

Dear Senior and/or Potential Graduate:

Please pay attention to all information included in this handout. It is very important!! Share this information with your parents.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES TIMELINE

Today:

Now—Check the status of your correspondence courses with your counselor. You will not be allowed to participate in commencement unless all work is completed with your correspondence courses. **DO IT NOW PLEASE!!!**

NOW—(Starting on February 9th, 2016) Graduation Ticket Request Forms

Graduation ticket requests forms were handed out on February 9th, 2016. Completed forms needed to be returned to Donna Cox by February 23rd, 2016, at 3:30pm. Each person planning on watching graduation in the BPAC will need a ticket to get a seat. Tickets will only be issued to students who turn in a request form. Everyone must turn in a completed ticket request form, **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT** want any tickets. There are enough seats for each student to have 4 tickets. Students who do not want all four tickets may request less than 4. Students who request more than 4 tickets may receive more than 4 tickets if **they are available**. It is common for students who request 5 tickets to receive them, but very uncommon for anyone to receive more than 6 tickets. This all depends upon the demand for tickets and the size of the class. Please encourage friends and extra family members to attend the overflow viewing of graduation in the new gym. They will get to see you “walk” on your way to the BPAC and they will view the ceremony on the big screen. You may also encourage people to watch the program live online. The URL for this will be published at a later date.

If there was a person who has special needs or requires handicapped seating in the BPAC, please describe the need on the ticket request form. Accommodations will be made for these requests. Please note that handicapped seating is available throughout the BPAC not just in front. Efforts will be made to keep your group of four tickets in the same area.

Tickets are signed in “lottery” fashion. Please do not request special seating unless there is a safety issue or medical need.

Now until April 1st 2016	If you have not done so, order your cap and gown from Herff Jones https://www.highschool.herffjones.com/ or 1-800-281-3305
March 4, 2016 (End of 2 nd Trimester)	Students must have a total of 47 credits by the end of 2 nd semester or they will be transferred to the Independence High School.
Now until May 20 th , 2016	Sign up for the senior breakfast (which will be free) in the bookstore
Now until May 20 th , 2016	Pay for the All-Night party - \$15.00
	Pay for the bus fare and entrance to Lagoon - Bus Fare \$27.00 - Lagoon \$33.00 - You will also need spending money for extra rides and food. The senior trip to Lagoon and breakfast are optional.
Now until May 20, 2016	Senior activities contracts are due to Mrs. Cox in the book store
Now until May 20, 2016	All outstanding bills must be cleared up in the bookstore with Mrs. Cox
May 31 st , 2016	Senior projects must be completed with rubrics turned in to your Advisory teacher by May 31 st , 2016. Seniors are responsible for getting the rubrics to their Advisory teacher.
All outside credits, IDLA courses, correspondence classes, and PLATO online classes need to be completed and graded by the following dates:	IDLA Finals Completed by March 4th, 2016 PLATO Completed by March 4th, 2016 PLATO RECOVERY (Done outside of school) May 25 th , 2016

*EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE GRANTED

- If you have met all BHS graduation requirements and will be receiving a BHS diploma at the commencement ceremony, you will be invited to participate in the Senior Activities such as Lagoon, Senior Breakfast, and All Night Party which is sponsored by the senior parents.

Finals and Locker Clean out

Friday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 31st, 2016

Senior Finals

- Friday will be 4th and 5th hours
- Tuesday will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours
- After finals on Tuesday- Book cards will be issued through the library and lockers will be cleaned out

IMPORTANT!!!

All fines must be paid in order to receive your graduation tickets and cap/gown. You should have received notices many times of how much you owe. This includes Library fines and lunchroom bills payable in the bookstore. Graduation tickets and Cap/Gown **will not be issued** until all outstanding bills are paid!!! Please start making arrangements NOW!!!

Wednesday, June 1st, 2016

1. GRADUATION REHEARSAL IN THE BPAC. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, NOT OPTIONAL.
THE TIME TO BEGIN IS 9:30 AM SHARP. You may NOT be excused from this event. IF you have a problem with this timing please see Mrs. Bynum prior to the rehearsal, or there will not be a place reserved for you at graduation. Rehearsal should be completed by 12 PM (depending on you and your cooperation). Please arrange this time with your jobs, after school activities schedule etc. If you have problems at all regarding graduation, i.e. cap and gown, etc. please see Mrs. Bynum ASAP.

