

Field High School Graduation Update 2024

Dear Senior Parent and Graduating Senior,

In just a few short weeks, the 2023-2024 school year will come to an end. The final weeks of preparation for commencement will pass quickly for parents and seniors. We hope it will be an enjoyable experience for both seniors and their parents. This update is to inform you of the activities and events that will take place in the final months of high school. We want parents and seniors to understand the expectations of Field High School related to the end of year activities. As the year concludes, many activities require students to behave in a responsible manner. The faculty, staff, and administration at Field High School appreciate your cooperation during these final months.

Communication

To keep up-to-date with events and information regarding the Class of 2024, please make sure your senior is signed up for The Class of 2024's Google Classroom and Remind notifications.

- The class code for Google Classroom is: neufej
- The notification information for Remind is
 - Text the number 81010
 - Text body is @field2024

Commencement

The 63rd Commencement of Field High School will take place at the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall at The University of Akron campus on **Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are required for admission to the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Tickets

- **Graduating seniors will receive 6 tickets.**
 - These tickets will be handed out at rehearsal.
- For additional tickets, please complete the enclosed form and return it to Mrs. Dyer in room C7 or to the high school office by **Friday, May 10.**
 - Please only request additional tickets that you plan to use to allow for all family and friends to attend. If you do not need the 6 tickets, please give them to someone who will use them or return them to Mrs. Dyer or Mr. Wetzel.
- We have never filled E.J. Thomas Hall, so we do not anticipate any problems accommodating everyone's request for additional tickets.
- **The graduating senior does not need a ticket.**
- **WE DO NOT RESERVE SEATS**
 - All of the seats in the hall provide a direct view of the ceremony

Graduation Slideshow - WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

Each year, the Senior Class Officers create a slide presentation for Graduation which includes a baby picture and senior picture of each student. Please have your senior submit pictures to Mrs. Dyer (beth.dyer@fieldlocalschools.org), Mr. Wetzel (george.wetzel@fieldlocalschools.org), or one of the Senior Class Officers through Social Media (Ryan Poor, Ireland Totaro, Lydia Cundiff and Carter Little) by May 3. Many students have already submitted their photos, but we need photos from every graduating senior. They will continue to add photos up to the last week of May, but please send them as soon as possible! Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobility Impaired Patrons

Accessible Seating

- E.J. Thomas Hall has limited, designated seating areas on the Orchestra and Grand Tier levels for patrons in wheelchairs or patrons with special needs. Adjacent seating for a companion is also available in both areas. To make reservations, call the Ticket Office at 330-972-7570.

Handicapped Parking

- There are a limited number of handicap parking spaces available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Thomas Hall parking deck and Lot # 26 and 27. A valid permit must be displayed.

Accessible Restrooms

- Located at the bottom of both ramps on both sides of the building

Diplomas

Graduates will receive the outer cover of the diploma when they walk across the stage during commencement. When the ceremony concludes, graduates will exit the hall to their right. Upon exiting the hall, faculty and staff will distribute diplomas to the graduates who have met all of the requirements for graduation, including payment of fees and fines.

- **We do not collect fees or fines at graduation. If financial responsibilities are not met by 3 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, the graduate's diploma will not be available for distribution at E.J. Thomas Hall.**

Graduation Rehearsal

The commencement exercise is a formal ceremony. It is **mandatory** for seniors to be in attendance for the rehearsal on **Friday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.** at Field High School's stadium (the high school gym will be the alternate site if it rains). **Rehearsal is required for all students who plan to participate in the commencement ceremony at E.J. Thomas Hall. Seniors missing rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony on June 3rd, 2024. This is a regular school day for all seniors.** If an emergency arises, please call the school and discuss the situation with Mr. Geraghty. Tickets for admission to the graduation ceremony will be handed out after rehearsal.

