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February 6, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Seniors of the Class of 2025,

This letter is to inform you of the planned activities scheduled for the Class of 2025 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 22, 2025.**

PROM FAIR - February 16

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 16th at 4:00 p.m.** in the NHS Auditorium. Tickets available at the door - proceeds to benefit After Prom.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD RECOGNITION DINNER - February 25

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 9

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 9th**. You must see or email Mrs. Spellman to schedule an audition time - Cynthia.Spellman@nordoniaschools.org.

SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS - April 24

The Academic Awards will occur on **April 24 at 9:00 a.m.** Seniors will receive recognition for their academic achievement and scholastic awards. Students receiving an award will receive an invitation.

SENIOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT - May 1

The NHS Senior Local Scholarship Night will occur on **May 1st at 6:30 p.m.** Seniors that have completed the Local Scholarship application and have been chosen to receive a scholarship will be announced and at the end of April will receive an invitation to the Scholarship Night.

PROM AND AFTER-PROM - May 3

The Senior Prom will be held at Signature of Solon Country Club on **May 3th, 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 7th-11th** 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 11:30 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 14**. The application for the program is a two-step process.
- **April 25** 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 2025 Google Classroom page. If you have any questions, contact Lori Day at 330-908-6072 or Lori.Day@nordoniaschools.org.

SENIOR FAREWELL GATHERING- April 25

Senior lunch/ picnic will be held on **April 25th**, 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

Senior exams will be administered the week of **May 12**. 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 14 or May 15** 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 16th, Friday.

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 19

All students are invited back on May 19th 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 21st and May 22nd

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

- On **May 21st** 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 22**, 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 21

Caps and gowns will be distributed at graduation rehearsal on **May 21st**. Students selected their own gown color preference in the fall as well as submitted their measurements. All items were ordered from this information. Because Commencement is a formal ceremony, Proper attire is to be worn by all seniors. Academic Graduation Honors awards and graduation tickets will be handed out at Rehearsal as well.

COMMENCEMENT - May 22

Commencement will take place at 7:00 p.m. on **May 22nd**, at E. J. Thomas Hall in Akron. Senior students should report at 6:00 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 21st** graduation rehearsal. E.J. 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 1

Graduating seniors may pick up their yearbooks at Fun n' Stuff **August 1st, 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 (\$55). Contact the high school bookkeeper at 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 & CHARGERS

Nordonia-issued Chromebooks and chargers shall be returned to the high school IMC on or before **May 15th**. All seniors have the option to return their Chromebook and charger to the IMC *any time prior to 5/15*. 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. A damage fee will be applied to the senior's account if there are any damages to the Chromebook. **If not returned prior to May 15th, a Chromebook replacement fee of \$200 will be added to the senior's account. Chromebook chargers not returned will result in a \$15 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



2025 Important Dates for Seniors

Week of Feb. 3	Local scholarship applications available
February 5	Signing Day - regular football
January 30	Senior class meeting in the auditorium during advisory period (9 a.m.) Job Shadow information available for students and parents on HS Website
February 17	No school - schedule campus visit or community service activity
February 24	Local scholarship application packet due online (turned off at 7:00 a.m.)
February 25	Superintendent's Award Dinner
February 27	No school for seniors (juniors take ACT)
March 15	Senior Shadow Project applications due
March 21	No school - schedule campus visit or community service activity
April 7-11	Prom & After-Prom ticket sales in room 508
April 9	Speech & performance auditions with Mrs. Spellman in Room 508
April 15	Military Signing Ceremony - 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium
April 16	Athletic Signing Day - all sports other than football
April 24	Senior Academic Awards during Advisory period, at 9:00 a.m.
April 25	Last day for seniors who WILL be doing job shadowing. Locker Clean-Out
April 25	Senior Farewell Gathering - wear a shirt to represent your future plans
May 1	Senior Scholarship Night, 6:30 p.m. -invitations mailed last week of April
May 3	Prom & After-Prom
May 9	Last day to purchase Yearbook: https://nordoniayearbook.weebly.com/
May 5-16	AP Finals
Week of May 12	Senior exams
May 14&15	Senior Shadow Project presentations
May 15	Last day to return chromebooks & chargers.
May 15	Last day for seniors who will NOT be doing job shadowing
May 19	JR/SR Field Day*
May 21	Graduation rehearsal Large Gym 9:00-10:30 a.m. Cap and gowns, graduation awards & tickets will be distributed Senior Class Photo following rehearsal 10:30-10:45
May 22	Commencement rehearsal, meet in the large gym to go to E.J. Thomas Hall 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
May 22	Graduation ceremony at 7:00 p.m., grads arrive at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.
August 1st	Yearbook pick-up at Fun n' Stuff from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

*There is no rain date option for these events.