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SENIOR CLASS GRADUATION INFORMATION

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Important Senior Dates

Class of 2027

Parking Spot Painting Day ……July 23, 2026 8am-2pm

Parent Meeting …… August 24, 2026 6 pm

Picture Day ……September 10, 2026 & November 5, 2026

Fall Senior Meeting …… September 9, 2026

Cap and Gown Orders Last Name A-L ……September 16, 2026

Cap and Gown Orders Last Name M-Z …… September 17, 2026

Homecoming Dance …… September 26, 2026

Senior Pictures Due …… January 15, 2027

Senior Hours Due …… April 15, 2027

All School Fees Due …… April 15, 2027

Prom …… May 8, 2027

Seniors' Last Day …… May 14, 2027

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal …… May 27, 2027

Senior Check Out …… May 27, 2027

Gradation Parade …… May 27, 2027

Graduation …… May 28, 2027

Dates are subject to change

PROM INFORMATION

Date: May 8, 2027

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Place: Galaxy
201 Park Center Dr.
Wadsworth, Oh 44281

Who: All Barberton High School seniors and their prom dates are invited to attend. Each senior who attends prom must have a signed dance contract on file. Seniors attending prom must have turned in their senior hours on time and have fees paid and up to date. All dates who do not attend Barberton High School must complete an out of school guest form and return it to BHS before a ticket will be sold.

Ticket Sales: Prom ticket sales will take place during the Magic Time period from April 20, 2027 – April 24, 2027. Tickets are $50 if purchased the week of April 20 - April 24, 2027. Tickets purchased April 27-April 28 will be $60. ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER 2:45 P.M. ON April 28th. Cash and check (made out to Barberton High School) are the only forms of payment accepted.

Attire: Prom is a formal dance. Suggested apparel are formal dresses and suits/tuxedos.

- ***Students receiving an OSS during the second semester will NOT be permitted to attend prom.***

12th Grade Students
Notice of Needed Immunization

Ohio State Law requires all 12th grade students to receive a meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). This is a newer requirement. **Students who do not meet this requirement will be excluded from school in the fall of their 12th grade year until they have received the needed immunization.**

The immunization can be obtained through your child's personal physician, at any walk-in clinic such as the one at Walgreens in Barberton, Akron Health Department, and AxessPointe Community Health Center located on Robinson Avenue (in the same building as Ritzman's Pharmacy).

You must provide the school with a copy of the shot record. Just drop it off at the Main Office (Office hrs. 7:00 am – 3:00 pm) or mail it to Barberton High School, 555 Barber Rd. to update your records. Those students who are exempted from vaccines must bring in a form signed by the physician indicating the exemption.

Please call if you have any questions, 330-753-1084.

Deadline for immunization: October 1, 2026 (Tentative)

SENIOR EXAMS

Final assessments for seniors will be administered Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14 . Our teachers will give specific instructions concerning each assessment. The make-up date for any missed assessments is Monday, May 17. A final assessment activity **must** be completed for each class unless the student has met the policy for exemption from the exam (Board Policy #6.040). Students in early placement work situations with vocational classes need to check with each teacher to arrange to take their assessments. Be certain all assessment activities are completed so that it does not cause the senior to lose credit for a class and have to return for the fall semester or attend summer school. **No matter what grade you are receiving in a class, you do NOT receive credit for the class until the assessment is taken.**

The classroom teacher will let you know where the senior is to report.

There is no acceptable excuse for missing an assessment other than a documented illness or funeral. Remember, no matter what grade you are receiving in a class, you do **NOT receive credit for a class until the assessment is taken!**

If a senior meets the requirements for the senior exam policy, (Board Policy #6.040), he or she will be excused from those exams for which they qualify.

Board Policy #6.040

Seniors may be excused from a ***second semester*** senior year exam when:
He or she earns or is earning an “A” or “B” for each of the grading periods in the second semester.
He or she has not had any assignments to ISS, Thursday School or OSS or detentions (assigned by that classroom teacher) or teacher referrals to an administrator during the entire second semester.
Attendance must clearly fall within the accepted guidelines.

