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Dear Senior Parent,

The purpose of this commencement guide is to address and answer as many questions as possible concerning senior year activities and graduation.

I anticipate this being a very successful year for the Class of 2019. Our seniors are an exemplary class in many aspects. I am very excited about the upcoming senior school year as well as commencement. Many hours of planning go into preparation for what should be a very special time for both you and your graduate. In order to recognize our seniors, we have planned several activities. During the 2017-2018 school year, we implemented the first senior celebration in connection with the yearbook dedication. Parents or anyone interested in helping with senior events, should email Katherine Crowe katherinecrowe@anderson5.net or Stephanie Rasket stephanierasket@anderson5.net.

Please note that senior exams will be **Thursday, May 30**, for third and fourth block classes and on **Friday, May 31**, for first and second block classes. Mandatory graduation practice for commencement exercises will be on **Tuesday, June 4**, at T.L. Hanna High School and **Wednesday, June 5**, at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville. Graduation will be on **Thursday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m.** at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville. Participating in the graduation ceremony is strictly optional and not required. If your child decides not to participate in the graduation ceremony please email Mrs. Crowe by **Friday, May 24, 2019**. Students desiring to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend both graduation practices and follow the required dress code. You are receiving this package nine months early to ensure students have ample time to inform employers that they are required to be present for both graduation practices, students do not schedule short vacations during graduation practices, or any other activities that could interfere with the mandatory graduation practices on June 4 and June 5. Parents are reminded that tickets are not required to attend graduation.

Great efforts have gone into the planning of this year's commencement. It is my hope and desire that the Class of 2019 commencement be conducted in a formal, reserved manner. Parents and guests are asked to refrain from loud applause, use of noise makers, or any other activity that may disrupt the ceremony. Also, please note that balloons are not allowed at Bon Secours Wellness Arena. Cameras, both video and still, may be used during the ceremony, but spectators will not be allowed to come down to the stage to take pictures or videos. Legacy Studios will be taking pictures of the graduates as they receive their diploma from Mr. Tobin. In addition, the T.L. Hanna High School broadcasting class will "live stream" the event on YouTube so family members and friends in different states/countries have the capability to watch this joyous occasion. Information on how to purchase your child's photograph through Legacy Studios will be posted on the T.L. Hanna webpage as it gets closer to graduation.

In recognizing that education is a partnership between the home and school, parents are to be congratulated for their support during the past thirteen years of education. In closing, it will be a pleasure to work with you this year and I wish the Class of 2019 much success.

Sincerely,

Shawn Patrick Tobin
Principal

T.L. Hanna High School



Senior Commencement Handbook



Class of 2019 Commencement

**Thursday, June 6, 2019
3:30 p.m.
Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, SC**



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This will be a very successful year for the Class of 2019. You have excelled in many areas. We have truly enjoyed working with you and playing a role in your final year at T.L. Hanna High School. Also, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the administrative team, the members of the staff, and the parents of the community who have been so helpful, cooperative and supportive throughout this school year. Good luck, Class of 2019. You are a delightful group of young people and a very special group of seniors.

Sincerely,

Shawn Patrick Tobin
Principal

**SENIOR CALENDAR
T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2019**

Tuesday, September 4 – Seniors can pick up job shadowing forms in the Guidance Office. Senior job shadow day is Tuesday, September 25.

Tuesday, September 11 – Jostens Senior Supply order day during all three lunches in the mall area. Senior supplies can also be ordered on line at <https://www.jostens.com/college/caps-and-gowns.html>.

Tuesday, September 18 – Job shadowing forms and paperwork must be turned in to Guidance in order to participate in senior job shadow day.

Tuesday, September 25 – Senior job shadow day. Seniors should go directly to their job shadowing site.

Thursday, September 27 –Senior College Fair in the Mall area from 10:10-10:30 a.m. Colleges from across South Carolina will be represented.

Tuesday, October 9 – Jostens Senior Supply order make-up day during all three lunches in the mall area.

Wednesday, October 10 – Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) from 8:30-11:30 in the Media Center.

Tuesday, October 16 – Senior Class Picture at 11:00 a.m. at Yellow Jacket Memorial Stadium.

