

James M. Bennett High School

2022 Senior Bulletin

Each Senior and their parent should read this bulletin in its entirety.

- April 21 - **Class of 2022 Parent Meeting** 7pm (Zoom)
- April 30 - **Senior Dessert** (Cafeteria) 7pm
- May 2 – 13 - **AP Exams**
- May 9 – 13 - **Prom** Tickets sold during lunch shift
- Prom Tickets \$20 each
 - After Prom \$15 each
 - 2 Grand March Tickets will be issued at no cost with each Prom ticket sold.
 - If you are bringing a guest that is NOT a JMB student, you must complete a guest form, and have it approved BEFORE you purchase your tickets.
- May 5 - **National Honor Society** Induction Ceremony *by invitation
- May 9 - Last Day to submit **Service hours in Naviance**
- Last day for any student NOT participating in Commencement to let Mrs. Rhodes know via a written request from a parent.
- May 9-13 - **Prom Court** Voting Open
- May 16- - **Senior Awards** (by invitation)
- May 17 – 20 - **Prom King and Queen Voting**
- May 19 - **Mandatory Senior Meeting (gymnasium) 8:30am**
- Cap and Gowns Distributed
 - Panoramic Class photo taken in Caps and Gowns (Order forms available in Office to purchase Class Panoramic) If you are borrowing a cap and gown please bring it to the meeting. You will not wear cords and stoles for this photo.
 - Wear college, trade or military service shirt to the meeting for a voluntary photo after the panoramic
- **Class of 2022 Parent Meeting** 7pm (Zoom)
- May 21 - **Prom - City of Stars (LaLaLand)**
- Grand March (JMB Auditorium) 6:45-7:30pm
Students arrive 6:15, doors open for guests at 6:30pm
 - Prom at The Fountains (1800 Sweetbay Dr. SBY, MD) 8-11pm
 - After Prom at Crown Sports Center (28410 Crown Rd, Eden, MD) 11pm -2am.
Students may not enter after 12am. Doors will be locked

The following criteria MUST be met in order to attend Prom

1. You have NO out-of-school suspensions in the second semester
2. You have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
3. You have met the 75 Student Service Learning Hours requirement

May 23 - **Sports Awards** (Auditorium) 6pm *by invitation

May 24 - **Last Day for Seniors**

- **Laptop/Book Return/Grad Tickets** (School Store)

- **Baccalaureate** (Auditorium) 6:30pm

- Graduation gowns will be worn but NO caps, cords, or stoles

May 25 - **Laptop/Book Return/Grad Tickets** (Office)

May 30 - **Memorial Day** – School and Office Closed

May 31 - **Commencement Practice (Wicomico Youth and Civic Center) 9am**

- Practice is mandatory for all students that plan to participate in Commencement.
- Students must report to Civic Center by 8:45am. Practice starts promptly at 9am.
- Students must provide their own transportation to and from practice.
- Practice will last as long as it takes to ensure the program is organized properly.
- Students are not allowed back on school grounds after practice.

June 1 - **Commencement Ceremony (Wicomico Youth and Civic Center) 3:30pm**

- Students Arrive at 2:30pm
- Doors open for guests 2:45pm
- Any student not in attendance by 3:25pm will have their name crossed off the list and they will not walk.
- **Dress Code:**
If wearing a dress or skirt: light-colored dress or skirt and blouse (with no pattern since it will be seen through the white portion of the graduation gown) and dress shoes which can include dressy sandals but no flip flops or tennis shoes.
If wearing pants: please wear a light-colored dress shirt, tie, dress pants and dress shoes.
No blue jeans, flip flops, or tennis shoes.
- **Students may NOT decorate their Caps**
- **Diploma Covers** only will be handed during the ceremony. Students will receive the actual diplomas immediately following the recessional in the Flanders room in the Civic Center. If a student acts inappropriately during commencement, his/her diploma and final transcript will be withheld and its release will be contingent upon a conference between the parent, student, and the principal on the next school day.
- Commencement should be a dignified, formal ceremony that evokes pride and casts a positive light on our school and students.

- Formal behavior is expected during commencement. Please remind friends and relatives who may be attending that applause, cheering, or any sign of individual recognition is inappropriate. Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. **The Civic Center will not allow balloons or signs inside the arena for commencement.** Please plan to keep these in your vehicle until after commencement. Guests should remain seated throughout the ceremony. Please emphasize to your families and friends that they should respect the entire class by not calling out or making unnecessary noise.
- Participation in Commencement is NOT mandatory. Any student that does not wish to participate will need to have a parent submit the request in writing to Mrs. Rhodes by May 9th (arhodes@wcooe.org).

