

June, 2020

**KEARSLEY HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR EXPECTATIONS-CLOSING ACTIVITIES
PLEASE SAVE FOR REFERENCE**

Commencement is an impressive and memorable occasion in every secondary school in the United States. It represents the achievement of a goal that students and parents and their teachers have worked long and hard to obtain. The ritual that surrounds the commencement ceremony bespeaks the significance and dignity Americans place on this very important moment in the life of every student who graduates.

1. You will be given **FOUR TICKETS** to Whiting Auditorium. **WRITTEN REQUESTS** for additional tickets will be accepted from April 13th to April 24th and may be sent to Mrs. Sue Murray by turning in a request to the office, faxing to 810-591-9888, or e-mailing to smurray@kearsleyschools.org. All requests should be on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper and include the following– date of request, number of extra tickets desired, and the **GRADUATING STUDENT’S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WHERE THEY MAY BE CONTACTED. REQUESTS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY PHONE.** The deadline for ticket requests is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24th. The number of extra tickets given to each graduate must be limited so all may have an equal opportunity. **PLEASE NOTE:** Seating is limited; therefore, it may not be possible to grant all requests. Tickets will be distributed with your cap and gown on Friday, May 29th at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Alternate pick up day will be Tuesday, June 2nd between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the main office for students who cannot come on Friday.
2. **CAPS & GOWNS** will be distributed at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 29th in the auditorium. Alternate Pick up day will be **Tuesday, June 2nd between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the main office for students who cannot come on Friday. **PLEASE NOTE: NO SENIOR WILL BE ISSUED A CAP AND GOWN IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT HE/SHE WILL BE LACKING CREDITS OR IF A FINE IS OWED FOR ANY REASON.** When you get your graduation gown home, promptly remove it from the packaging and hang it up. To remove wrinkles, you may choose to press with a cool iron, or hang gown in a steamy room. Keep the gown hung on a hanger when not in use. If you have questions about the sizing or purchase of the caps and gowns or graduation materials please call Jostens at 1-800-JOSTENS.
3. **DRESS/CLOTHING** – For Athletic Awards, Class Day, Honors Convocation, and Commencement, the following is required: every man shall wear a white dress shirt, tie (solid color black or navy), navy blue or black dress slacks, dress socks and black dress shoes (no one will be allowed to participate wearing blue jeans, tennis shoes, sandals, t-shirts or shorts).

Ladies shall wear a white or light-colored dress under their robes and white dress shoes. Shoes must have a heel strap. No casual sandals, boots, flip-flops or tennis shoes. If nylons or pantyhose are worn they must be skin tone, colored hose are not acceptable.

Wear lightweight clothing (no shorts!) under your gown. Gowns are warm and you are bound to perspire. Both young ladies and young men shall wear the cap as nearly level as possible. Caps shall be placed upon the head with the longest point to the back. The shortest point in front shall be worn horizontally level, not tipped. The tassel shall be draped over the LEFT temple. Young men shall work the cap firmly from the front to the back of the head, making sure that their hair is entirely concealed in front. **NO FLOWERS, JEWELRY OR DECORATION WILL BE WORN ON THE ACADEMIC CAP OR GOWN.**

4. Caps should not be removed at any time during the program.

5. **GRADUATION PHOTOS** will be taken of each graduate as they cross the stage. Proof size photos will be mailed to the graduates along with purchase information from **Graduation Foto**. You can preview the products available at www.graduationfoto.com.

2020 SENIOR CLASS DETAILED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 9 - SENIOR PROM – 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm (Dinner served at 7:00 pm) at the Lapeer Country Club, 3786 Hunt Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446. Tickets prices are \$45.00 per person and will be sold at the school during lunch hours April 1st through April 12th. Tickets will not be sold at the door the night of prom. A guest pass is required in advance for any non-Kearsley students or guests who are not attending high school. Tickets may not be purchased for a non-Kearsley guest who has not been approved. As outlined in the Attendance/Dance policy in the Kearsley High School Student Handbook, any Kearsley student who is over in absences will not be able to attend.

Wednesday, May 20 - SENIOR EXAMINATIONS in the afternoon (hours 4, 5, 6). Seniors are excused from 1,2 &3 hours today. Any senior electing to use an MME exam exemption must have passed the 3rd & 4th marking periods and submitted their exam exemption coupon to the teacher before the exam day. English teachers will distribute the senior check out card. **If you do not have an English class, you can pick up a check out card from Mrs. Murray in the main office.** Each of your teachers must sign this card during the examination period. **Genesee Career Institute (GCI) students** should have their check out cards signed by either their Career Institute teacher or Mr. Moore, the GCI Administrator at Kearsley. All textbooks are to be returned at the time of examinations or before. Students should be prepared to pay fines at or before the time books are checked in. All uniforms, books, musical instruments and athletic equipment must be turned in. Debts of any kind must be settled **IN FULL BEFORE A CAP & GOWN OR DIPLOMA WILL BE ISSUED.**

Thursday, May 21 - SENIOR EXAMINATIONS (1,2&3) will be given in regular-scheduled classes. Students continue to have senior check-out cards signed by teachers. All senior check-out cards must be **RETURNED PERSONALLY BY YOU** when picking up your cap & gown. Please resolve any issues noted on the cards (book returns, unpaid fines, etc.) before attempting to pick up your cap and gown.

