



IMPORTANT FOR SENIORS

1. **GRADES** – make sure you are working hard and keeping your grades up. You need specific credits to graduate!
2. **Senior Fee \$30.00** for cap, tassel, gown, cords, bars, diploma and diploma cover. You can begin making payments at any time to Ms. Wood in the Guidance Counselor office. **Fee is due by Spring Break.** (Note – Balfour orders for announcements, senior t-shirts, mugs, key chains, etc. are optional. But EVERY senior must pay the \$30.00 senior fee. Make sure you budget accordingly.)
3. **Mark your calendars!**
 - Baccalaureate.....Date: May 2020 Date to be determined**
All area graduates from Bardstown, Nelson County and Thomas Nelson are invited to attend this community event that celebrates the 2018 graduates. Sponsored by Nelson County Ministerial Association. Dress is “Sunday best” – ladies a dress or nice pants and shirt; men – khakis or dress pants and a golf shirt/polo or shirt and tie
 - Graduation..... ANTICIPATED DATE is: Saturday May 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. on football field (weather permitting). Date cannot be confirmed until after snow days have been factored in and the date is approved by the School Board.**
Seniors need to be in the gym lined up for the processional no later than 10:15 am
 - Prom.....Date: April 25, 2020 at My Old Kentucky Home.** Cost is \$40 per person- Dinner is included. Tickets only sold for 3 days, April 13,14 & 15 (those days are immediately following spring break) Event begins at 6:00pm. Students must be in the door by 7:00 pm or they will have to enter with their a parent/guardian. It is over at 11:00 pm
4. **Graduation Pictures:** There will be a photographer taking a picture as you receive your diploma. An order form will be in your senior bags you receive at graduation practice. Completed forms with payment can be turned in after graduation or at Project Grad.
5. **ALL fees** will need to be paid and books returned in order to receive your cap and gown and diploma. (senior fee, lunch accounts, library books, textbooks, uniforms turned in, etc.)
6. **Dress for graduation:** This is a special occasion and you should dress with that in mind. **Girls** – need to wear dresses (they should not be longer than your graduation gown). Shoes – remember, you will be walking across the football field. Spike heels may not be a good choice. **No flip flops or tennis shoes.** **Guys** – shirt and tie and long pants (no shorts). You can wear any color but if it is hot, a white shirt may be more comfortable. **No tennis shoes or flip flops.**
7. **Tickets** – We issue 8 tickets for each graduate. These will ***only be used if it rains*** and we have to move graduation to the gym. Seating will be limited. It is the only fair way to assure everyone will have at least some of their family attending. We have to abide by the fire marshal’s rules for the number of people who are allowed in the building. If we did not issue tickets some families might not even get in the building.



Important Senior Dates to Remember

- **September 12th – 5 - 7:00 pm – College Fair** for BHS, Nelson County and surrounding area @ Nelson County High School
- **October 1st – First day to file FASFA**
- **October 15th – 2-6:30 p.m. – Financial Aid Workshop** @ BHS in library; KHEAA will be here to help parents file the FAFSA
- **October 31th – Graduation Announcement Presentation** by Balfour @ 8:30am
- **November 7th – Balfour will be at school to collect Announcement orders and Senior orders** @ 7:30 AM (Deposit due on this date to place an order)
- **November 11-15th – College Application Week**
- **November 12th – Senior Tux/Drape Make-up Pictures**
- **November 13th – KHEAA - Toni Wiley to meet with Senior English Classes**
ECTC - Trio will here to help students with applications, FASFA, etc.
- **February 2nd – Cap and Gown pictures** here at school
- **April 25th – Prom** at My Old Ky. Home 6-11pm, \$40 per person-dinner included. **Tickets will only be sold for 3 days on April 13,14 & 15 (those days are immediately following spring break)**
- **May 30th – Graduation (Anticipated Date)** date cannot be confirmed until after snow days have been factored in and date is approved by School Board. **Baccalaureate** date to be determined.
- **Senior Text Remind** - text @ga3abh to 81010 to receive notifications for upcoming events, college visits and other senior information.

