

April 25, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Senior Class of 2023:

I would like to extend to you congratulations and sincere thanks for all that you have done to help your student reach their graduation. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the activities and procedures of graduation.

The last day of regularly scheduled classes for all students is Thursday, June 8. A mandatory rehearsal for all graduating seniors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 9. All seniors will meet in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Rehearsal will take approximately ninety minutes. Graduates must be at rehearsal if they wish to be in the ceremony; any exceptions need to be approved by our graduation administrator, Mr. Ed Cox.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. on Bison Field West. Graduates are expected to arrive by 6 p.m. Admittance to the graduation ceremony will be by ticket only. This year we will be able to issue six (6) tickets per graduate. Tickets will be issued to graduating seniors with their caps and gowns. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the BHS main gym. In this case, the number of tickets per graduate will be reduced to four (4) to accommodate the smaller capacity. Tickets for indoor and outdoor venues will be marked accordingly.

Distribution of caps and gowns will be Tuesday, May 2nd during all lunch periods. If a student is not in the building during this time, please come to the front office to pick them up between 8am and 3pm on Monday - Friday, after May 2nd. Please safeguard your tickets. Replacement tickets will not be issued due to capacity restrictions. Please read the reverse side of this letter for additional ticket information. We will provide a recorded telecast of the ceremony. Details of how to view this telecast will be shared later.

Important items to note:

- Any guests requiring handicapped accessible seating, please check with an usher to find the appropriate location.
- If your student is entering any branch of the military, we will be noting this in our graduation program. Please contact Traci Pederson at 763.682.8111 or tpederso@bhmschools.org by April 28th with this information.
- Parking is available in the North, South and East lots. Parking will be limited due to the number of guests - please limit to 2 vehicles per family. Parking is not allowed on the county road on the east side of the building (Bison Blvd).
- Graduates are encouraged to be dropped off or carpool and should park near and enter through door number 8 at the far West end of the student lot.

Graduates are expected to dress appropriately for the graduation ceremony. Shorts, T-shirts, flip flops, sunglasses, and informal attire are inappropriate for this ceremony. Accommodations for weather will be communicated during rehearsal. Decorated caps and gowns will NOT be allowed. Please do your part to help monitor these expectations. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, family and friends are to refrain from shouting when their graduate is presented so that the next student's family can hear the announcement of their graduate's name.

The All-Night Graduation Party will be held at the high school and will begin shortly after the graduation ceremony. This party is planned and sponsored by BHS parents/guardians and has always been a very safe and fun experience. Registration forms are available on the BHS website or in the front office.

Buffalo High School is excited to celebrate the graduating Class of 2023 and we want all students and families to have a memorable commencement experience. Please call our graduation administrator, Mr. Cox, at 763-682-8105, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mark Mischke, BHS Principal

Buffalo High School Graduation Ticket Policy

After carefully studying our seating capacity we have decided that we must continue a ticket policy for graduation. Our decision is based on the following rationale:

The policy assures that each graduate can have family representatives at their graduation.

The policy assures that those who attend the graduation will be comfortable and can enjoy the ceremony.

The policy discourages walk-ins, who just happen to drop in for the ceremony and often are not as committed to a dignified ceremony.

This year we are able to offer each graduate six (6) tickets. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the BHS main gym. In this case, the number of tickets per graduate will be reduced to four (4) to accommodate the smaller capacity. **Tickets for indoor and outdoor venues will be marked accordingly.** Students will receive 6 tickets on May 2nd. If we have an outdoor ceremony, all 6 tickets will need to be presented for entrance. If we have an indoor ceremony, only the 4 tickets marked indoor/outdoor will be used and shown at the door for entrance. Please do not come to the graduation ceremony with more guests than you have tickets. All children who cannot stand without assistance may enter without a ticket and sit in their parents' lap. All other children must have a ticket.

To avoid misplacement of tickets, we will include them with your student's cap and gown. Distribution is during lunches on Tuesday, May 2nd. If your student is not present on May 2nd and/or unable to pick up their items, all tickets, caps, and gowns will be in the front office after this date and available for pick up.

You will need to present these tickets as you arrive for admission. Persons in the handicapped seating will need a ticket to enter as well.

The bottom line is, with all of our graduates, staff members, and other participants; we do not have room for more than six guests. We hope that you can understand our position. Graduation is a very dignified and important ceremony, and we want it to be a great event for everyone.

Thank you.



Class Motto:

Take pride in how far you've come.

Have faith in how far you can go.

~ Michael Josephson