Please note: May 13 and 14 are regular school days and seniors are required to attend class on those days.

Seniors' Last Day
Class of 2027

Seniors' Last Day will be May 14 if the senior has met the following criteria:

1. On track to graduate
   a. Passing all classes
   b. Does not need courses in Credit Recovery/APEX
2. Senior hours have been completed and turned in by April 15th.
3. No discipline issues: No OSS during their senior year.
4. Cannot have 10 days of unexcused absences second semester.
5. Have passing scores on the Ohio Algebra I and ELA II End of Year Exams.

OR Have the alternative path solidly in place.

*****2 Seals needed with either pathway*****

Seniors' last day for those who do not meet the above criteria will be May 28. Seniors who will need to complete courses in Credit Recovery/APEX or who are failing a course second semester will use the weeks of May 17-21 and May 24-28 to finish academic requirements.

MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for commencement will be held at Barberton High School on **Thursday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m.** It will last approximately two hours. Attendance is **MANDATORY**. The rest of that day may be used to make certain any outstanding obligations are taken care of.

**** IMPORTANT NOTE****

Each senior is to be in the commons by 7:45 A.M. An assigned seat will be given to you as you enter the commons. The rehearsal will include specific instructions for commencement. We will rehearse the processional and recessional and go over the entire program in detail. **REHEARSAL FOR GRADUATION IS MANDATORY!! YOU MUST BE THERE…IF YOU ARE NOT AT REHEARSAL YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

2027 YEARBOOK ORDERING INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,
The class ring, the name cards and the tassel you purchase for your senior this year will inevitably get lost in a drawer over the next few years. Buy your senior a lasting memento that will grow in value each year of your student's life – the Barberton HS yearbook.
When you buy your student a yearbook, you are buying a product that will be treasured today and for years to come. This invaluable keepsake is only $50 if you take advantage of our early bird pricing! You also can make the yearbook extra special by purchasing an iTag and a protective plastic cover. Buy online with a credit card, debit card or PayPal at yearbookforever.com or at school with check or cash.
Order now, so your student won't miss out when the yearbook is distributed in May, or when the class reunions start rolling around. Senior year happens once… the yearbook is forever.

To reserve your copy of the 2027 Cigam yearbook, please complete this form and return with payment to Mrs. Weeks in room A204 or order online at yearbookforever.com

Student Name:_____Homeroom:_____

Parent Name:_____Phone #:_____

2027 Yearbook $55 [Order by October 31, 2026]

_____Cash

_____Check #:____

*Payable to BHS

Please note that our yearbook pricing changes throughout the year; take advantage of early bird pricing! Yearbook price increases to $60 on November 1, 2026 and to $65 on January 17, 2027. **The last day to pre-order a yearbook is Friday, March 27, 2027.** A **limited** number of extra yearbooks will be on sale for **$70** in May.

OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each senior must see that ALL obligations are fulfilled before receiving his/her diploma. This includes credits, fees, cap and gown, announcements, disciplinary matters, and all other obligations. ALL books must be returned to the school and fines paid. All equipment, books, materials, and athletic items must be turned in or paid for.

- ***All obligations must be cleared up no later than 12:00 P.M. April 15th in order to attend prom. No personal checks can be accepted after April 15th, 2027.***
- ***All other obligations MUST be completed by May 28, 2027 in order to receive graduation tickets and to participate in the graduation ceremony. No personal checks can be accepted after April 15th, 2027.***

Diplomas

Students who have outstanding obligations and who do not receive their diplomas at graduation will be able to pick up their diplomas in the Principal's Office after fulfilling their obligation. All other students will receive their correct diplomas after the ceremony.