Graduation Announcements

Announcements are delivered in February/March to Field High School and Maplewood. If you did not order them, extra announcements are available on a first come, first served basis. Rich Petro from Jostens (330-877-4300) will contact you if you have a balance due. **Checks made payable to Jostens.**

Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns were distributed with announcements during the last week of March. If you have not ordered a cap and gown, the cost is approximately \$80.00 - \$90.00 including tax and shipping. To place an order, please contact Rich Petro (330-877-4700) **Checks made payable to Jostens.**

In a formal ceremony like commencement, all participants are dressed in some type of specific regalia. Proper attire is to be worn by all seniors. That attire shall be as follows:

Girls: Red Cap and Gown

Please dress in a formal fashion

No jeans or shorts of any type

No flip flops

Boys: Red Cap and Gown

Please dress in a formal fashion – dress shirts and ties recommended

No jeans or shorts of any type

No flip flops

The cap and gown are not to be modified in any way. Anyone changing the cap and/or gown will be denied permission to participate in the ceremony.

Caps are always worn flat on top of the head with the point of the cap centered in the middle of the forehead. Caps are never worn at the back of the head. Tassels are on the right side of the cap until the senior class president leads the class in changing the tassel as commencement honors are bestowed upon the graduates.

Fees and Fines

Because all students are expected to meet their responsibilities as members of our school, seniors are reminded that all fees and fines must be taken care of prior to the close of the school day on **June 3, 2024** if the student is planning to participate in commencement. **Please contact Mrs. Cuvelier in the office (330-673-9591) to check the status of fines or fees owed.** Please take care of all financial obligations before the due date. **Fees will not be collected at the graduation ceremony.** All fees can be paid in the high school office.

Scholarships

Any student who would like to have his or her scholarship information placed in the graduation program must turn his or her information into the Counseling Department by **May 10**. Information received after this date may not be placed in the program due to printing deadlines. Email to melissa.nero@fieldlocalschools.org.

Senior Skip Day or Senior Prank

Each year, some parents contact the school asking about senior skip day. **THERE IS NO SUCH EVENT**. All seniors are expected to be in school every day until the last day set by the Board of Education. Parents are urged to discourage any such behavior on the part of the seniors. Any such absence would be considered unexcused and will be treated accordingly. Please keep in mind, the seniors are finished with their school year before the underclassmen. This is a privilege afforded to seniors. Any activity or prank that does not meet the standard of conduct for students of Field High School will result in disciplinary action and possibly the loss of one's privilege to participate in commencement.

Last Day of School for Seniors

The last official day of classes for seniors is **Friday, May 24**. On this day, the senior class will be traveling to Wingfoot Lake State Park for a senior picnic and field day. Lunch will be provided.

Exams

All seniors are required to take a final exam for all classes. No exemptions.

The exam schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 28 Periods 1 - 4
- Wednesday, May 29 Periods 5 - 8
- Thursday, May 30 Exam make-up
- Friday, May 31 Make up exams (after graduation rehearsal)

Field Trips

The senior class will be going on three field trips to end the school year.

- **April 26** - "None for Under 21" Students will be attending a "Choice and Beyond" event at Kent State University from 9AM to 12PM. All 12th grade students are invited. **Field trip form due April 19.**
 - Maplewood students must ride the bus from Field High School if they plan to attend.
- **May 20** - "Trip Down Memory Lane" Students will be going to Brimfield Elementary, Suffield Elementary, Field Middle and FHS to walk through the halls one last time. The bus will leave around 9 a.m. and return approximately at 10:30 a.m. **Caps and gowns must be worn.** If a student wants to wear his or her tassel, please make sure it is securely affixed to the cap. These are sometimes lost during this event.
- **May 24** - Senior Picnic and Field Day @ Wingfoot - **Field trip form due May 10.**
 - Maplewood seniors must report to Field High School by 8:30 a.m. and ride the bus to Wingfoot for the picnic.
 - Field High School students must ride the bus to Wingfoot to participate in this event.

Conclusion

The Class of 2024 has been an asset to our school. We expect the members of this outstanding class to continue to exhibit the maturity that they have shown through their time at FHS.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call the high school office at 330-673-9591 or e-mail a class advisor.

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