



# GRADUATION INFORMATION

## Class of 2023

Friday, May 26, 2023 • 7:00 pm • Dalton Convention Center

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATES



#### Practice for Honors Day: Thursday, May 18 at 9 am

- You must be in the bleachers in the gym no later than **8:45am**. *If you are not, you will be considered late and will be moved to the end of the line.*
- Practice for Honors Day is **MANDATORY** to participate in each ceremony. Seats will be assigned so if you are not there your seat will be pulled.
- Practice will end around 11am. Make sure you have requested to be off work for the times of practice and for the day of graduation.

#### Honors Day: Friday, May 19 at 9am

- You must **arrive no later than 8:00 am** and check-in with your advisor in the gym lobby.
- You will then report to the Multipurpose Room and put on your cap and gown. Advisors will be available to assist you.
- Dress in Cap & Gown. You must have a cap and gown to participate. Make sure you have picked it up no later than May 12.
- IRON (on low setting) or STEAM gown and **DO NOT CHEW GUM** during the ceremony.

#### Senior Finals

Periods 2, 4, 6: May 16  
Periods 1, 3, 5, 7: May 17

*\*Seniors who are **NOT passing after May 19** **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** in Graduation\**

#### Graduation Practice: Friday, May 26 at 9am at Dalton Convention Center

- Practice for graduation is **mandatory** if you plan to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- You must be in the gym bleachers in the arena no later than **8:45AM**. *If you are not, you will be considered late to practice and will be moved to the end of the line.*
- Practice will end around 11:30 PM. Make sure you have requested to be off work for the times of practice & graduation night.

#### Graduation Ceremony: Friday, May 26 at 7pm at Dalton Convention Center

- Graduates must **check-in at 5:00 pm** at the upper level of the Trade Center. Graduates **ONLY** will enter at the upper entrance and check in with your advisor when you arrive. **NO PARENTS, GUESTS, OR FRIENDS** will be allowed on the upper level.
- Once you've checked in with your advisor you need to go directly to the Banquet Hall.
- You will have time to put on your cap and gown at the Trade Center if you arrive on time. (Advisors will help with final adjustments).
- If you drive yourself to the Trade Center, you need a parking pass. You will be given THREE parking passes with your tickets. Make sure you keep ONE parking pass of the three you receive for yourself. You **MUST** have a parking pass to enter the Trade Center parking lot. The police make no exceptions to this.

#### Speakers & Other Roles in Graduation & Honors Day

- Participating roles include: speeches, inspiration, leading the pledge, singing a song or the Alma Mater, etc.
- If you would like to have a participating role in either the Honors Day ceremony or Graduation ceremony, you must **sign-up on the Google form in the Senior Google Classroom by 3:30pm on Thursday, April 13**. If you wish to be considered for a speech or inspiration, a rough draft of your speech must turn a rough draft into Mrs. Pendley by this date.



## Dress Code for Graduates

\*\*\* If you need any assistance with these items, please see your counselor. \*\*\*

**Men:** A polo or collared shirt, black or khaki slacks (not cargo – dress pants), dark dress shoes, socks. No flip-flop type shoes or athletic shoes allowed – this includes Vans and Chacos.

**Women:** The length of the dress/skirt should not go below the gown. Dress pants are acceptable if you don't feel comfortable wearing a dress. No flip-flop type shoes/athletic shoes allowed.

**\*\*DO NOT alter your graduation regalia in any way. If you do so, you will not be allowed to participate in Graduation.\*\***

## GRADUATION TICKETS



- Each graduate will receive **9 tickets** to graduation.
- **ANY PERSON** attending graduation, regardless of age, must have a ticket. No exceptions. No one will be admitted into the Trade Center unless they are holding a valid graduation ticket.
- Graduation tickets will be handed out to graduates on Monday, May 22 in the MPR from 8:30am until 12:30 pm. **No tickets will be available to be picked up at the gate on your graduation date.**
- **Graduation tickets will only be given to the student. Students will be required to show ID and will sign for their tickets. No parent, guardian or other student will be allowed to pick up/sign for a student's tickets.**
- You will receive **3 parking passes** in your graduation ticket packet. Be sure to distribute these to family members and **keep one for yourself** if you need to park at the Trade Center for graduation.
- **DO NOT LOSE** your graduation tickets. **WE CANNOT REPLACE THEM!**
- **GRADUATION TICKETS** and diplomas will be held until all student debts are cleared.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY & GUESTS



### For Honors Day: Friday, May 19 at 9am

- Parents and guests may only enter the school through the **lobby of the gym**. All guests should report directly to the seats in the gym. Please use both the home and visitor sides
- The lobby doors will open at **8:00 am**. **Please be in your seat no later than 8:55** as we will be marching in the graduates and will prevent anyone from entering during that time.

### Day of Graduation: Friday, May 26 at 7pm

- **All guests, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter. No exceptions will be made.**
- You should enter at the entrance to the Mashburn Arena. **NO PARENTS, GUESTS, OR FRIENDS** will be allowed to enter the upper level of the trade center.
- Seating is based on a first come basis. No seats may be reserved. Special seating is available for individuals in wheelchairs.
- Doors will open at 6:00 pm; **not any time before**. The doors will be closed at **6:50 pm sharp**. To avoid traffic, it is a good idea to arrive early.

***NO ONE will be allowed to enter the arena after 6:50 PM. Late arrivals will be seated in the upstairs balcony to view the ceremony and will be escorted to this area following the Pledge of Allegiance.***

### Parking & Shuttles

- Your student was given 3 parking passes. Your student should keep ONE parking pass. You **MUST** have a parking pass to enter the trade center parking lot. Security is very strict concerning parking passes and cars without one will not be allowed in.
- Shuttle buses for family and friends of graduates will be available from Dalton College Parking Area to the Trade Center beginning at 5:45 pm. This is a good option to avoid traffic. This also eliminates the need for parking passes.
- The last shuttle will depart at **6:40 pm**.
- To avoid traffic, plan to early. (The ceremony begins at **7:00 PM** so an arrival time of 6:00 pm is preferable for best seating).