

BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL and Health Sciences Academy HOME OF THE MARLINS

To: Senior Parents and Grade 12 Students

From: Mr. James D. Miller, Principal

Date: March 20, 2019

Subject: Important Facts and Key Dates for Graduating Seniors

The information contained herein details important facts and key dates for graduating seniors. Please read this information carefully and discuss it so that both parent and student have a thorough understanding of the requirements for completing exams and for participating in prom and graduation ceremonies.

Should you require clarification or need further information, please contact Mr. James D. Miller at 648-5200, or e-mail him at James.Miller@VBSchools.com.

Best wishes for a successful graduation. We look forward to working with you.

Graduation Rehearsal Ceremony

Seniors marching in graduation must attend **both** mandatory graduation rehearsals, arriving on or before the designated times. These dates/times are:

- **Friday, June 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**, BHS Auditorium (approx. 1 ½ hours)
- **Monday, June 10, 2019, 7 p.m.**, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center (VBCC) (approx. 1 ½ hours)

Students who work must make arrangements with employers to attend both rehearsals. Failure to attend rehearsals or failure to arrive promptly will result in exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

Graduation

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Virginia Beach Convention Center (VBCC) (1 ½ hours)

Students

Students must arrive no later than **12:45 p.m.** The Virginia Beach Convention Center doors will open for graduates at **12:30 p.m.** All students will have to pass through metal detectors, so allow enough time to get through the detectors and be in the room by **12:45 p.m.** Students are NOT allowed to bring ANYTHING into the line-up room at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. All cell phones, purses, gifts, etc., should be given to parents or guests BEFORE entering the student entrance line. Students are **not** allowed to return to the line-up room after the ceremony.

All graduates must adhere to the dress code (Business Casual) and wear regulation cap and gown. Students who are improperly dressed will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Females are encouraged to wear dresses or skirts and shoes or dress sandals. (While dresses and skirts are most appropriate, a very few may opt for a formal pant suit.) Flip-flops and sneakers are prohibited. Males must wear dress slacks, dress shirts, ties, socks, and dress shoes. No jeans, sandals, flip-flops, or sneakers will be permitted. Please remember that this is a solemn, formal ceremony, and everyone is expected to dress and behave appropriately. Students may only wear graduation cords that are approved by the school division.

Parents and Guests

The following information is designed to enhance the enjoyment of your student's graduation. Please arrive at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in time to get settled before the graduates' processional march, which begins promptly at **1:30 p.m.** The Virginia Beach Convention Center will be open for parents and guests at **12:30 p.m.** You will need to arrive early enough to pass through the metal detectors and to get a good seat. Guests **MUST** remain in their seats during

the ceremony. NO ONE will be permitted on the floor of the Virginia Beach Convention Center to take pictures.

Tickets are required for admission to graduation. Tickets will be distributed at graduation rehearsal on **Friday, June 7, 2019**. Each student will be issued **8** tickets. If additional tickets are needed, students should check with their friends to see if they have any additional tickets available. The administration will not issue any additional tickets.

Packages, gifts, balloons, coolers, flowers, etc. are NOT permitted inside the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Therefore, please take pictures and exchange gifts before coming to the Virginia Beach Convention Center or after the services are complete. Know that graduation will be videotaped by VBTV, and you may later record the ceremony at home from VB Channel 46. You may also purchase a DVD using the enclosed order form. Please know that only graduates are allowed in the line-up room.

Attendants will be available to assist you in locating a parking space. Parking lot entrance and exit lanes as well as handicapped parking areas are clearly marked. A drop-off area is available for those guests needing special assistance.

Listed below are the requirements for graduation. All seniors who wish to participate in graduation ceremonies on **June 11** must:

- 1) Attend and be on time for **both** rehearsals
- 2) Adhere to the prescribed dress code and wear regulation cap and gown.
- 3) Behave appropriately at rehearsals and ceremony. Misbehavior of any type will be grounds for removal from the ceremony. Inappropriate behavior at rehearsals will jeopardize participation in the ceremony.
- 4) Settle all financial obligations with the school.
- 5) Meet all academic requirements for attainment of diploma by **June 7, 2019**.

Senior Prom

Friday, June 7, 2019, 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Town Center Westin, Virginia Beach

