

# Senior End of the Year Information- Class of 2023

- **How can I buy my cap and gown? How much is it?**

You have two options– pay in person to Herff Jones representatives on May 12 OR pay online at [www.herffjonesgrad.com](http://www.herffjonesgrad.com) Right now, cap and gown is \$145

- **How do I pay my graduation fees? How much are they?**

You have two options– pay in person (cash or money order only) to Ms Glisson or Ms C Jackson OR pay online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) grad fees are \$190 with a yearbook or \$140 without

- **How do I take care of any fees or books I owe?**

See Ms Woods in the counseling office to return the book or pay fees you owe to SHS.

**May 4**      ***Last Day for Seniors/ Final Exams***

**May 11**      ***Decision Day Events***

- **Pep Rallies:** During 1st block, Graduates who have committed to a next step (college/ university, military, trade school/ apprenticeship) will be recognized in front of an underclassmen audience. Graduates should wear shirts/ gear acknowledging the next step they have chosen.
- **Decision Day Dinner:** 6 pm, Commons Area. (see flier from Ms Riggins for details) Graduates who have committed to a next step (college/ university, military, trade school/ apprenticeship) will be recognized in front of family and can enjoy a dinner, give- aways, and raffle prizes. Graduates should wear shirts/ gear acknowledging the next step they have chosen. **Clear bags are MANDATORY for this event.**

\*\* DEADLINE to participate in In order to participate in either Decision Day event, graduates must complete the Senior Exit Survey from Ms Riggins AND the Counseling Department. Ms Riggins’s survey is on the QR code on the flier; Counseling survey is on the LaunchPad (instructions posted outside the counseling office)\*\*

**May 12**      ***Senior Pick- Up Event***

- 1pm- 5pm in the Auxiliary Gym
- ***last day to purchase cap and gown or pay graduation fees***
- return any SHS items (computer, books, etc.)
- pick up yard sign, SHS mask, cords and honors, cap and gown
- Cords and honor designations: **ONLY** cords and honors issued by SHS or a national organization (Girl Scouts, Marines, etc.) will be able to be worn. Cords and honors not provided by SHS **MUST** be approved before graduation.

\*\* you must be COMPLETELY CLEAR of all monies owed the school BEFORE you receive your cap & gown\*\*

**May 15**      ***Baccalaureate***

- 6:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church; 2178 GA-138 Stockbridge, GA 30281
- wear your cap and gown and regalia
- Seniors need to arrive by 5:45 for the processional line-up
- ***questions still to be answered:*** How many guests can attend with each graduate? What is the mask policy? What is the bag policy?

**May 16      *Honors Night***

- 6:00 pm in the SHS gym
- by invitation only; students and 2 guests must RSVP to attend
- for information or questions, contact Ms Glisson or Ms C Jackson

Seniors MUST have paid their graduation and activity fees in order to participate in the following activities:

**May 17      *Senior Picnic***

- 10 am -2 pm    food trucks, game truck, fun and games in the auxiliary gym.

THERE WILL NOT BE ACCESS TO THE REST of the SCHOOL BUILDING. NO BAGS, NO OPEN WATER BOTTLES OR WATER RELATED SUPPLIES WILL BE TOLERATED DURING THIS TIME.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN FORBIDDANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

**May 19      *Graduation Practice 8:15 am- 1 pm***

- Report to the auxiliary gym by 8:15 a.m. (wear your Senior Crown)
- Graduation practice is **mandatory**...you must be present in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. If there is an emergency that keeps you from being at school you must let Ms Glisson or Ms Jackson know before practice (approved by Thornton). **FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN FORBIDDANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES.**
- Tickets (25 per graduate) will be issued at the **END** of practice

**May 21      *Graduation Ceremony; 25 tickets per Senior (guests 5 and under will not need tickets)***

- Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, GA
- Gates open at 5:30
- Graduates should check-in no later than 6 pm
- Ceremony begins at 7:30
- Video of graduation available through Livestream or Facebook Live. Link will be available on the SHS or HCS websites.

## **GRADUATION INFORMATION and PROCEDURES**

1. **Graduation practice** is **mandatory** for those choosing to participate in the graduation ceremony.
2. **Tickets and handicapped graduate parking passes** will be handed out at the **end** of practice Friday, May 19, 2023.
3. **Graduation Night:**
  - A. 6:00 p.m. – report to the Media Center in the infield. If you have received honor stoles and cords, bring them to wear with your cap and gown.  
(Be on time...you will not be permitted to join the processional once we have started moving.)
  - B. 7:30 p.m. – Graduation Ceremony. During the ceremony you will receive an empty diploma cover. You will pick up your diploma and other documents in the Media Center after graduation.
4. **Parking:** Graduates will park in a designated lot in the front of the Speedway. Graduates will be bussed to the infield for line-up.
5. **Inclement weather plans:** Monday, May 22, 2023. If it rains on Sunday night, graduation will take place Monday morning at 10 am. If it rains both Sunday night and Monday morning, the county will present alternative plans.
6. Google Calendar, Aerial Views of AMS for parking, COVID restrictions, and Livestream link will be posted on SHS Website slider and HCS Graduation Information Page by HCS. (date pending)
7. If you choose not to participate in the ceremony, you may pick up your diploma in the counseling office by appointment.
8. **Picture Information:**

Each graduate will have their picture professionally taken as they receive their diploma. Proofs will be sent to your home and you will have an opportunity to purchase pictures if you choose.
9. **Attire**
  - a. *Ladies* should wear a dress the same length or shorter than the gown or dress clothes of choice and black shoes. **Anything** visible under the down (skirt hems, pants, etc.) must be BLACK. No jeans, sneakers, or flip flops. Only block heels or wedges; no stilettos or spike heels.
  - b. *Gentlemen* should wear white shirts and ties, black dress pants (no blue jeans) and dress shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops). Cotton or cotton blends are good fabric choices because they will allow skin to breathe.

**\*\* ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING VISIBLE BENEATH THE GOWN MUST BE BLACK\*\***

- c. (All Henry County dress code rules apply to graduation)
- d. Caps **CAN** be decorated. The following decoration rules apply to all.
  - Nothing can hang off or stand up above the cap. All decorations are limited to the top of the cap itself and should not extend beyond the edges.
  - Nothing derogatory explicit can appear on the cap.
- e. Cords and honor designations: **ONLY** cords and honors issued by SHS or a national organization (Girl Scouts, Marines, etc.) will be able to be worn. Cords and honors not provided by SHS **MUST** be approved before graduation.

10. **CLEAR BAGS for guests are MANDATORY.** All non-clear bags will be checked before entry.

11. **Balloons are not permitted** at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

12. We encourage all who attend the graduation ceremony to remember this is an important day not only for you and your family, but for EVERY other senior and their family. Please encourage your family not to stand in front of other people to take pictures. Please keep cheering to a minimum so that every graduate's name can be heard by their family. No **CANOPIES** or **TENTS** are allowed in the stands as they impede other guests from seeing the field.

**\*\*Graduation at Stockbridge Senior High School is a formal occasion; therefore, cow bells, whistles, clappers and other noise makers are not appropriate at this event.** The goal of the SHS faculty and staff is to provide a formal graduation ceremony that each graduate and their family will be proud to remember.\*\*

13. After Graduation-

- a. Graduates will return to the Media Center to be issued their diplomas and retrieve belongings.
- b. After students receive their materials, they will be released to leave. Graduates will walk back across the graduation field and track to meet family and friends in the stands or in the parking lot.
- c. **\*\*Parents and/ or other family members will NOT be allowed to enter the infield after Graduation.\*\***