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January 25, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Seniors of the Class of 2024,

**This letter is to inform you of the planned activities scheduled for the Class of 2024 during the second half of the school year.** This time of year is a very special time for seniors and their families. We will do everything we can to make the next final months pleasant, rewarding, and memorable, culminating with **Commencement on May 23, 2024.**

#### **PROM FAIR - February 18**

Join the After Prom Committee for this fun Senior Season kick-off event featuring Seniors dressed in all of the latest formal wear trends. One show only on Sunday, **February 18th at 4 p.m.** in the NHS Auditorium. Tickets available at the door - proceeds to benefit After Prom.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD RECOGNITION DINNER - February 28**

Seniors in the top ten percent of the senior class relative to their grade point average after seven semesters of high school will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment at the Annual Superintendent's Award Recognition Dinner. Students are honored for their achievements during the dinner and given a moment to acknowledge a Nordonia School District staff member who has positively influenced their success. The staff member may be from the student's K-12 experience and any job classification from the district, such as a teacher, custodian, administrative assistant, principal, etc. Students will give a short speech enlightening everyone on the staff person's influence in the student's life.

#### **GRADUATION AUDITIONS - April 10**

Graduation speech and performance auditions will be held in room 508. Students interested in speaking or performing for graduation need to prepare a performance no longer than 5 minutes. Speech auditions and Musical Auditions will be **April 10th**. You must see or email Mrs. Spellman to schedule an audition time - [Cynthia.Spellman@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:Cynthia.Spellman@nordoniaschools.org).

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT - May 2**

The NHS Academic Awards Night will occur on **May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** Nordonia students will receive recognition for their academic achievement and scholastic awards. Students receiving an award will receive an invitation to the Academic Awards Night the first week of May.

#### **SENIOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT - May 2**

The NHS Senior Local Scholarship Night will occur on **May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** Nordonia seniors that have completed the Local Scholarship application and been chosen to receive a local scholarship will be announced. Seniors receiving a local scholarship will receive an invitation to the Senior Local Scholarship Night at the end of April.

#### **PROM AND AFTER-PROM - May 4**

The Senior Prom will be held at Signature of Solon Country Club on **May 4th, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Students may invite a guest or attend without one. Guests do not have to be Nordonia students, but they must sign a social contract. Prom is a dress-up activity. However, formal attire is not required. Venditti's Studio will take pictures at the Prom beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$60.00 per person and may be purchased by **cash or check (made out to Nordonia HS)** **April 9th-18th** in room 508 at the high school.

The After-Prom Event will take place at Roll House Solon. Doors open at 11 p.m. Attending the Prom is not required to attend After-Prom. Tickets may be purchased at the same time as Prom tickets. No one will be admitted to the After-Prom Event later than 12:30 a.m., and any student leaving will not be readmitted. The purpose of this event is to provide our seniors with a safe, chemical-free activity. Parents who wish to contribute to the After-Prom party should make the check payable to Nordonia After-Prom Committee.

#### **SENIOR JOB SHADOW PROJECT**

In May, seniors have the opportunity to participate in the Senior Job Shadow Project. This out-of-school project allows students to finish their school year earlier, get out in the community, and gain first-hand experience in a job. Visit the high school website for

further information regarding the program's eligibility requirements, dates, and policies. Please note the following important information:

- Students who participate will need to keep a journal of their experience and give a brief presentation.
- Students are responsible for finding their job placements.
- Interested students should apply for the program by **March 15**. The application for the program is a two-step process.
- **April 26** will be the last day for seniors who WILL be taking part in the Job Shadow Project.

All information regarding the video regarding the Job Shadowing Experience is available on the HS website and the Class of 2024 Google Classroom page. If you have any questions, contact Lori Day at 330-908-6072 or [Lori.Day@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:Lori.Day@nordoniaschools.org).

### **SENIOR PICNIC - April 26**

Senior Picnic will be held on **April 26th**, periods 5-7. Food, games, and photo opportunities will be provided free of charge by Nordonia Hills Community Connection as a special party to celebrate the last day in the building as a class, prior to beginning the Senior Job Shadow Project. Students are encouraged to wear shirts representing their next step (college, career, or military).

### **SENIOR EXAMS AND LAST DAY FOR SENIORS - May 13**

Senior exams will be administered the week of **May 13**. The time for each exam is at the discretion of the teacher. Seniors participating in the Senior Job Shadow Project must attend school on either **May 15 or May 16** for final presentations during one class period. The presentation schedule will be released to students before they begin their Job Shadow Project.

The last day to attend school for seniors who will NOT be doing the Job Shadow Project is **May 17**.

**Failure to take, complete, or pass exams may result in lowered grades, course failures, and/or failure to graduate.** Seniors who miss exams must obtain an exam make-up permit from the HS Principal.

