



## NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - 2019 GRADUATION

Senior Class Meeting, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 9:58 AM in Auditorium

**Baccalaureate Invitation:** The Rock Hill Ministerial Association and the Northwestern Baccalaureate Committee invite you and your family to a Baccalaureate Service. This service will be held in the NHS Auditorium on Wednesday, June 5, at 6:00 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. You should arrive by 5:45 PM to line up for the processional in "E" Building. Senior awards will follow at 7:00 PM.

### COMMENCEMENT PREPARATION, ACTIVITIES, and EXERCISES

1. **Senior Exams** - SENIOR EXAMS - MAY 29 & 30. Last day of classes for Seniors will be Thursday, May 30. (May 29 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> block exams; May 30 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> block exams. Half day for Seniors on May 30.)
2. Seniors are reminded of the **Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 31**, at 8:45 AM in the Auditorium. Many of you will be recipients of awards. (Notices will be sent to those Seniors with expectation of attendance.) Please dress appropriately: no shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip flops or work boots.
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 Mrs. Scott in the A Building office. No fees will be accepted after 2:00 PM, Wednesday, June 5, at Northwestern High School. Extra ticket requests will not be honored if dues and fees are not paid by this time.
4. **Graduation Practice** - Candidates should report to "F" Gym at Northwestern High School on Wednesday, June 5, and be seated by 9:00 AM. 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 Wednesday, June 5, at 9:00 AM 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 8 tickets for the graduation ceremony during graduation practice on Wednesday, June 5. If you have a need for extra tickets, please ask your classmates first. If this still does not meet your needs, you may request extra tickets by writing a letter to Mr. Massey and giving it to Mrs. Kennedy in E-office before Thursday, May 30. Requests submitted after this date will not be honored. A maximum of 2 extra tickets can be given. Fines and fees must be cleared to receive extra tickets.**
5. **Attire for Graduation** - In order to participate in graduation, all graduates are required to wear dark shoes. Men are required to wear light (preferably white) dress shirts with a tie and dark dress slacks. Ladies should wear dresses. **No blue jeans, tennis shoes, work boots or flip flops will be allowed. Mortarboards are not to be decorated or embellished. Students inappropriately dressed will not participate in graduation.**
6. **Graduation Exercises** begin at **2:00 PM, Saturday, June 8, 2019**. Graduates must report to the NW lower level entrance no later than 1:15 PM in order for attendance to be checked. Remain in line until time to march.
  - ☞ Senior advisory teachers are to report to Mrs. Jordan any students who do not attend practice. This list will be given to Mrs. Owens so students can be marked off the reading list.
7. **Parking at Winthrop Coliseum** - Students may park in the Northwest parking lot of the coliseum (lot closest to Cherry Park). Graduation guest parking will be available around the coliseum. Handicapped spaces are available near the tunnel entrance on the Southeast side. 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.** This will allow the audience to hear every student's name. Everyone should remain quiet and seated during the entire program. We hope you will remember this occasion with pride.
8. **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 10, 2019. Diplomas and certificates will not be mailed.