Students may purchase tickets for **\$75** per person **May 1, 2019**, through **May 24, 2019**. Students who purchased a senior package may purchase one additional ticket for **\$45**. Any senior who has received one day or more of OSS this school year must meet with Mr. Miller to be granted permission to attend prom. Prom tickets will not be sold to anyone with a financial obligation to Bayside High School until such obligation is paid. Prom is a “black tie” affair. Students must follow dress code: females must wear formal dresses/outfits that appropriately cover the body. Students who violate this rule will not enter the prom. Males must wear tuxedos or DRESS military uniforms. NO sneakers will be allowed for anyone. Hats that are obviously a part of the uniform, tuxedo, or dress ensemble will be permitted. Any other form of hat (bandana, do- rag, etc.) will NOT be permitted. Each student will receive his

or her own invitation. No one will be admitted to prom without an invitation. Both people whose names are on the envelope of the invitation must present themselves at the door at the same time. At least one of the two people in the couple must be a Bayside High School senior. All prom participants must be at least 16 years of age (**not older than twenty years of age**) and carry a VALID photo identification card. Students will be refused admission if they do not have a valid I.D. card that matches the name on their invitation. Each senior is allowed one guest only. Students may not leave prom after admittance unless they are leaving for the evening. All items such as cameras, wraps, top hats, money for pictures, etc. should be removed from cars and limousines before seeking admittance to prom. It is the responsibility of the senior to follow ALL of these rules and advise his/her date of them as well. Guests are subject to the SAME rules as listed above regardless of their grade level, where they currently attend school, or IF they attend school.

Prom is a school event; any misconduct may result in suspension or other disciplinary action (including exclusion from participation in graduation). The doors at prom will close promptly at 9:30 p.m. No one will be permitted entrance to prom after that time. This is a drug free/alcohol free event. Any student arriving intoxicated will be recommended for expulsion preventing graduation.

Senior Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 7, 2019, 7:30 a.m., BHS Auditorium

Scholarships and awards will be presented. All parents are invited to attend.

After Graduation Celebration: (All Night) Bayside Recreation Center

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 11 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. (\$35 in advance, \$50 at the door)

The PTSA will sell tickets during the senior farewell luncheon, and at each of the two graduation practices. Checks should be made payable to BHS PTSA. Seniors who purchased a senior package will receive a ticket to the After Graduation Celebration as a part of the package. Only graduating seniors may attend. All seniors attending must have a waiver signed by a parent and must have a picture ID to enter.

Senior parents are welcome to volunteer. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer before the celebration. Please contact Mrs. Carole Kownack, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator, at 757-580- 0071 or via email at kownack@verizon.net if you would like to volunteer. When sending an email, please put ANG in the subject line.

Exam Schedule for Seniors Only:

Monday, June 3
B Day – English 12
and Government
Exams (regular
schedule)

Tuesday, June 4
A Day – English 12
and Government
Exams (regular
schedule)

Wednesday, June 5
B Day – All remaining
B day Senior Exams
(regular schedule)

Thursday, June 6 A
Day – All remaining A
day Senior Exams
(regular schedule)

*Any senior exempt from an exam must be in attendance and in class **Monday June 3, 2019, through Thursday, June 6, 2019**, as these are regularly scheduled school days.

All seniors must complete exams on or before **Thursday, June 6, 2019**. To avoid having three exams on one date, seniors may make arrangements with individual teachers to take these exams during English, Government, their lunch blocks, study blocks, or released blocks. All senior exams must be completed by 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 6, 2019**.

Any senior who has a “B” average in a given subject (calculated through the end of the 4th nine weeks of the second semester) will be exempt from taking the final examination in the year course in question. This exemption applies **only** to seniors and only to **year** courses in which eligibility has been established. This does not apply to semester courses. The student may elect to take the final exam in order to improve his or her grade.

Any student sitting for an external advanced placement exam who has a “B” average in the course through the fourth nine-weeks may be exempt from taking the final exam in that course. The student may elect to take the final exam in order to improve his or her grade.

Any student earning industry certification who has a “B” average in the course through the fourth nine-weeks may be exempt from taking the final exam in that course. The student may elect to take the final exam in order to improve his or her grade.

Class of 2019 Important Dates

May 1 Cap and Gown and Graduation announcement distribution in the auditorium foyer. If you have not purchased a cap and gown contact Jostens online or by calling 1-800-Jostens. The price is \$31.80 for the cap, gown, tassel and diploma cover. If you have additional questions feel free to call 1-800-Jostens or email Eric Harvell.

May 1 – 24, 2019 Prom tickets on sale. (\$75/per person). See page 3 if you purchased a senior package and would like to obtain a guest ticket. ALL prom invitations must be picked up by 12:00 p.m. on June 7.

Senior Exams

Monday, June 3	B-Day English 12 and Government exams in regular block classes
Tuesday, June 4	A-Day English 12 and Government exams in regular block classes
Wednesday, June 5	B-Day—all remaining B day Senior Exams (regular schedule)
Thursday, June 6	A-Day—all remaining A day Senior Exams (regular schedule)

All senior exams must be completed by 2:00 p.m.

Senior Day Schedule of Events:

Friday, June 7	Senior Awards Ceremony, BHS Auditorium, 7:30 a.m. All prom invitations must be picked up by 12:00 p.m.
Friday, June 7	Grad Walk – Bring your cap and gown 9:15 a.m.
Friday, June 7	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal in the auditorium, 10:00 a.m. Graduation tickets will be issued. All obligations must be resolved to receive graduation tickets.
Friday, June 7	Senior Prom, Town Center Westin, 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (See dress code and requirements inside.)