### **PASSING GRADES**

**Seniors must pass all required courses before they are eligible to graduate and participate in the Commencement ceremony.** If your student has been earning low grades or receiving a possible senior failure letter, please take it seriously. If you need help, proactively communicate with your child's school counselor and teachers.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

Students must complete a minimum of five community service hours for each year enrolled at NHS to fulfill graduation requirements and, if enrolled for four years at NHS, must **earn a total of twenty (20) hours**. It is strongly recommended that senior students have their total amount of required community service hours for graduation submitted at the end of the first semester of their senior year. Community service forms are located in the front office and on our website. They should be turned into Mrs. Julie Kaczmarek in the front office.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR FIELD DAY - May 21**

All students are invited back on May 21st for the annual Junior/Senior Field Day! Events will begin in the large gym at 9 a.m., lunch will be served at the stadium, and then outdoor events will begin. We encourage all students to attend, whether signed up for an event or not, as the last major class event prior to graduation!

### **COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL - May 22 and 23**

As in the past, there will be two mandatory graduation rehearsals:

- On **May 22**, seniors should plan to arrive at the High School at 9:00 a.m. and report directly to the large gym. This rehearsal should conclude at approximately 10:30 a.m. Academic Graduation Awards, cap and gowns and tickets will be distributed at the end of rehearsal. A class picture will take place in the stadium following the rehearsal plan for an extra 30 minutes for this activity.
- On **May 23**, all seniors should report to the large gym at 9:00 a.m. The class will leave by bus from the rear of the school at approximately 9:20 a.m. and arrive at E.J. Thomas Hall in Akron at approximately 10:00 a.m. The rehearsal should conclude by 11:30 a.m., and students should arrive back at the HS by 12:05 p.m.

Graduation rehearsals are essential to ensure a smooth flow of events at the actual ceremony. Therefore, all seniors must attend both rehearsals. Seniors are expected to arrange any work schedules or personal commitments to attend these two crucial rehearsals. Should an emergency arise, the High School Principal is the only person who can excuse a senior from a graduation rehearsal. If a senior misses either rehearsal, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **CAPS AND GOWNS - May 22**

Caps and gowns will be distributed at graduation rehearsal on **May 22nd 2023**. Academic Graduation Honors awards and graduation tickets will be handed out at Rehearsal on **May 22nd**. Because Commencement is a formal ceremony, proper attire is to be worn by all seniors:

- GIRLS - White cap and gown, white or light solid color dress, suit or skirt, blouse, and shoes.
- BOYS - Green cap and gown, light color dress shirt (solid color), dark, long tie (no bow ties), dark dress slacks (no jeans of any type), and dress shoes (no athletic shoes.)

### **COMMENCEMENT - May 23**

Commencement will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **May 23rd**, at E. J. Thomas Hall in Akron. Senior students should report at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Directions to the facility:**

1. Take Route 8 South.
2. Exit at Buchtel Avenue/Carroll Street.
3. Turn right onto Buchtel Avenue.
4. Follow Buchtel Avenue until you reach E.J. Thomas Hall, the various parking decks and lots located adjacent to the Hall.

### **GRADUATION TICKETS**

There is no cost for tickets; however, E.J. Thomas Hall limits the number of tickets we distribute. Each senior will receive six (6) tickets to the graduation ceremony. Kindly do not take tickets you do not need. Tickets will be distributed at the **May 22nd** graduation rehearsal. EJ Thomas Hall requires a ticket for all people entering the auditorium and includes infants.

### **PICTURES**

We ask that spectators take pictures from their seats only. A professional photographer will take each graduate's photo as he/she receives a diploma. Information regarding these pictures will be mailed directly from Venditti's Studio (440-232-7575). The instructions for purchasing graduation photos will be printed on the graduation program's back.

### **YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION - August 2**

Graduating seniors may pick up their yearbooks at Fun n' Stuff **August 2nd, 4-6 pm**. Complimentary food, beverage, and ride tickets will be provided for those who purchased a yearbook. Check the yearbook webpage for updates about this event:

<https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/>

### **SCHOOL FEES**

Seniors/parents are reminded that all financial obligations are to be taken care of *before graduation*. This includes the senior graduation fee that covers all costs associated with graduation (\$50). Contact the high school bookkeeper at [amy.strauss@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:amy.strauss@nordoniaschools.org) or call (330) 908-6036 to inquire about any outstanding fees and/or missing textbooks. **Official transcripts and diplomas will be withheld until all textbooks have been returned and all fees are paid in full.**

### **CHROMEBOOKS**

Nordonia-issued Chromebooks and chargers shall be returned to the high school IMC on or before **May 16th**. All seniors have the option to return their Chromebook and charger to the IMC *any time prior to 5/16*. Please return both the charger with the Chromebook to a staff member in the IMC and make sure the Chromebook is free of all personal stickers. It must be in working condition and without damage at the time of return. Otherwise, a damage fee will be applied to the senior's account. If not returned prior to May 16th, a Chromebook replacement fee of \$200 will be added to the senior's account. Chromebook chargers not returned will result in a \$20 replacement fee added to the seniors' account.

### **NORDONIA GOOGLE ACCOUNTS**

Upon graduation, your Nordonia Google account will be deactivated. This means you will no longer be able to access any of your Nordonia Google Drive files such as Gmail, Docs, and Slides. However, there is an option to migrate these items to a personal Google account before graduation. Be sure to organize your Drive files and delete things you no longer need to prepare to migrate those items to a personal Google account. Email or see Ms. Wojtecki in the IMC before graduation for specific information on how to do this.

