

**WICOMICO HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2008**  
**SENIOR BULLETIN**

This bulletin should be carefully read in its entirety by each senior and his/her parent. If you have any questions, please contact the office as soon as possible.

SENIOR CALENDAR

- May 2                      Decorate for Grand March/ Prom / 8:30 pm. - 11:00 p.m.  
Ella Fitzgerald Center/UMES
- May 3                      Decorating Henson Center Ballroom from 8am – 3pm.
- May 3                      Senior Prom Henson Ballroom 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight  
Grand March / 7:00 p.m. Line up by 6:30.
- May 15                     Meet in auditorium-12:45pm / Distribute caps & gowns / 1:00pm / Gym  
Class picture / 1:20pm / Gym
- May 20                     Senior Awards Program / 7:00 p.m. / Auditorium
- May 21                     Baccalaureate / 7:00p.m. / Auditorium - (parent sponsored)
- May 20                     Senior Exams/ Periods 6 and 7
- May 21                     Senior Exams/ Periods 4 and 5
- May 22                     Senior Exams/ Periods 2 and 3
- May 23                     Senior Exam/ Period 1
- May 27                     Commencement Practice/ 12:00 noon  
Wicomico Youth and Civic Center  
Students will be released following practice.  
ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
GRADUATION CEREMONIES **MUST BE PRESENT FOR THIS  
PRACTICE!**
- May 27                     Commencement/ 7:00 p.m.  
Wicomico Youth and Civic Center  
ALL GRADUATING SENIORS **MUST BE PRESENT AT 6:15!**

## SENIOR PROM

The date of the prom is May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 12 midnight in the Henson Ballroom, UMES. You are reminded that this is a formal school function and school regulations DO apply. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS TO BE CONSUMED BEFORE, BROUGHT TO, OR AT THE PROM. Once you enter the Henson Center, you are to remain inside unless you are leaving for the evening. There will be a Grand March at 7:00 p.m. Attire for all individuals attending the prom is formal. (Refer to your signed Prom agreement). **Parents are not allowed in the Henson Center.** This will be enforced by UMES Security. Pictures should be taken outside of Henson Center.

Senior “dates” who are not currently attending Wicomico High School must provide identification and be approved prior to attendance at the Prom. Due to Ms. Melvin by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Prom tickets will cost \$30.00 per couple and will go on sale in the Indian Café during the three lunch shifts beginning April 22, 2008.

The Ella Fitzgerald Center has been reserved on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8pm until 11:00pm so parents and seniors can decorate for the Grand March. The Henson Center Ballroom will be decorated from 8AM until 3PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

During the prom, parents and friends are NOT permitted to enter the area of the dance or Grand March lineup. The Grand March may be viewed in the Ella Fitzgerald Center. ADMISSION TO THE GRAND MARCH WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. TICKETS WILL BE \$5.00 AND CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE LOBBY OF THE ELLA FITZGERALD CENTER BEGINNING AT 6PM (or can be pre-purchased in the main office beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>). **ANYONE ATTENDING THE GRAND MARCH MUST HAVE A TICKET REGARDLESS OF AGE.** Parents, we ask for your cooperation with these procedures so that we can afford your sons and daughters an opportunity for maximum enjoyment of their senior prom.

All school related financial obligations **must** be fulfilled before students may purchase a prom bid.

## SENIOR AWARDS PROGRAM

The Senior Awards Program will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and family are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. Tickets are not required. The dress for this event is business attire.

## CAPS AND GOWNS

Your caps and gowns are yours to keep. Caps and gowns will be distributed to you on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. A class picture will be taken immediately following the distribution of the caps and gowns. This picture is available for purchase. Please check with the

office for a purchase envelope. Once the picture is taken, you will be free to leave for the day, if you have transportation, otherwise you will return to your class.

### SENIOR EXAMS

Tuesday, May 20 Exams periods 6 and 7. Seniors with study hall period 7 may leave after Period 6.

Wednesday, May 21 Exams periods 4 and 5. Seniors may leave after their last exam.

Thursday, May 22 Exams periods 2 and 3. Seniors may leave after their last exam.

Friday, May 23 Exam period 1. Seniors may leave after period 1.

Seniors are encouraged to leave school after their exams. Seniors wishing to leave are to leave the school grounds completely. Seniors remaining at school **must** be in their assigned rooms. Teachers of seniors will be in their classrooms each period to receive students who are remaining at school.