Senior Parent Pizza Night Information – Class of 2020

How do I stay informed of senior events and deadlines?

- Check the school website
- Sign up for Remind text notifications
- Listen to AM/PM school announcements
- Check the bulletin board outside guidance the scholarship wall inside the guidance office
- Follow the school Facebook and Instagram pages

How do I find out about colleges?

- Attend regional college fair – Thurs., Sept. 12 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Nelson County High School, in the gym
- Visit college campuses (college visits count as a parent note; try to go during breaks)
- Visit college websites
- Use the KHEAA Getting In book
- Meet with college representatives when they visit

What do I need to know about getting help to pay for college?

- Attend the Paying for College workshop at NCHS September 12th in the Media Center during the college fair at 5:30 and 6:00.
- File your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov asap after October 1st, using your 2018 taxes
- Know about your KEES account and check for accuracy at www.kheaa.com
- Stay on top of scholarship deadlines

How do I get scholarships?

- Use national scholarship search engines like www.cappex.com; www.scholarships.com; www.fastweb.com
- Build an academic resume to use in your applications
- Be familiar with deadlines, different types of scholarships (academic, national, local, and athletic), check the Scholarship Google Drive and school website for updates
- Work with college representatives at the colleges where you are applying
- Request letters of recommendation at least 2 weeks in advance (and provide an academic resume)

What do I need to know about applying and getting into college?

- Most all colleges now require online applications
- Colleges look at ACT scores, GPA, and current/past class schedule for admissions
- Involvement in school/community, and volunteer experiences are all important in making you a competitive candidate.
- Some colleges require an application fee to apply. This is non-refundable. If you are on Free/Reduced lunch, you can get a fee waiver from Mrs. Rogers in guidance
- Be sure you are aware of scholarship deadlines for the schools where you are applying

- You will need to list schools that you are interested in attending on your FAFSA when you complete it so the schools will know to create a financial aid plan for you

I need to retake the ACT...how do I do that?

- You can register for the ACT online at www.actstudent.org ; the cost is \$52.00; students on F/R lunch must see Mrs. Rogers for waiver; ACT has a limit of 2 per student for 11th and 12th grades combined.
- The next test date is Oct. 26 and deadline to register is Sept. 20th.
- Additional national test dates are scheduled for December, February, and April.

What are the important Senior Dates to Remember?

- **Thurs., Sept. 12th** 5:00 – 6:30 pm – Regional College Fair for BHS, Nelson County and surrounding area and financial aid workshop
- **October 31st** – Graduation Announcement Presentation during school by Balfour
- **November 7th** – Balfour will be at school to collect Announcement orders and Senior orders at 7:30 am in the front lobby (Deposit due on this date to place an order)
- **November 12th** –Senior Pictures, even if students take drapery pictures elsewhere, they need to also do this at school through Lifetouch for the yearbook at no cost. They will have to pay for proofs if they choose to do that, but it is optional.
- **Oct. 15th** – FAFSA workshop 2:00 – 6:30 pm; bring your tax info & KHEAA will be here to help you file the FAFSA!
- **Oct/Nov 2019** – Cap & Gown orders taken at school (Senior fees cover the cost for this / \$30.00)
- **February 2nd** – Cap & Gown orders pictures at school (we provide caps & gowns; students **MUST** have this picture taken to be featured in the Graduation issue of the KY Standard) **Boys need a white shirt & tie; Girls need a white blouse**
- **April 25th** – Prom at My Old Kentucky Home State Park, the cost is \$40 per person; tickets will only be sold on **April 13, 14, and 15.**

What other Senior info do I need to know?

- Senior fees are \$30 and can be paid in the guidance office. These can be paid beginning now, but **MUST** be paid by spring break.
- Must earn 26 credits to graduate – please keep up with grades on Parent and Student Portal
- Remember, you must be passing 5 out of 7 classes and have no more than 9 unexcused absences to keep your driver's license! According to Kentucky's No Pass/No Drive laws, we must report students each quarter who are not in compliance with this law. Also, remember, if you lose your license, you cannot get it back until grades are reported at the end of the next quarter.