

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - 2021 GRADUATION

Senior Class Meeting, Friday, May 21, 2021 via Zoom

Baccalaureate Invitation: The Northwestern Baccalaureate Committee invites you and your family to a Baccalaureate Service. This service will be held in the NHS Auditorium on **Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 6:30 PM**. Graduation gowns and caps with tassels are expected to be worn by Seniors. Seniors are reminded to take care of their robes in order for them to be acceptable for commencement. Seniors should arrive by 6:15 PM to line up for the processional in E-Building. Please RSVP via link in Mr. Massey's newsletter.

COMMENCEMENT PREPARATION, ACTIVITIES, AND EXERCISES

1. **Senior Exams** - June 10th & 11th. Seniors last day of classes will be Friday, June 11th.
June 10 - 1st & 2nd block exams; June 11 - 3rd & 4th block exams.
2. **END OF THE YEAR PROGRAMS:**
 - May 27 (Thursday) - Senior Decision Day during lunches
 - June 4 (Friday) - Senior Day 10AM-2PM Band Field
 - June 11 (Friday) - Last day for seniors
 - June 12 (Saturday) - Prom
 - June 13 (Sunday) - Senior Parade at 2PM
 - June 16 (Wednesday) - Baccalaureate at 6PM
 - June 18 (Friday) - Senior Awards at 6PM (invitation only)
 - June 21 (Monday) - Friends of Northwestern Drive-by Awards at 6PM (invitation only)
 - June 22 (Tuesday) - **MANDATORY** Graduation Practice at 1PM in F-gym
 - June 24 (Thursday) - Graduation at 10AM at the Rock Hill Event Center
3. **Pay all dues and fees before graduation practice.** Any student who is delinquent in any fee, owes money to the library, or has not been cleared for lost and damaged textbooks or laptops will not be issued a diploma. Check immediately with appropriate sources in order to be in good standing. All dues and fees should be paid to Ms. Scott in the A Building office. No fees will be accepted after 4:00 PM on Friday, June 11th, at Northwestern High School.
4. **TRANSCRIPTS** - To request and send transcripts to different schools, you must create your free Parchment account at parchment.com, click sign up

now, and create your profile. Check the announcement in the Northwestern Student Canvas course for more information.

5. **Graduation Practice** - Candidates should report to F- Gym at Northwestern High School on Tuesday, June 22, and be seated by 1:00 PM. Promptness is essential. **Report to your designated advisory section for attendance to be taken. Guest tickets for graduation will be given to Seniors at this time. Seniors must attend graduation practice on Tuesday, June 22, in F - Gym at Northwestern High School and exhibit appropriate behavior to participate in graduation.**
 - Your graduation announcements are not graduation tickets to the ceremony. Each graduate will be given 2 tickets for the graduation ceremony during graduation practice on Tuesday, June 22. Also, for planning, please know the Graduation Ceremony will be broadcast live on CN2 and Rock Hill Schools social media.
6. **Attire for Graduation** - To participate in graduation, men are required to wear light (preferably white) dress shirts with tie and dark dress slacks. Ladies should wear dresses. **No blue jeans, tennis shoes, work boots or flip flops will be allowed. DO NOT DECORATE OR EMBELLISH MORTARBOARDS. Students inappropriately dressed will not participate in graduation.**
7. **Graduation Exercises** begin at 10:00 am, Thursday, June 24, 2021, at the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center, 326 Technology Center Way, Rock Hill, SC 29730. Graduates must report to Northwestern High School F-gym no later than 8:30AM. You will ride a bus to graduation. After graduation, you will load the bus to come back to Northwestern. After returning to Northwestern, you can meet your family.
 - If you do not attend practice, your name will be marked off the reading list for graduation.
8. **Parking at Rock Hill Event Center** - Tell your parents that they will have parking available in the parking garage at the Rock Hill Event Center. Public safety officers will direct you to the nearest available space. Please follow their instructions.
 - **Courtesy Request** - Remind invited family and friends that this is a very serious ceremony. **There should be no applause, howling, or use of noise makers during the awarding of diplomas. Spectators who disrupt the ceremony will be subject to removal and/or arrest.** Everyone should remain quiet and seated during the entire program. This will allow the audience to hear every student's name. We hope you will remember this occasion with pride.
9. **Diplomas in Absentia** - If you are absent from the graduation ceremony, you may pick up your diploma or certificate from the Northwestern High School Counseling Office after Monday, June 28. Diplomas and certificates will not be mailed.