Friday, May 29 – Cap, gown and ticket distribution in the auditorium at 12:30 p.m. All senior check-out cards must be signed and **RETURNED PERSONALLY BY YOU** when picking up your cap & gown. Please resolve any issues noted on the cards (book returns, unpaid fines, etc.) before attempting to pick up your cap and gown. **PLEASE NOTE: NO SENIOR WILL BE ISSUED A CAP AND GOWN IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT HE/SHE WILL BE LACKING CREDITS OR IF A FINE IS OWED FOR ANY REASON.** Alternate Pick up day will be **Tuesday, June 2nd between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the main office for students who cannot come on Friday.

Tuesday, June 2 – Senior Choice Awards at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Invitations are given to nominees. This is an optional, entertaining fundraiser for Yearbook. Cost is \$5 per person paid at the door.

Wednesday, June 3 - SENIOR CLASS DAY PROGRAM PRACTICE will occur during the morning. Only those seniors performing are required to attend practice.

SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS PRACTICE will begin at 8:30 a.m. Only those seniors participating are required to attend.

HONOR CORDS, SERVICE LEARNING CORDS and HONOR SOCIETY STOLES will be distributed at 12:00 p.m. by Mrs. Murray in the media center. Check the list on the window of the main office to see if you have earned honor cords (3.0 or above GPA) or Service learning cords (100 hours worked).

SENIOR CLASS DAY PROGRAM in the gymnasium at 1:00 p.m. (Assemble in the cafeteria at 12:35 p.m.) Parents and friends are welcome. Your attendance at this program is optional.

SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS PROGRAM will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This program is open to any student who participated in a varsity sport during his/her senior year. You must be present to receive your awards.

Thursday, June 4 - HONORS CONVOCATION PRACTICE will be held in the auditorium at 8:00 a.m. Participation in this program is strictly for those seniors graduating with high honors, honors, or who will receive special awards.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL WALK, Immediately following Honors Convocation Practice, approx. 9:30 am – This is not mandatory, but all Seniors are invited to participate. Seniors wearing their caps and gowns will ride buses from the High School to the Elementary and Middle Schools where they will walk down the halls while the students and staff cheer them on.

HONORS CONVOCATION will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium (assemble at 6:40 p.m. in the auditorium hallway). Parents and friends are invited.

Friday, June 5 - MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. AT WHITING AUDITORIUM. If you plan on marching Saturday evening, you **MUST** be there. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You will be presented with a card on which your name has been printed. You **MUST** take that card with you to graduation Saturday evening. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR YOUR CAP& GOWN AT PRACTICE.** **Dress code appropriate shorts and t-shirts are permitted.**

Saturday, June 6 - COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM at 7:00 p.m. at Whiting Auditorium. Admission by ticket only. Diplomas will be handed out after the ceremony in the lower lobby of Whiting Auditorium **PROVIDING YOU HAVE MET OUR ACADEMIC AND CHECK-OUT REQUIREMENTS.**

7. **CAPS AND GOWNS AND DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE ISSUED NOR WILL CREDITS BE AVAILABLE TO ANY SENIOR WHO OWES FINES FOR TEXTBOOKS, LIBRARY BOOKS OR WHO HAS FAILED TO RETURN SCHOOL-OWNED EQUIPMENT OR ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE RESPONSIBLE.**
8. **COMMENCEMENT WEEK** will be the success we all want it to be if each of you co-operates to the fullest extent. **REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED.** Out of fairness to all seniors, **EVERYONE** must be present to avoid confusion. Commencement rehearsal on Friday at 9:00 a.m. is mandatory. If you plan on marching Saturday evening, you **MUST** be there. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Graduation from high school is a ceremony which comes only once in a person's lifetime. We attempt on our part to make it an experience where traditions have a meaning for all of the graduates of Kearsley High School. Your behavior should represent the dignity and honor of this occasion.

9. **TAKE CARE IN DRIVING.** Do not mar your senior activities by disaster because of carelessness.

10. **REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED AFTER JUNE 15.**

11. **SENIORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE POLICIES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE KEARSLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ON JUNE 6, 2020. SENIORS WHO HAVE VIOLATED THE CODE OF CONDUCT ARE SUBJECT TO THE IDENTIFIED DISCIPLINE. SUSPENSIONS WHICH EXTEND THROUGH JUNE 6, 2020 WILL INCLUDE LOSS OF PARTICIPATION PRIVILEGES IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE.**

12. **NO SENIOR WILL BE ELIGIBLE** to participate in any of the preceding activities **UNLESS** he/she has **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ALL STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR RECEIVING** a Kearsley High School diploma – athletic awards, class day, honors convocation, baccalaureate and commencement. He/She **WILL NOT** participate in any practices nor receive a cap and gown. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. Wiskur.