brandi Sabb and Willie Vincent, Senior Class Advisors
  - What You Need to Know to GET GRAD READY!!!
  - Senior Status Reports and Contracts – Counseling Dept. (RED FOLDERS)

# REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- Earn 24 unit course credits
  - Pass the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test; all 5 contents areas (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing) **OR** pass one of the two subject-area EOCT tests (example: a passing EOCT score in Biology **or** Physical Science can be used to replace a failing score on the Science GHSGT).
  - Complete and submit 75 hours of comm. service
- \*\* Must be cleared of any debts and fees

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- Students are NOT permitted to participate in ANY senior activities, rehearsals, and/or ceremonies, including Visions of the Future and Graduation until ALL requirements have been met.

| Area of study                                                                    | Units required for<br>Ninth-graders entering in 2008-2009 and<br>beyond<br><i>Required courses in italics</i>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| English/Language Arts                                                            | 4<br>1 unit <i>Ninth Grade Literature/Composition</i><br>1 unit <i>American Literature/Composition</i><br>2 units <i>English/Language Arts Core, including AP/IB courses</i>                                                                                                                  |
| Mathematics                                                                      | 4<br>1 unit <i>Mathematics 1</i> <b>or</b> equivalent<br>1 unit <i>Mathematics 2</i> <b>or</b> equivalent<br>1 unit <i>Mathematics 3</i> <b>or</b> equivalent<br>1 additional unit <i>Mathematics Core, including AP/IB courses</i><br>*See requirements for students with disabilities below |
| Science                                                                          | 4<br>1 unit <i>Biology 1</i><br>1 unit <i>Physical Science</i> <b>or</b> <i>Physics 1</i><br>1 unit <i>Chemistry 1, Earth Systems, Environmental Science</i> <b>or</b> an AP/IB course<br>1 unit <i>Science Core, including AP/IB courses</i>                                                 |
| Social Studies                                                                   | 3 ½<br>1 unit <i>United States History</i><br>1 unit <i>World History</i><br>½ unit <i>Economics/Business/Free Enterprise</i><br>½ unit <i>World Geography</i><br>½ unit <i>American Government/Civics</i>                                                                                    |
| Modern Language/Latin                                                            | 2<br>2 units of the same modern language or of Latin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Physical Education                                                               | 1<br>½ unit <i>Personal Fitness</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Health                                                                           | ½<br>½ unit <i>Health</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Community Service Required                                                       | ½<br>20 ½                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Electives                                                                        | 3 ½<br>2 units related to thematic pathway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Total                                                                            | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

# ATTENDANCE

- Seniors with 10 or more unexcused absences per class are in jeopardy of credit denial barring the results of a mandatory appeals hearing.
- Student Attendance Team
  - Dr. David Propst, Assistant Principal
  - Uraina Scott, School Social Worker
  - Jurea Harris, Attendance Specialist

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

## Overview

- Dual enrollment provide opportunities for Georgia high school students to earn college credit while enrolled jointly at Henry Grady High School and any GA College/University. Once accepted, students take advantage of a split schedule (half day Grady half day College).
- Students accepted into a dual enrollment program enjoy the same privileges and opportunities as those enrolled as a college freshman.
- Course tuition and Hope-eligible fees are paid by ACCEL for students accepted into the program, provided they meet Georgia residency requirements, are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, or have permanent resident alien status.

# CALENDAR AND DATES

- **October 29<sup>th</sup>** Senior Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>** Deadline for Senior Dues – Seniors pay \$180.00
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** Community Service Deadline  
ALL SENIORS MUST SUBMIT 75 HRS OF SERVICE
- **February 24<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>** Deadline for Senior Dues – Seniors pay \$190.00

# CALENDAR AND DATES

- April 19<sup>th</sup> Prom
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Honor's Night
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Visions of the Future
- April 19<sup>th</sup> FINAL Deadline for Senior Dues –  
Seniors pay \$200.00

***\*\*Note: If seniors pay their senior dues via a payment plan, the balance of your arrangement must be paid in full by the closest due date of your initial payment, or the balance will roll over to the amount due of the immediate following due date.***

