

JAMES M. BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL

2017 SENIOR BULLETIN

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

- April 24 PARCC – Delayed Opening (Schedule 4-5-6-7)
April 25 PARCC – Delayed Opening (Schedule 4-1-2-3)
April 26 PARCC – Delayed Opening (Schedule 4-5-6-7)
April 27 PARCC – Double Blocking (Schedule 2-2-3-4-5-5-6)
April 28 PARCC – Double Blocking (Schedule 1-3-3-4-6-6-7)
- May 1 PARCC – Double Blocking (Schedule 1-1-2-4-4-7-7)
AP Chemistry Exam 8a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Rd
AP Environmental Science 8a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Rd
AP Psychology Exam 12:30p.m. – WYCC – Midway Room
- May 2 AP Psychology Exam, 12:30 p.m. – WYCC – Midway Room
AP Physics 1: Algebra Based Exam, 12:15 p.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP Computer Science A 8 a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP Spanish Language Exam 8 a.m. – Tests will be @ each high school
- May 3 AP Physics 2: Algebra Based Exam, 12:15 p.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP English Literature & Composition Exam 8 a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
- May 4 AP American Government & Politics Exam, 8 a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
- May 4 Cap & Gown Distribution, Cap & Gown Class Photo, and Class meeting in the gym period 6. Students wearing a borrowed cap and gown should bring it to this meeting for the panoramic photo.
- May 5 AP U.S. History Exam, 8 a.m. WYCC – Midway Room
AP Studio Art – last day to submit digital portfolios-see guidance counselor
AP Computer Science Principals Exam 12:15p.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
- May 8 AP Biology Exam, 8 a.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP Music Theory – see guidance counselor
AP Physics C: Mechanics Exam 12:15p.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism Exam – 2 p.m. - Moose Lodge
- May 9 AP French Exam Parkside & MMHS see counselor
AP Calculus AB/BC Exams 8 a.m. – WYCC – Midway Room
- May 10 AP English Language & Composition Exam, 8 a.m. – WYCC – Midway Room
- May 11 AP Statistics Exam, 12:45 p.m. – Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
AP World History Exam 8 a.m., Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road
- May 12 AP Latin Exam JMB see school counselor
- May 13 Junior/Senior Banquet – Beauty & the Beast – 6:30p.m. (more info coming shortly)
Tickets on sale May 1-5 – Senior Superlatives will be voted on during ticket sale days only

- May 17 Academic Awards periods 5 & 6 – Auditorium – Students & Parents will receive an invitation if the student is receiving an award
- May 20 Prom – WYCC – Grand March begins at 6p.m. with Prom following at 8p.m.
 Tickets on Sale May 8th until May 16th (no sales after 1p.m. on May 16th)
 Tickets are \$20/person for Prom and \$10/person for After Prom, each prom ticket receives 2 grand march tickets – additional tickets for grand march are \$3 each (children 10 & under are free)
- May 20 After Prom at Crown Sports Center 10p.m. – 2a.m.
 Unlimited tokens and laser tag – breakfast from Denny’s with pancakes and fabulous door prizes (including movie gift cards, Smart TV, a Keurig- just to name a few)
- May 22 Biology HSA (afternoon schedule 4-5-6-7) PM CTE reports (double bus run)
 Senior Awards – JMB Auditorium 6p.m. – Students receiving awards will receive an invitation by mail
- May 23 Government HSA (regular schedule) (no double bus run)
- May 24 Graduation tickets distributed during all lunch shifts at the school store **on this day and this day only**. Each senior will receive nine tickets. Additional tickets are not available. All financial obligations must be met before tickets can be distributed. In addition, all graduation requirements must be met and on schedule for graduation in all current classes. If you do not normally attend school during this time, you must make arrangements to be available on this day to pick up your tickets. No exceptions.
- May 25 Senior Exams Periods 5, 6 and 7
- May 26 Senior Exams Periods 1, 2, 3 and 4
- May 29 Memorial Day – Schools and Central Office closed
- May 30 Senior make-up Exams – Final day for all seniors
 Senior Trip to Busch Gardens – see Mrs. Langan in the Media Center
- May 31 Baccalaureate – JMB Auditorium 6:00p.m.
- June 2 Commencement Practice @ WYCC 12 Noon. Students will be released following practice. **All students who are participating in graduation ceremonies must be present for practice.**
- June 3 Commencement @ WYCC 7:00p.m. Students must be in their assigned meeting area in cap and gown by 6:15p.m. Names of any graduates not present at 6:30p.m. will be crossed off the list.

CAP AND GOWN

Cap and Gowns will be distributed on Thursday, May 4, at 12:45 p.m. in the gym during the required senior class meeting. A class picture will be taken immediately following distribution during this meeting. Girls are asked to bring white dress shoes to wear for the picture. After the cap & gown photo a voluntary college & career photo will be taken, those students wishing to participate are asked to wear a t-shirt representing the college they will be attending in the fall or the career path they have chosen after high school.