Any senior who has not taken their HSA exams, must do so before they can graduate. Senior exams will run at the same time as HSA exams. HSA's will occur 8AM until 12:08PM as they did last year. Only those students who must take the exams will report during that time period. All other students will report to school at 10:45 and go to 4<sup>th</sup> period. The following schedule will be used during this time

May 19 Gov't	HSA 8AM – 4-1-2-3
May 20 English	HSA 8AM – 4-5-6-7
May 21 Biology	HSA 8AM – 4-5-6-7
May 22 Algebra	HSA 8AM – 4-1-2-3

### SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

Seniors who meet the requirements of the new exemption policy will not need to take final exams.

Students who are eligible for and choose exam exemptions will receive the average grade for the third and fourth marking terms for the final exam grade.

Students who are exempt from taking an exam may not leave school if they have another exam later in the day. These students should remain in class. Students who are exempt from period 1 exam need not report to school on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Commencement exercises will be held in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday May 27th. Our graduation program will consist mostly of participants who are elected class officers.

Each senior will receive seven (7) reserved tickets for seats in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. **TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION**. No extra tickets will be provided. All individuals attending the graduation program must have a ticket regardless of age.

Tickets will be distributed to students upon request beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria during lunch. **A TICKET REQUEST FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TICKETS**. This form is attached to this bulletin.

**DO NOT LOSE THESE TICKETS AS THEY ARE NEEDED FOR ADMISSION TO THE CIVIC CENTER!!!**

Practice for graduation will be held Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. All seniors are to report directly to the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center that day and are NOT to report to school. The practice will last as long as it takes to insure that the program is properly organized. **ALL SENIORS WHO ARE PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES MUST BE PRESENT FOR THIS PRACTICE**.

After practice for commencement you are not to report to school unless you have work to make up. All obligations are to be taken care of BEFORE May 23<sup>rd</sup>.. **ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE SATISFIED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**.

On Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>, graduates are to report to the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center at 6:15 p.m. The commencement program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and should end about 8:30 p.m. Commencement is a formal program that requires your complete attention and proper conduct. Please emphasize to your family and friends who are attending that commencement is a formal affair and that they should respect the entire class by not calling out or making other disruptive noises. **Civic Center doors will be locked at 7:00pm**. Guests arriving late will **NOT** be seated until the processional is completed.

Participation in the commencement program is voluntary. Students who elect to participate are expected to dress in an appropriate manner. Appropriate dress for the commencement exercises is as follows:

Ladies - Light colored dress, light colored shoes (no tennis shoes)

Gentlemen - Dark slacks (no jeans), dark shoes (no tennis shoes), dark socks, white dress shirt; Neck tie is required.

Students who are late or who arrive for graduation dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to participate in the program.

Please be reminded that any senior who received a failing grade for the fourth marking period in a subject needed for graduation will not graduate. Progress reports will be mailed home.

### SENIOR PARENTS' EVENTS

Senior parents are planning an after-prom party on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12AM until 3AM, a baccalaureate service on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and a pre-graduation party on May 25<sup>th</sup> for your enjoyment. Details will be sent home. The total cost for the after-prom breakfast and pre-grad party will be \$35.00, \$20.00 if you only plan to attend one event. Tickets can be purchased at the same time as prom bid tickets.

### VIDEO TAPES

Both the senior prom and the commencement will be video taped. Any student or parent desiring to purchase a video tape of either of these events should complete an order form and mail or deliver this completed form, along with the fee to Mrs. Peggy Gaskill, orders will be delivered to the school. Checks should be made payable to Wicomico High School. Information is enclosed.

**GRADUATION TICKETS**

This complete form must be presented at the time graduation tickets are distributed to students beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

To: Mr. Lorenzo Hughes, Principal, Wicomico High School

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print student's name)

Tickets are requested for the following persons to attend Wicomico High School's graduation ceremony on May 27, 2008.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to inform the above-named persons that formal behavior is expected from everyone attending graduation. Any parent or guest who displays inappropriate behavior will be escorted from the Civic Center by their security personnel. I also agree to follow all rules for decorum established for the ceremony and understand that if I do not follow these rules my diploma will be withheld pending a conference with my parents and the school principal.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student) (Parent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_