Tuesday, October 16 – College Application Day

Thursday, October 18 – Yearbook Ad Workshop at T.L. Hanna 5-7 p.m. (Mall area)

Tuesday, October 23 – College Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. (Lecture Hall/Media Center if the Lecture Hall is not available)

Thursday, January 17 – Yearbook Ad Workshop at T.L. Hanna 5-7 p.m. (Mall area)

Saturday, February 2 – Ms. T.L. Hanna Pageant 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Mall area)

Wednesday, March 6 - Prom tickets go on sale (\$30.00 single ticket or \$50.00 couple tickets) during 1st Block and all lunches. **All fees must be cleared by each person attending the Prom before tickets can be purchased.**

Friday, March 8 – Jostens Senior Supply delivery. Seniors can pick up their Graduation Caps and Gowns during all three lunches.

Wednesday, March 13 – Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) from 8:30-11:30 in the Media Center.

Thursday, March 21 – Prom ticket prices increase (\$40.00 single ticket or \$60.00 couple tickets) and are sold during 1st Block and all lunches. **All fees must be cleared by each person attending the Prom before tickets can be purchased.**

Wednesday, March 27 – Last day to purchase Prom tickets.

Saturday, March 30 – Prom at Bleckley Station from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Monday, April 1 – Post-graduation form distributed to seniors.

Monday, April 29 – Invitations to Awards Night will be mailed.

Tuesday, May 7 – Awards Night at 6:30 p.m. (Mall area) – Students receiving an award will receive an invitation by mail. Seniors that do not receive an invitation are not required to attend.

Friday, May 3– Last day to turn post-graduation form in to Mrs. Motes in Guidance. Post-graduation form must be received in order to participate in graduation.

Wednesday, May 15 – Yearbook Dedication and Senior Celebration Party 10:20-11:45 a.m. (Mall area)

Friday, May 17 – Graduating Seniors to visit feeder Elementary and Middle Schools 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 30 – Final Exams for seniors during 3rd and 4th block classes.

Friday, May 31 – Final Exams for seniors during 1st and 2nd block classes. Seniors may leave after their last exam. Please note that there will not be any additional bus transportation. Seniors will need to provide their own transportation if they plan to leave early.

Friday, May 31 – All Senior fines/fees must be paid in order to participate in graduation.

Tuesday, June 4 – Mandatory graduation practice starts at 8:30 a.m. at T.L. Hanna High School.

Wednesday, June 5 – Mandatory graduation practice at Bon Secours Wellness Arena, Greenville, SC. Buses will depart T.L. Hanna High School at 8:15 a.m.; practice starts at 9:30 a.m. Seniors must be in the auxiliary gym no later than 8:00 a.m. Students are not allowed to drive or be dropped off at Bon Secours.

Thursday, June 6 – Graduation at Bon Secours Wellness Arena, Greenville, SC at 3:30 p.m. Students can arrive no earlier than 2:15 p.m. and no later than 2:30 p.m. Students must be present, checked in, and in their lines no later than 2:45 p.m.

Parking is available in the parking garage beside BSWA and costs \$6.00.

ADA accessible parking is located in the Premium Seat Parking Lot between the Church Street parking garage and the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. There is a \$5 fee to park in this lot. ADA parking within this lot is limited and availability is based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Additional accessible parking is located in the Church St. parking garage. All vehicles requiring accessible parking must have the proper decal displayed from the rear view mirror or have an applicable license plate.

Guidelines for Proper Commencement Attire

- Gown should be removed from its individual package as soon as received and hung up to get the wrinkles out of it.
- Flowers and pins are not appropriate worn on graduation gowns.
- Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortarboard is level. The front of the cap is indicated on the inside of the crown. Caps are never worn on the back of the head. For graduation, caps should be worn parallel to the ground with the point in the center of the forehead. Hats should be affixed with bobby pins. Tassels should be positioned on the right. Minimal jewelry should be worn. There should be no decorations or items applied to your cap.
- Ladies find it more practical to wear simple-styled, lightweight dresses without high necklines or excess skirt fullness. If your dress is longer than the robe, hem it up temporarily. Ladies may wear dark pants (navy blue or black, NO jeans). Black low-heeled shoes or dress sandals are most appropriate. Flip-flops of any type, high heels, and tennis shoes are inappropriate.
- Men should wear a white shirt and dark necktie or bowtie, dark pants (navy blue or black, NO jeans), and dark dress shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and tennis shoes are inappropriate.
- Cords, Stoles, and Medallions (these should be worn during the graduation ceremony):
 - Honor graduates – yellow tassel
 - Anderson School District Five Honor graduates – medals given out at the Awards Night
 - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients – purple and white honor cord
 - National Honor Society members – yellow stoles
 - Beta Club members – medallions and yellow and black cord
 - Interact Club members – blue stole
 - AVID students – blue and gold cord
 - Student Council members – royal blue and yellow cord
 - Navy JROTC students – navy blue and gold cord
 - Mu Alpha Theta members – turquoise and gold cord
 - ASTRA members – red and silver cord
 - National Art Honor Society members – magenta cord
 - Blood donors – red cord
 - Key Club members – designated color cord
 - Students without Border members – designated color cord
 - Anderson Five Career Campus – cord specific to their program
 - ESOL Completers – navy/Kelly green/silver cord