Graduation and All-Night Graduation Information:

Monday, June 10	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at the Virginia Beach Convention Center at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11	Graduation at the Virginia Beach Convention Center at 1:30 p.m. Students must be seated in the “line up” room before 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11	After Graduation Celebration at Bayside Recreation Center, 11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. Doors open at 10:45 p.m.

BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION 2019

June 11, 2019 at 11:00 p.m. – June 12, 2019 at 5:00 a.m. Bayside Recreation Center, Check-in: 10:45 p.m.

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Please complete and return this form if you purchased a Senior Package in the fall. If you did not purchase a Senior Package and would like to attend the All Night Graduation Celebration, please complete and return this form with a check for \$35 made payable to: BHS PTSA. Tickets will be \$50.00 (CASH ONLY) at the door.

****Parents, Guardians, and Students: Please read the rules and guidelines provided on the front and back of this form. ****

- I have received, read and agree to follow the BHS All Night Grad rules and guidelines.
- I grant permission for the student named below to attend the BHS All Night Grad Celebration subject to the rules and guidelines thereof, and to engage in any and all planned activities including, but not limited to: game play, swimming, basketball, entertainment level magic show, inflatables, mechanical rides.
- I acknowledge that these activities involve the inherent possibility of injury to the student and agree to assume the risk thereof. I hereby release and discharge the Bayside High School Parent Teacher Student Association, and all representatives and agents thereof, from all liability in any way related to, or associated with, the student's attendance at the BHS PTSA All Night Graduation Celebration on June 11/12, 2019.
- I consent (or consent for my child) to receive medical treatment, if deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness during this event.
- I agree to remain drug and alcohol free during the All Night Grad Celebration.

Special Events Entertainment, Inc. - Liability Waiver Mechanical Bull PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The Undersigned, by his/her signature hereinafter affixed does acknowledge that any physical activity involves some element of personal risk and that, accordingly, in consideration for the undersigned waiving his/her claim against Special Events Entertainment, Inc. herein after referred to (S.E.V.), the undersigned parent/guardian authorizes their child's participation in all physical activity at this event.

By engaging in these activities the undersigned acknowledges that he/she assumes the element of inherent risk and, in consideration for being allowed to engage in the activities, agrees to indemnify and hold S.E.V. harmless from any liability for personal injury or property damage caused by participation in this activity. Further, the undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold S.E.V. from any and all costs incurred including, but not limited to, actual attorney's fees that S.E.V. may suffer by any action or claim brought against it by anyone as a result of the undersigned's use of such facility.

Print Student's Name

Student's Signature

Student's Cell Phone

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Parent's Cell Phone

Home Address with Zip Code

Home Phone

Parent's Email Address

Please return this form and payment (if necessary) to the PTSA box in the main office, Ms. Corprew in the Student Activities Office or mail to: BHS PTSA All Night Graduation Ceremony, 4960 Haygood Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION RULES AND

GUIDELINES

- Doors open at 10:45 p.m. and close at midnight.
- Only current BHS graduates (Class of 2019) may attend.
- If you have registered and do not show up, your parents will be contacted after midnight to verify that you have changed your plans.
- A graduate will be allowed to leave the All Night Grad Celebration prior to 5:00 a.m. only after a phone call is made to the parent to confirm permission. This will occur even if you are 18!
- Any student who arrives under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be taken to the on-duty police officer and his/her parents will be contacted.
- The drawings for door prizes will take place near the end of the celebration. You must be present to win.
- You do not need any money for the celebration. Everything is included in your ticket price.
- Graduates will check all personal belongings except cameras and cell phones in our “Bag Check” area when they come in the door. Adult volunteers will supervise the area all night, but the school and PTSA are not responsible for theft, loss or damage.
- Participants may not bring in any food or beverages.

Pool Guidelines

- Bring a bathing suit and towel if you would like to swim.
- Per Health Department regulations, all patrons must shower before entering the pool.
- No bags or personal items other than swimming equipment will be allowed in the pool area. Lockers are available (25 cents, quarters only). You may pick up a quarter from the volunteer sitting at the table in the hallway outside the locker rooms.
- Bathing suits are required for swimming. Short pants (cut-off or hemmed), leotards, t-shirts, thong suits or street clothes are not permitted. Patrons in street clothes and shoes are not allowed in the pool area. Observation areas are provided.
- Diving is limited to the deep end. No flips, splash dives, or backward entries are allowed from the side of the pool.
- Horseplay and/or gymnastics are not allowed.
- Walk; don't run in the pool area.
- No excessive display of affection.
- Do not hang on the lane lines, lifeline or ladder unless it is an emergency.
- For your personal safety, no hyperventilation or extended underwater swimming is allowed.
- All personal items must be cleared out of your locker when you leave the locker room.