Graduation Tickets

- Tickets will be distributed to students on May 24th and May 25th.
- In order for students to receive their tickets they must complete the following:
 1. Be in good standing to graduate
 2. Return all textbooks
 3. Return all technology (laptop, hotspot, etc.)
 4. Return all sports uniforms
 5. Pay any outstanding fees or fines
 6. Complete Senior Surveys for guidance (guidance will share link to surveys)
 7. Complete the attached Commencement Ticket Request form
- Each Student will be given **9 tickets**.
- Every person attending commencement must have a ticket including children of *all* ages.
- Additional tickets will not be available. Remember that **NO TICKETS SHOULD BE SOLD OR PURCHASED.**
- Commencement will be **live streamed** for those that are unable to attend in person.

Honor Cords and Distinctions

- Honor cords and stoles will be given to students by the advisor of their honor society
- Meritorious Service cords will be given at Senior Awards
- Only cords and stoles issued by Wicomico County Schools are allowed to be worn during commencement. Refer to the attached document
- **Laude distinctions** will be determined at the conclusion of the third marking period, just as is currently happening with Honors distinction. At the conclusion of 15 marking periods (third marking period of the senior year) it will be determined what laude distinctions will appear on the senior awards program and on the graduation program. Students who improve to a higher distinction at the conclusion of the fourth quarter may request a new certificate. The graduation program will include lists of students' names that earn these distinctions. They will also receive certificates at Senior Awards that indicate these distinctions:

4.3 and above	Summa Cum Laude
4.0-4.29	Magna Cum Laude
3.70-3.99	Cum Laude

Scholarly Reflection

Wicomico County High Schools will feature a two to three-minute scholarly reflection at each commencement exercise to be presented by one graduating senior. Each school will select this individual from its group of seniors who have achieved summa cum laude status, which is determined at the conclusion of the third marking period of senior year. Specifically, each school will award this honor to the student of the summa cum laude group who submits and presents the worthiest scholarly reflection based on both content and delivery. A selection committee consisting of three teachers (one being an English teacher) and a vice principal will:

- Advertise the selection criteria for this opportunity
 - Review the speeches submitted by those who choose to participate
 - Make the final selection based upon the established criteria
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- Information will be given to students who qualify

Yearbooks

- www.balfour.com to order
- Yearbooks will arrive at the school in the summer. A parent message will be sent with information about when, and where books can be picked up.

COMMENCEMENT TICKET REQUEST FORM

This form must be completed and presented by an eligible senior in order to pick up tickets for our Commencement Ceremony.
Ticket distribution will be May 24th and 25th

TO: Mrs. Christel Savage, Principal, James M. Bennett High School

FROM: _____ (please print)
(Senior's Name)

Tickets are requested for the following persons to attend James M. Bennett High School's Commencement Ceremony on *June 1, 2022* at 3:30 p.m.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

I agree that we want all students and parents to enjoy JMB's formal Commencement Ceremony. I hereby agree to inform the above-named persons that formal behavior is expected from everyone attending graduation. I also agree to follow all rules of 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.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date Received in office _____

Time Received in office _____

Received by _____



Guest Identification for School Dance

Name of Dance: 2022 Senior Prom

Date: May 21, 2022

I, _____, am a student in the 12th grade at James M. Bennett High School.

I respectfully request permission to bring _____ to this dance as my guest.

PLEASE CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN THAT AREA. YOUR GUEST WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM.

My guest named above is currently a student at _____ High School. She/he is a student who is considered of reputable character, has not been suspended out of school this semester, is eligible in accordance with the WCBOE suspension policy, and currently has at least a 2.0 GPA. If all of these criteria have been met, please indicate so with the signature of the principal or assistant principal.

_____ Signature of guest's school administrator

_____ Office phone of guest's school

OR

My guest named above is currently not a student. She/he is _____ years old, employed by/or is attending college at _____. I have attached a photocopy of her/his driver's license or ID card to this request. The phone number for the place of employment or college is as follows _____.

As a guest of James M. Bennett High School, I will obey the rules as per the Wicomico County Code of Conduct. I understand that the event is a school-sponsored event and is smoke free. I also understand that I shall be referred to an on-site police officer for behavior that is violent or if I appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I also understand that middle school students and students 21 and older are not permitted to attend. My guest needs to have photo identification ready to present at the door of the dance. The name registry must match the ticket number.

_____ Signature of Guest

_____ In case of emergency, name of guests' parent/guardian

_____ Telephone of guest's parent/guardian

Approved by: _____ JMB Administrator

Denied by: _____ JMB Administrator

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND COLLECTED AT THE TIME YOU PURCHASE A DANCE TICKET.