2. GRADUATION TICKETS will be delivered after graduation practice (approximately 12 PM) by Mrs. Kay in the new gym concession stand (If all fees have been paid).

THURSDAY, June 2nd, 2016

SENIOR CLASS OF 2015 TRIP TO LAGOON

1. Departure time will be 7:00 AM. Return your permission slip to Mrs. Cox by Friday May 20th, 2016. We will leave the high school at 7:00 AM and leave Lagoon at closing, 4:00 PM. The cost is \$60.00 (\$27.00) for the bus fee and \$33.00 to get into the park.

2. Lagoon does have several rides that are not covered by the initial fee so if you would like to ride those, it will cost more. Keep in mind you will need to pay for your own lunch and are welcome to take lunches with you.

Friday, June 3rd, 2016.

SENIOR BREAKFAST AND GRADUATION DAY

1. Meet at 9:00 Am for your free breakfast in the east end of the new gym. Remember you must sign up by May 20th with Mrs. Cox in order to attend this event. Please dress nicely (this means NO Levis of any kind/color), no shorts, no cut offs, and no hats. You may be asked to leave if not dressed properly and follow the school dress code.

2. This is a time to visit with your classmates and participate in a program that will remind you of your memories at Blackfoot High School. After the breakfast there will be a slide show of the Class of 2016 in the BPAC.

3. NOTE: Depending upon the need, there may be a graduation practiced called immediately after breakfast. You will be notified at the end of the first practice. After the slide show in the BPAC, your help is also needed to prepare the new gym and the BPAC for graduation. You will need to report to the new gym immediately following the slide show.

GRADUATION: Begins promptly at 7:00PM. You must be in the old gym by 6:00PM. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Note the following guidelines for graduation:

1. Proper Dress:

- Students are required to wear long slacks, white shirt or black shirt with a collar and tie or a dress, skirt, blouse. NO DENIM OF ANY COLOR or FLIP FLOPS/TENNIS SHOES!!!!

2. Please press (**IRON**) your gown, this means you need to open it prior to graduation night. Do not tilt your cap. Wear it flat and horizontal on your head. There will be no writing or pictures on your caps or tossing your hats during the ceremony. Begin the ceremony with the tassel on the RIGHT side. There will be no candy, food, gum, etc. during the ceremony. There are to be no toys, balls, silly string, bubbles etc. You may have corsages or flower.

Any ceremonial or cultural decoration you add to your caps or gowns **MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH MRS. BYNUM BEFORE IT IS DONE!!!** Please ask for permission, not forgiveness.

3. Remember the dignity of the ceremony and behave in the manner consistent with the ceremony. We encourage family and friends to do likewise. Throughout the entire program please act in a dignified manner becoming a graduate of Blackfoot High School.

DIPLOMAS ARE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE CEREMONY. PLEASE PICK THEM UP IN THE NEW GYM MEZZANINE when you return your gown. Violation of any of the suggested guidelines that the students have been given during commencement will result in a consequence of community service determined by the administration. Diplomas will be held until after community service is complete. Pictures with families and friends can be taken after the ceremony in the OLD GYM.

June 3rd, 2016

Senior Graduation ALL-Night-Party from 10:30 PM to 5:00 AM hosted by the senior officers and parents. Doors are open until 11:00 PM. Once students choose to leave the party, they may not return.

Remove this form from the packet and return to Mrs. Cox in the bookstore by
May 20th, 2016

Senior Contract: To abide by rules for senior activities and permission to attend the Lagoon Trip.

My signature below indicates that my son/daughter and I have read and understand the guidelines given for the senior activities of 2016 and that we will support the guidelines and consequences stated. Please return this signature form to Mrs. Cox by May 20th, 2016. You will need this to be able to go to Lagoon.

Printed Parent Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Printed Student Name:

Student Signature:

Date:
