

2024 Senior Class Information

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Jostens (www.jostens.com)

Jostens is Edgewood's official representative for all graduation-related items. Most items purchased will be mailed to the student's home; however, all caps and gowns will be delivered to the school, and we will distribute these at a specified date and time in early May. More specific information about how and when to pick up your cap and gown will be provided once we have confirmed the arrival date of these items.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be purchased by going to **ypay.com**. The **yearbook ID code is 15095224**.

To secure a yearbook, the purchase must be made by **May 19, 2024**.

This year's yearbooks will be distributed in late July/early August. The later distribution date will allow us to include spring events such as Prom and spring sports in this year's yearbook.

Anyone who did not have their senior portrait completed in school should schedule an appointment with Prestige by calling 1-855-918-2930. A blue background and a drape or tuxedo are required for the portrait. Alternatively, seniors may have their portraits completed by a local professional studio. **Portraits must be submitted as a high-resolution image to Mr. Baldwin by February 28.**

Prom

The prom will be held on Saturday, **May 4th** at **Water's Edge Events Center** (4687 Millennium Drive, Belcamp, MD 21017), from 7-11 pm. Any student who wants to purchase a ticket must have resolved all financial obligations, and all outside guests must be preapproved. The ticket price is **\$70**. Information about how and when to purchase prom tickets will be provided prior to the end of the third quarter.

Senior Banners:

Additional information about how and when to purchase senior banners will be distributed soon. These will be displayed in the cafeteria and returned to students prior to graduation.

Senior Final Exams:

Final exams for seniors will be held on the following dates:

- **Friday, May 10th** (B1 and B3); **Monday, May 12th** (A1 and A3); **Tuesday, May 14th** (No School; Primary Election Day); **Wednesday, May 15th** (A2 and A4); **Thursday, May 16th** (B2 and B4).

All final grades are due on Friday, May 17th. Seniors who do not earn credit for a course required for graduation will be notified a.s.a.p. after grades are finalized.

Graduation Practices, Events, and Ceremonies:

Important: Attendance is mandatory to participate in graduation. Please make arrangements now to attend on the dates/times listed below.

- **Friday, May 17 - Rehearsal for Senior Awards Ceremony:** All graduating seniors report to the auditorium **at 7:30am**. The purpose of our first practice will be to familiarize students with the graduation process, practice lining up, and prepare for the Awards Ceremony. When practice has been successfully completed, (approximately 10:30am), students will be dismissed to the senior class picnic. Note: Students may not leave campus and then return to the picnic.
- **Friday, May 17 - Senior Class Picnic:** At the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony Rehearsal, graduating seniors will report to the Stadium for the senior class picnic. The picnic will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Additional information about food and activities will be provided closer to the date of the picnic. Note: There is no rain date scheduled for the picnic.
- **Monday, May 20 – Senior Awards Ceremony:** Students should arrive in the cafeteria at **7:35 a.m.** Students should be dressed in appropriate attire and be wearing their caps and gowns. We will line up, take attendance, and manage final preparations between **7:35 and 7:50 a.m.** We will begin processing to the auditorium at **7:55 a.m.** The ceremony will begin promptly at **8:00 a.m.** There will be several awards, recognitions, and scholarships distributed during this event, but not all students will necessarily be a recipient. Please be patient, kind, and courteous to all classmates as they are called to the stage. Seniors are dismissed at the conclusion of the ceremony and should exit the building at that time.
- **Tuesday, May 21 – Graduation Practice:** All graduating seniors will report to the gymnasium **at 7:30 a.m.** Please wear casual and comfortable (still school appropriate) attire. We will review essential information about the graduation ceremony, and we will hold several run-throughs. **We will conclude by 10:30 a.m.,** and all participants will be dismissed at that time. Graduates should not remain in the building as their classes will have concluded, so please make all necessary transportation arrangements in advance. Senior banners will be distributed at the end of this rehearsal.
- **Wednesday, May 22 – Graduation Practice:** All graduating seniors will report to the gymnasium **at 7:30 a.m.** Please wear casual and comfortable (still school appropriate) attire. We will hold several run-throughs and finalize all ceremony tasks, roles, and responsibilities. The total amount of time you will be there will depend on your cooperation and understanding of the graduation process, but we hope to be finished by 10:30 a.m. **At the end of this rehearsal, graduation tickets and all final senior paperwork packets will be distributed as long as it is not necessary to return for a third day of practice.** If for some reason we do have to return for a third day of practice, graduation tickets and final packets will be held until the conclusion of that event. Please remember that **all guests, regardless of age** (including children young enough to be held or to sit on a parent’s lap) **require a ticket.**
- **Thursday, May 23 – Potential Graduation Practice:** If needed, we will hold an additional graduation rehearsal beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please hold this date as this, too, will have required attendance.

- **Friday, May 24 – Graduation at HCC:** All graduating seniors will report to **Harford Community College at 4:45 p.m.** Graduates should NOT bring any items with them to the ceremony (i.e., purses, cell phones, bags, etc.) as there will not be a secure place to store them during the ceremony. Upon arrival, graduates will report to their designated location with their assigned teacher. Row/seating assignments will be posted around the staging area if you forget yours from graduation practice. In your rows, you will be placed in graduation order and prepared to proceed into the arena. We will begin processing to the arena entrance at 5:50 p.m. **The Graduation Processional will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.** so it will be necessary to remove any student who is not present by 5:15 p.m. so that adjustments can be made. Important: There will be no admittance to the Arena during the Processional, so it is important that guests arrive early.
 - At the ceremony's conclusion, graduates will be recessed outside to meet their families. All post-graduation pictures and other celebrations will take place outside of the Arena.
 - More specific details and directions regarding the procedures for graduation will be given at graduation practices.

Dress Code Requirements for the Senior Awards Ceremony and the Graduation Ceremony

Both the Senior Awards Ceremony and Graduation are events that require dressy attire such as dresses, skirts, dress pants (no jeans), blouses, dress shirts (no t-shirts or sweatshirts), and dress shoes. Any graduate wearing a men's dress shirt is also required to wear a tie. Dress shoes are required; casual footwear such as sneakers, flip flops, or work boots, are not permitted. Additional information about dress code will be provided closer to graduation.

The Edgewood High School cap, gown, and tassel (without alterations or personalized additions) are required for graduation. Only school organization/school-sponsored cords and/or stoles are allowed during the ceremony.

Additional Reminders

*If you have questions regarding dress code or other graduation expectations, please see Mr. Hunter, Ms. Adeshigbin, or an administrator prior to May 1st or before purchasing graduation attire to avoid any confusion.

**Students will not receive tickets to prom or graduation until all financial obligations to the school and/or HCPS have been resolved.

***Actions that result in disciplinary consequences such as suspension can impact a student's ability to participate in senior events such as prom and/or graduation. If a student is suspended, they are not eligible to participate in school-sponsored activities and events.

**** Ms. McMichael has final approval on all graduation-related topics.

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