SENIOR AWARDS

The Senior Award program will be held on Monday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and family members are invited. Seniors are asked to sit in the front center section of the auditorium during the program. The attire for the evening should be shirt and tie for men and skirt/dress for the ladies.

SENIOR GRADES & EXAMS

Any senior who receives a failing grade for the fourth marking period or fails the first three marking periods or who fails a subject needed for graduation for the year **will not graduate**. (This also includes Student Service Hours and High School Assessment requirements).

All seniors shall be exempt from final examinations who have obtained a "B" average or better in the first semester with no "C's" and not less than a "B" in the third and fourth marking periods and have no suspensions which have been reported to the Department of Pupil Services during the current school year.

Seniors may also be eligible to participate in the Exam Exemption Program based on grades and attendance and have no suspensions for the semester. **This packet includes an exam exemption form.**

Seniors should make every effort to leave the school grounds immediately after their exams.

COMMENCEMENT

On Friday, June 2, 2017 at 12 Noon, practice for graduation will take place. Please report directly to the Civic Center that day **NOT** to school. **All seniors who plan to participate in commencement must be present for practice. If you do not plan to participate you must turn in a letter written by your parents to your guidance counselor by Monday May 15.** Practice will last as long as it takes to ensure that the program is properly organized. After practice you may not report to school unless you have work to make up. Commencement should be a dignified, formal ceremony that evokes pride and casts a positive light on our school and students. Concern has been expressed that our graduation exercises have lacked a degree of formality. With this in mind, the following practices have been established for commencement at the three city high schools in our county:

1. 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 pagers and cell phones. **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.
2. Each senior will be given nine (9) tickets. There will be no additional tickets distributed. If you need additional tickets you will need to talk with friends that may not need all of their tickets.

Participation in commencement is voluntary. If you do not intend to participate, you must bring a note from your parent indicating that they are aware you do not intend to participate. Students who elect to participate are expected to dress in the appropriate manner. Students who arrive late or who are dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to participate in the program. Appropriate dress for commencement is as follows:

Ladies: Light-colored dress/pants, light-colored shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS)

Gentlemen: Dress slacks (no jeans), dark shoes (no tennis shoes or FLIP FLOPS), shirt and tie

Diploma covers will be handed out during the ceremony. Students will receive the actual diplomas immediately following the recessional at a designated location in the Civic Center. **Students will be required to put their name in their mortarboard and show it to the guidance counselor to receive their diploma.** 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.

TICKETS

If all financial obligations have been met, then nine tickets for seats in the Civic Center will be distributed. Tickets are required for admission for everyone– including small children. **Please do not lose your tickets – we cannot replace them.**

GRADUATION

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 AT COMMENCEMENT

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

Speeches are due to Mr. Briggs by Monday, May 15, 2017.

April 18, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

James M. Bennett High School is involved in the high school exam incentive program. This program is intended to improve academic performance as well as attendance of all students.

This letter is to inform you and your senior that he or she has qualified for exemption provided the attendance has not changed and grades are maintained until the exam period begins on May 25, 2017.

We are asking seniors to have teachers sign off on the classes in which the student is exempt. This sheet will be used as the student's pass not to attend class during those periods. In addition, we are asking parents to sign the sheet indicating awareness that the student is exempt and will not attend the class because of the exemption. This form must be turned in, completed and signed, by 2:45 p.m. on May 19, 2017. If the student is exempt from the exam, but fails to turn in this paper signed and fails to report to take the exam, the student will be required to report to a designated area where attendance will be taken.

Seniors are also eligible to participate in the senior exam exemption policy who have obtained a "B" average or better in the first semester with no "C's" and not less than a "B" in the third and fourth marking periods and have no suspensions which have been reported to the Department of Pupil Services during the current school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 410-677-5141.

Sincerely,

Frederick L. Briggs
Principal

Senior Final Exam Status Report

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Class	Teacher Sign Off Indicating Exemption	Parent Signature	Alternate Activity	Take Exam for Better Grade
Period 1 Subject:				
Period 2 Subject:				
Period 3 Subject:				
Period 4 Subject:				
Period 5 Subject:				
Period 6 Subject:				
Period 7 Subject:				

Parent Signature _____

Exam Schedule

Thursday, May 25 – exams in periods 5, 6 & 7

Friday, May 26 – exams in periods 1, 2, 3 & 4 (final day for seniors)

Tuesday, May 30 – make up exams for seniors

Please have the completed and signed form to the front office by 2:45 p.m. Friday, May 19, 2017. Failure to turn the form in by the deadline will result in loss of exemption status.