Caps and Gowns

Each graduate is required to purchase a cap and gown in advance. Each graduate is required to wear a cap and gown at graduation. Cap and gown information will be distributed by Jostens on September 10, 2026. Our Jostens representative will be at BHS on September 17, 2026 and September 18, 2026. to take cap and gown orders. The cost of the cap and gown is approximately $45.00. Graduates who would like to wear a former graduate's cap and gown may do so. Tassels may be purchased separately. If they are doing this, please tell Mrs. Boyd ASAP. Caps and gowns will be distributed in the spring. Seniors will need to know their height and weight to order a cap and gown.

Senior Checkout/Final Transcript Request

All seniors will complete a mandatory senior checkout form. Senior checkout forms will be distributed the last senior week and need to be turned in at graduation rehearsal in order to receive their five graduation tickets. Seniors will complete a mandatory Senior Exit Survey from our guidance department. This form includes information regarding their post high school plans as well as where our college bound graduates would like their final transcript sent. ***ALL UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THAT GRADUATING SENIORS WHO WILL ATTEND IN THE SUMMER/FALL REQUEST TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL THAT THEIR FINAL TRANSCRIPT BE SENT UPON GRADUATION***. The Guidance Office will send final transcripts the second week of June once all grades have been finalized.

Board Policy Pertaining to Graduation

5460 Graduation Requirements: Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed requirements for graduation as certified by the high school principal or those students who have been deemed eligible to participate in such exercises in accordance with the terms of their IEP. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants.

Senior Hours

As a requirement of Barberton graduation, each senior must complete a total of 10 service hours during his/her senior year. These hours may be performed from May 1, 2026 until April 15, 2027. In order to better serve the community, the following guidelines apply to all service hours:

- The service hours should be done for a Barberton community **non-profit agency or group.** ***If you wish to do service hours at an agency or church that is not based in Barberton, you must receive approval before proceeding or the hours will not be counted. The ten hours can be accumulated from different sites.
- ***All hours need to be completed after the school day, 2:35 p.m. or on the weekends, holidays, or non-school days.***
- **Absolutely NO hours will be approved or accepted for service done for a single individual.**
- The attached form must be completely, filled out, and contain verifying signatures and phone numbers.
- All forms must be turned in prior to the due date of April 15, 2027 to Mrs. Boyd.
- **Your service hours must occur outside the normally scheduled school day. (They may be completed during the summer.) THIS APPLIES TO ALL SENIORS INCLUDING CCP AND CAREER TECH.**
- Services for which you were paid in either cash or benefits are ineligible. Example: If you are paid a salary as a camp counselor for your church or if you coach a little league team but the proceeds from registration pay for a private camp you will be attending later in the summer; you will not receive service credit.
- These hours are different from the ten hours needed to complete the Volunteer Seal for the diploma. If you have questions about your student, please see or email their counselor or Mr. Travis.

BHS Senior Picture Requirements
Class of 2027
Submission Deadline:
Friday, January 15, 2027

ALL SENIORS MUST have a photo taken by Ripcho Studio to be included in the yearbook. This photo serves as a placeholder and will be replaced with a school-appropriate senior photo if submitted on time by one of the submission methods listed below. **Seniors who do NOT have a picture taken by Ripcho Studio will NOT have a senior photo included in the yearbook.**

Ripcho Studio will be at BHS for placeholder pictures on the following dates and times:
September 4, 2026 7:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Retake Day: November 6, 2026

How to submit your photo:
1). Email image to BHSCigam@barberonschools.org
*__MUST__ include student's first and last name in subject line and in sent in JPEG (.jpg) format.
2). Give hard copy to Mrs. Weeks in A204
*Photo **will not** be returned
Submission Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2027

Required photo specifications:
*Vertical photos **only**.
*No names on the photos in the head/shoulder area.
*No strapless tops (we crop at the armpit).
*Plain background using a subdued, basic color **preferred**. Try to stay away from clouds, designs, etc.
*Head/shoulder pose **preferred.**

The senior panoramic picture will be taken at graduation practice on
Thursday, May 27, 2027 at 8:00 a.m.

