



Graduation Dates & Information Class of 2024

(Updated as of April 4, 2024-Subject to Change)

April 10th

Cap and Gown Distribution by Herff Jones- Freshman Gym

- If graduation materials are not picked up at this time, then you will need to call Herff Jones office in Burlington to arrange a pickup.
- Herff Jones will be selling tassels and stoles to purchase, if needed, at that time. Cash only!
- All materials must be paid for in full before you will receive your materials. Contact Herff Jones office in Burlington if you have any questions (336) 228-7770.

April 13th

Prom

- Being held at: The Loft at Congdon Yards; 8pm – 12am, Tickets: GoFan.com
- If bringing someone from another school, you must obtain a guest form from Mrs. Culler **PRIOR** to purchasing tickets.

April 15th

Service-Learning Hours Due!

- The deadline to turn in hours is this day. Any hours that are turned in after this deadline will **not** count towards the Service-Learning Award/Diploma. Students with 70-99 hours will earn the SL Honors, students with 100-199 will receive the SL Award, and students with 200+ hours will earn the SL Diploma.

April 15-April 30

Senior Block

- On sale for \$10 from April 15-April 30. Will paint May 13-May 24. Forms will be posted on Canvas and available in room A207, Mrs. Repko.

April 29th

Cap and Gown Pictures

- Mrs. Culler will provide more details.
- Lifetouch will supply cap and gowns for pictures.
- This is optional-info and pricing will be forthcoming from Lifetouch.

May 1st

Senior Meeting- Auditorium 4th block

May 6-May 17

AP Testing

- Contact your AP teacher to know when the testing date is for that class!

May 8th

Senior Awards Ceremony – Coggins Gym- 5:30pm-7pm

- You will receive an invitation if you are receiving an award. Parents and family of the students receiving an award may attend this ceremony.

May 17th

Graduation Walk/Senior Picnic

- Graduation Walk:
 - Students will be going to Florence Elementary, Southwest Elementary, and Southwest Middle.
 - In order to participate in this event, students **MUST** have a **permission form filled out by their parent/guardian** and submit that form to Mrs. Powell. Permission form is forthcoming.
 - Senior CANNOT fill out the permission form themselves, even if they are 18 years old.
- Senior Picnic (More Details Forthcoming):
 - Senior Picnic will take place after the Graduation Walk at the football stadium at SWGHS.

May 29-May 30

Potential GCS Exams/Teacher Made Exams

June 3rd -June 7th

Potential EOC State Exams

Wednesday, June 5th

Mandatory Graduation Practice at 3pm-5pm @ Coggins Gym. You must attend to walk at Graduation.

Arrive at 2:30pm. Can last 2.5 hours

- You do **NOT** wear your cap & gown to practice.
- **Let your boss know that you need this time off! Work or college visit/orientation is NOT an acceptable excuse to miss practice either day!**

Thursday, June 6th

Mandatory Graduation Practice @10am @ Greensboro Coliseum. Lasts 2 hours.

- Be in the coliseum foyer by **9:30 am**. You **MUST** attend to walk at Graduation.
- You do **NOT** wear your cap & gown to practice.
- **Let your boss know that you need this time off! Work or college visit/orientation is NOT an acceptable excuse to miss practice either day!**

Saturday, June 8th

Graduation - Greensboro Coliseum

- Arrival time is 2:30 pm for line-up. The ceremony begins at 4 pm.

Many of you will soon hear back from your college of choice and will receive invitations to schedule orientation at college. As exciting as this is, you are NOT excused from missing either of the graduation practices or exams because of college orientation. ALL colleges will work with you to reschedule your orientation at a different time during the summer. Make all arrangements for AFTER Graduation!



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GPA: If your final Weighted GPA is a 4.0 or higher, then you get to wear a GOLD tassel (instead of the white tassel) signifying your academic achievement at graduation.

FEES: Fees owed to Southwest (textbooks, library, athletic, cafeteria, band/chorus/Drama, etc.) MUST be paid and cleared by Friday, May 10, 2024. NO Graduates who owe fees or fines will be allowed to practice, and If you do not practice, then you will not march on Graduation day. Ask your teachers what you owe, who to pay, and how to pay. It is ultimately YOUR responsibility!

Attendance is REQUIRED for BOTH Graduation Practices. You will NOT be allowed to march at Graduation if you have not attended BOTH practices. Make all doctor, dentist, work, college, nail, and hair appointments for some other time. The practices will take approximately 2 hours. If you are tardy to either practice or for line-up on Graduation day, or you disrupt during practice or graduation, you will NOT receive your diploma after graduation until you and your parent/guardian have had a meeting with administration.

Admission Tickets: Each Graduate will receive their 16 tickets at the first graduation practice. These tickets are NOT to be duplicated or sold. If a student is found doing either, they will receive consequences from administration.

Dress Code: Graduation is a formal occasion with many witnesses in attendance, including School Board Members and other dignitaries. *Please follow these guidelines so that we do NOT have to pull you out of line on Graduation Day, upset you and your family because you did not follow the policy:*

- **Graduation Dress Code:** Attire will be a choice of appropriate dress/skirt, dress pants/top, and/or dress pants/white button-down shirt with necktie. Shoes need to be dress shoes/heels that will be comfortable to stand in for a while. Collars that come with the cap and gown unit from Herff Jones needs to be attached to the graduation gown prior to graduation.
- **Do NOT wear the following:** flip flops, tee shirts, shorts, tennis shoes, casual sandals, Birkenstocks, pajama pants, bedroom slippers
- No other cord or adornment is allowed with your cap & gown except the following: Honor Society, Beta, Service Learning, NTHS, HOSA and Nursing, and other cords/tassels earned from and provided by the school. Absolutely NO cap decorations!
- You are **not** allowed to have cell phones on you the day of the ceremony! DO not bring ANYTHING else but YOU! Everything else will be taken from you and held until after the ceremony.

Noisemakers, cow bells, balloons, beach balls or anything of the sort are **NOT** allowed in the Coliseum. Please inform your parents and guests that they should remain in their seats throughout the ceremony. Pictures should be done either before or after the ceremony or from the stands. No one will be allowed on the main floor area. Have parents arrive early to get a good seat!

If you do **NOT** plan to participate in the graduation ceremony, please email your counselor **WITH YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL** letting them know of your plans. The counselor will verify with your parent/guardian of the decision and then notify Mrs. Powell.