### **LOSS OF COMMENCEMENT PRIVILEGES**

Please remember that the Commencement Ceremony is a privilege. While we would never want to take participation away from anyone or their family, we reserve the right to do so. Please continue to abide by the Student Code of Conduct until graduation. We have every faith in you that you will and we appreciate that!

The Nordonia High School staff wish you all a successful and Happy New Year. May the coming year bring along new hopes and new opportunities. May you accomplish your goals for the future with strength and dedication. Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 330-330-468-4601.

Sincerely,

Louise Teringo, Principal

Cynthia Spellman, Sr. Class Advisor

Matt Spellman, Sr. Class Advisor



## 2024 Important Dates for Seniors

Week of Feb. 5	Local scholarship applications available
February 7	Signing Day - regular football
February 8	Senior class meeting in the auditorium during advisory period (9 a.m.) Job Shadow information available for students and parents on HS Website
February 26	Local scholarship application packet due online (turned off at 7:00 a.m.)
February 16	No school - schedule campus visit or community service activity
February 28	Superintendent's Award Dinner
March 12	No school for seniors (juniors take ACT)
March 15	Senior Shadow Project applications due
March 19	No school - schedule campus visit or community service activity
April 10	Speech & performance auditions with Mrs. Spellman in Room 508
April 9-18	Prom & After-Prom ticket sales in room 508
April 17	Athletic Signing Day - all sports other than football
April TBD	Military Signing Ceremony - 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium
April 26	Last day for seniors who WILL be doing job shadowing. Locker Clean-Out
April 26	Senior Picnic - wear a shirt to represent your future plans
May 2	Academic Awards / Senior Scholarship -invitations mailed last week of April
May 4	Prom & After-Prom
May 10	Last day to purchase Yearbook: <a href="https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/">https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/</a>
May 5-17	AP Finals
Week of May 13	Senior exams
May 15 & 16	Senior Shadow Project presentations
May 16	Last day to return chromebooks & chargers.
May 17	Last day for seniors who will NOT be doing job shadowing
May TBD	Last day to order a yearbook. <a href="https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/">https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/</a>
May 21	JR/SR Field Day*
May 22	Graduation rehearsal Large Gym 9:00-10:30 a.m. Cap and gowns, graduation awards & tickets will be distributed
May 23	Commencement rehearsal, meet in the large gym to go to E.J. Thomas Hall 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
May 23	Graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m., grads arrive at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.
August 2	Yearbook pick-up at Fun n' Stuff from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

\*There is no rain date option for these events.

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January 26, 2024

Dear Senior Parents,

On May 4 th, the Nordonia Class of 2024 will attend Prom and After Prom.  
After Prom is a parent and community sponsored chemical-free party for senior students, directly following the spring prom dance.

After Prom happens only with the support of parents, businesses, and the Nordonia Hills community. There is no funding from the school budget. We are a parent run committee, the cost of this event is financed completely by donations and fundraising. That is why we need your help! We have some upcoming events we hope you attend!

Please consider helping us make this year's After Prom a memorable event for the class of 2024 by donating baskets, gift cards, or a monetary donation to be used at our upcoming Burger Bash Fundraiser or student prizes for the actual After Prom Event. On behalf of the NHS Seniors and the 2024 After Prom Committee,

**THANK YOU!**

**YES - I want to support the Nordonia Class of 2024 After-Prom!!!**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will contribute a gift of: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my financial gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Venmo is available at: **@nhsafterprom24**

OR make checks payable to Nordonia After Prom Committee & mail to  
Nordonia High School c/o After Prom 8006 S Bedford Rd, Macedonia, OH 44056

Tax ID: 37-1444155

**For Questions or Additional Information, please contact:**  
Lynn Hermensky: 216-299-8079 Or Pam Alexander: 216-903-6468

*Inspiring every student to value learning, community and excellence.*



# BURGER BASH

Saturday, February 24th

**5:00-8:00**

The Basement-- Sagamore Hills

Booze

Cooler

Raffle



Sideboards

\$30 per person  
burger, sides,  
unlimited soft drinks,  
and 3 drink tickets  
(domestic draft beer,  
house wine, or well  
liquor w/ mixer)

Guardian

Tickets

Raffle



Basket Raffle



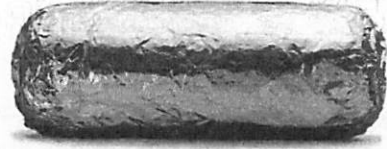
Questions?

Contact Chris Perrine (330-607-1074)  
or Lynn Hermensky (216-299-8079)

<https://burgerbashafterprom2024.cheddarup.com>

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## NORDONIA AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH | 4-8PM  
8195 GOLDEN LINK BLVD, NORTHFIELD, OH, 44067

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 229A69N  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# PROM FAIR 2024

*Come support the Senior Class of 2024 at the annual Prom Fair! Prom Fair is a fashion show of the latest trends put on by the current senior class.*



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**4 PM**



**TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH**

*The profits from the evening will go directly to the 2024 Senior Class After Prom expense!*