# SENIOR DUES

- Dues include:
  - **Cap and gown**
  - **Diploma cover**
  - School yearbook (\$70 flat fee)
  - Senior trophies and awards
  - Decorations and logistics for Visions of the Future
  - Parent gifts at Visions of the Future
  - Senior token of appreciation at Visions of the Future
  - Programs for Visions of the Future
  - Printing costs and logistics for graduation
  - Senior picnic, t-shirts, logistics, entertainment, activities
  - Graduation transportation
  - Class legacy gift to the school

# SENIOR ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

- Senior Gift
- Senior Showcase
- Senior Activities
- Visions of the Future and Graduation
- *Visions of the Future is the Senior class farewell ceremony. It serves as the collaborative celebration of the work, legacy, and memories of being a senior at Grady High School.*

# PARENT GRAD PACK 2013

If you are interested in actively participating with other parents and school officials in planning, organizing and implementing successful senior activities and initiatives, please send an email to [gradyseniors2014@gmail.com](mailto:gradyseniors2014@gmail.com) for additional information.

*This information will also be highlighted in the red folder*

# VISIONS & GRADUATION

- **Graduation is a privilege not a right.**
- Seniors must complete all APS graduation requirements to participate in senior activities, the Visions and Graduation ceremony, and to receive a high school diploma.
- Disruptive activities anytime during the remainder of the school year will jeopardize participation in senior activities including the graduation ceremony.
- Disruptive behavior during senior activities, rehearsals and/or during the ceremonies, failing to comply with the code of conduct and dress code will result in seniors receiving their diploma during a parent conference held with a school administrator in August 2014.
- Failure to attend and/or tardiness to graduation rehearsals will result in denial of participation in the graduation ceremony.

# VISIONS & GRADUATION DRESS CODE

## LADIES

- Conservatively-styled white dresses
- Flesh-toned stockings (no patterns)
- Black closed-toe shoes (2 inches or lower) NO STILETTOS
- Stud-styled earrings.
- For safety reasons, the Atlanta Civic Center is very strict about the shoe code. Your daughter will not be able to participate if the shoes do not meet these specifications. All students should note that **NO flip-flops** are permitted.

## GENTLEMEN

- Black dress slacks
- Black dress shoes
- White dress shirt
- Black tie
- NO SNEAKERS OR TENNIS SHOES

# GRADUATION LOGISTICS

- Tickets
  - Tickets are allocated based on final graduating class size.
  - Distributed along with cap and gown.
  - Date contingent upon graduation rehearsal schedule and attendance.
- Diploma Distribution
  - Diploma will be distributed immediately after the graduation ceremony.  
Plan accordingly.

# HERFF JONES INFO

This year's contact person is:

Rick Shrewsbury

770-722-1616

[rick@herffjonesgrad.com](mailto:rick@herffjonesgrad.com)

# ADVANCEMENT & ACADEMIC RECOVERY

- Georgia Virtual Schools
- Summer Mathematics and Science Enrichment Academy (SMSEA)
- Grady Writing Center; Mon-Thurs 3:30 pm-6:00 pm in Grady Media Center
- APS Homework Helpline: 678-553-3029 [www.myhomeworkhotline.org](http://www.myhomeworkhotline.org)
- After School Tutorials
- Let's Do It Again (LDIA) Program
- Georgia Credit Recovery
- Atlanta Virtual Academy
- Atlanta Public Schools Summer School



# COLLEGE AND CAREER CONNECTIONS

Mrs. Muntzing

Q & A

Mr. Vincent

# SENIOR STATUS REPORTS AND CONTRACTS

- Senior status packets have been prepared for each senior student. Packets will include the following information:
  - Required senior contract for graduation from Grady High School
  - Graduation projection summary forms
  - Student debts and dues status as of semester 1 – Debts will be updated and made available during semester 2 as well
  - Course credit status, community service status, and testing status
  - Senior calendar

**GET GRAD READY!!!**

# SENIOR STATUS REPORTS AND CONTRACTS

The Counseling Team will be located in the following areas to issue folders:

**Dr. Blankenship, Communications and Journalism- Outside Lobby**

**Mrs. Oliver, Law and Leadership- Inside Lobby**

**Mrs. Bolding, Biomedical Science and Engineering - Cafeteria**

**Mr. Young, Business and Entrepreneurship- Cafeteria**

**GET GRAD READY!!!**