Questions?
Email Heather Weeks at BHSCigam@barbertonschools.org

Graduation Ceremony Information

WHERE: Rudy Sharkey Stadium

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2027 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be required for family and guests to attend graduation. Each family will be given five tickets. (The number of tickets for graduation is subject to change.) ***Graduates will be able to pick up their tickets AFTER graduation rehearsal and after they have completed a senior checkout form. ALL obligations must be taken care of before the graduate will be given his/her tickets for graduation. Obligations include but are not limited to senior hours, fees, all books returned, etc.***

If you need special seating arrangements for disabled family members or guests, see Mrs. Boyd before or after graduation practice. You will not need a special ticket for the reserved handicapped seating section. Please understand that this seating is limited and only one additional guest will be permitted seating in this section.

COMMENCEMENT DRESS CODE

GIRLS – dresses or dress pants and tops and shoes. **NO HEELS!**
BOYS – Shoes are required. **NO HEELS.** Your apparel will be checked during the assembly period before commencement.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT DRESS FORMALLY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CEREMONY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

From Our Guidance Department

Students Enrolling in College

Scholarship Information

- **Financial Aid Information**

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
https://fafsa.ed.gov
Seniors may start applying for FAFSA October 1, 2026

FinAid: Guide to Financial Aid: www.finaid.org

Federal Student Aid: https://studentaid.ed.gov

- **Where to Look For Scholarships**

Barberton High School Common Scholarship:
www.barbertonschools.org

Local Scholarships:
www.barbertonschools.org

National Scholarships:
www.fastweb.com
www.jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com

When applying for scholarships, keep the following in mind:

- Do not wait until the last minute to apply for scholarships.
- You may need a letter(s) of recommendation.
- You may need a high school transcript (see your Guidance Counselor).
- Keep an eye on deadlines.
- Use free search engines. Never pay for scholarship or FAFSA information.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Class of 2027,

The 2026-2027 school year is going to go by very fast. It will be the fastest school year you will remember. Let me be the first to say congratulations, but you are not done yet. You have one more very important year that will be filled with stress, laughs, fun and hopefully not too many tears.

We saw a need to provide parents with information. This along with our senior parent night is aimed to provide you with all this information to hopefully minimize misinformation and help reduce the stress of the senior year. In this pamphlet you will find information on dances, FAFSA, senior photos, discipline, ACT/ SAT, FEES, senior hours and graduation to name a few.

Please understand, I will not be extending deadlines. Many of the deadlines are set by outside agencies or companies and they are out of my control. Students are expected to follow school rules and remember that inappropriate behavior early in the year may result in students not participating in Prom AND/OR the graduation ceremony.

Remember this is your last year to get it right, to graduate on time. Every year there are several students who delay or do things that cause them not to graduate on time. I have all the faith in you that you have the abilities to complete this year. I have always said that one of the few things in life that no one can take from you is your education. No one can take away your ability to learn and grow. You will get out of your education what you put in. The harder you work now, the easier it will be later in life.

Finally, I want to thank the parents and families for the support they have not only offered to the Barberton City Schools over the last years but also to the seniors. Seniors without them and your friends' parents, you may not be here going into your last year. I know it feels like May 28th is a long way off, but it will get here soon enough. Congratulations.

Annette Wesolowski
Principal

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SENIOR INFORMATION GUIDE

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Seniors Name on Diploma

Seniors will complete a diploma name form during the Senior Class meeting in September as to how their name will appear on their diploma. Please discuss with your senior how their name should appear on their diploma. As a rule of thumb, the name on the seniors diploma should match their name on their birth certificate.

Senior Year Information will be posted in a Google Classroom. Seniors may access this information by joining the Google Classroom using the class code fo7mou5**.** Updates on senior hour opportunities and senior activities will be posted and updated on this site.

Various updates throughout the year about senior activities and important information will be sent through our One Call System.