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Proper behavior is expected from T.L. Hanna High Schools students at all times. Seniors are reminded that they are subject to school rules and regulations while on school property or participating in any school activity. In the last few weeks of school, we would hate to see seniors place themselves in a position which would bring embarrassment to them and their families and jeopardize their eligibility to participate in commencement ceremonies.
- Commencement ceremonies are conducted in a formal setting and it is important that all seniors be on time for practice. Any senior who does not attend practice will not be permitted to participate in the formal commencement ceremony. Notify any employer now that you will be required to attend graduation practice. ***Short vacations during the two mandatory graduation practices will preclude students from participating in the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 6.***
- Classes will be in session during senior week and school appropriate clothing will be required for any senior on school property.
- Students are expected to meet their responsibilities, and obligations (required credits, class work, fines, class fees, etc.) are to be taken care of prior to graduation practice.
- Tickets are not required for the graduation ceremony at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, SC.
- Graduation is a very important time for all seniors. Guests at commencement are reminded that proper etiquette is expected. Thank you for your cooperation.
- For any questions regarding graduation, the below teachers are sponsors:
 - Mrs. Patty Bell (patriciabell@anderson5.net)
 - Ms. Robin Cathey (robincathey@anderson5.net)
 - Mrs. Katherine Crowe (katherinecrowe@anderson5.net)
 - Mrs. Patty Garcia (patriciagarcia@anderson5.net)
 - Mrs. Anne Harder (anneharder@anderson5.net)

T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL

2019 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Processional	T.L. Hanna Band
Presentation of Colors	T.L. Hanna Navy JROTC
Pledge of Allegiance	Student Officer
National Anthem	T.L. Hanna Band
Reflection	Student Officer
Welcome	Student Officer Shawn Tobin, Principal
Selected Quote	Student Officers
Farewell Speech	Shawn Tobin, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Paul Garrett, Associate Principal Tom Wilson, Superintendent Shawn Tobin, Principal
Alma Mater	Student Officer and Graduating Class
Recessional	T.L. Hanna Band

ALMA MATER

Rising midst the golden cornfields

Grandly to the view,

Reaches our dear Alma Mater

Proudly to the blue;

Swell the chorus ever louder,

Full of cheer and joy;

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,

T.L. Hanna High.

PLEDGE OF RESPECT BY THE CLASS OF 2019

Graduation is the culmination of one era and the unfolding of a new beginning in life. It is an honor and a privilege to participate in this ceremony. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary. Since you have chosen to participate in the service you and your parent/guardian are asked to sign this pledge of respect.

I, _____, pledge to respect and support the following items regarding graduation.
(Print legibly)

1. Males should wear dark dress shoes, dark socks, slacks, white shirt, and an appropriate dark tie. Females should wear a dark colored dress of an appropriate length or dark slacks with black shoes or dress sandals. The mortarboard and gown should not have any decorations attached by any means.
2. Appropriate behaviors include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Showing respect by being silent when any speaker is at the podium.
 - b. Showing respect by not throwing any objects, displaying any signs, or making motions of any description.
 - c. Showing respect by not yelling at any time, especially when names of graduates are announced.
3. All family and friends are expected to remain in their seats until all graduates have completed the recessional.

It is the responsibility of the faculty of T.L. Hanna High School, the senior class, their parents, and the community to ensure that graduation is a safe and meaningful ceremony. The following consequences will occur if this pledge is broken:

1. Any student who violates the Pledge of Respect will be promptly removed from the ceremony and not allowed to return.
2. Students not following the graduation dress code will be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony.

Prospective Graduate: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

This form must be turned into the Guidance office by Monday, April 1, 2019, in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.