

# TUSCARORA HIGH SCHOOL



## CLASS OF 2023

Dear Tuscarora Seniors and Parents,

Your final year of high school has begun. As we celebrate your last year of high school, the Class of 2023 begins the journey to **graduation on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 9:00am**. Please take the time to review this senior information packet, which contains an outline of important senior events for this school year. This packet and additional information will be posted on the THS website under the QUICK LINKS channel: Senior Class Information and on the Senior Class Schoology site often as we will post important dates and information throughout the year for you and your family members.

Please check regularly for updates. It is your responsibility to stay informed and meet various deadlines throughout the year. Please adhere to any and all deadlines that are highlighted in the packet, as this will contribute to the success of our various senior events.

You can find Mrs. James in Room L406 and Mrs. Rumer in the math workroom, L412, with her other room locations she may be throughout the day, posted on that door. If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please contact senior sponsor Maria James at [maria.james@lcps.org](mailto:maria.james@lcps.org) and/or Tina Rumer at [tina.rumer@lcps.org](mailto:tina.rumer@lcps.org).

We hope to make this year a memorable and joyous time of celebration for the Class of 2023.

Sincerely,

Maria James  
Senior Class Sponsor

Tina Rumer  
Senior Class Sponsor

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## SENIOR DUES

In order to simplify the process of planning various senior class events, this year's seniors will be required to pay **one-time dues of \$160.00**. Paying these dues at the beginning of the year will allow the class council to budget for events more accurately, and it will eliminate the need for students or parents to make multiple payments to the school over the course of the year for various items and activities.

Payment of your senior dues covers any expenses for all of the following:

- Homecoming Spirit Week
- Senior Events on PSAT Day (October 12, 2022)
- One Hundred Nights Celebration (March 2023)
- Graduation t-shirt (Spring 2023)
- Senior Fun Day Trip to Water Park (May 2023)
- Senior Hand Painting and Ice Cream Party (May 2023)
- Senior All-night trip to Dave and Busters (June 2023)
- Senior Awards Day Lunch (June 2023)
- Graduation Apparel – Cap, Gown, Tassel and Stole

While your senior dues will pay for all items handled by the senior class council, you should note that **there are a few items not covered by the dues**. You may order graduation announcements and other items from our Herff Jones representative at the presentation which will take place before the end of the first semester. Additionally, if you choose to purchase the senior class cap and gown portrait or a yearbook, you will need to pay for these separately.

**The first payment for dues is due on or before September 23, 2022. Please remit full payment or at least your first installment. Please place your payment in an envelope labeled with the student's name in the memo line and return to Mrs. James Room L406 or Mrs. Rumer Room L412.** If you would like to use a payment plan, please **fill out the appropriate section** of the due's payment form located in the back of this packet and return it with each of your payments. Keep the top of the form with additional due dates for your records. You may pay by check, cash, or money order. **Seniors may also opt to pay dues electronically using a credit card.** On the THS webpage center channel **QUICK LINKS**, click on the **Pay School Fees** link. There is no fee for this option.

**If you have questions or concerns about dues, please contact one of the class sponsors right away. They will contact both school administration and the counseling center. If circumstances warrant, together we will work out a plan to get the dues reduced or paid in full by the end of the year.**

# *SENIOR DUES PAYMENT PLAN*

Class of 2023

Tuscarora High School

Please remit payments to Mrs. James or Mrs. Rumer in the following amounts by the respective due dates. For each payment, return one of the slips with your payment.

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**FINAL PAYMENT: \$50**

Due: November 18, 2022

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

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**PAYMENT 2: \$50**

Due: October 21, 2022

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

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**PAYMENT 1: \$60**

DUE: September 23, 2022

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

**VERY IMPORTANT DATES  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Graduation Announcement &  
Cap and Gown Presentation**

January 2023  
In Advisory

**Senior Fun Day**

**At the Water Park**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

**Class Trip to Dave and Buster's**

June 1/2, 2023

**Senior Awards Assembly  
Distribution of Caps and Gowns  
Senior Panoramic Portrait  
Graduation Practice  
Distribution of Graduation Tickets  
Senior T-shirt Distribution**

Monday, June 5, 2023

**Final Graduation Rehearsal**

Friday, June 9, 2023

**9:30 AM**

**Graduation Ceremony**

Monday, June 12, 2023

**9:00 AM**

# **Graduation Announcement & Cap and Gown Presentation**

January 2023

This presentation will be held during Advisory in January. You will meet our Herff Jones representative, Joezell Charles. You will receive a brochure from which you may order any of the graduation announcements, invitations, labels, or memory keepsakes. **The cost of your cap, gown, tassel and stole is covered by your senior dues.**

**Final orders for your graduation cap, gown, and tassel will be placed at this meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, you must see Mrs. James (in L406) or Mrs. Rumer (in L412) as soon as possible to place your order.**

It is imperative you pay attention to the deadlines given by Herff Jones!! Prices will increase if orders are not placed on time. All pertinent deadlines will be posted on the THS website as well as our Senior Schoology page.

Graduation Announcement Orders will be delivered during all lunch shifts sometime in April 2023. If you miss pick up, all items will be stored in Room L406. **Balances must be paid in full to pick up your orders from Mrs. James.**

**Late orders** for Herff Jones products other than your cap, gown, and tassel, must be placed directly with the Herff Jones company.

## **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

### **Senior Fun Day**

This year's senior fun day will be held off campus at A.V. Symington Aquatic Center in Leesburg, VA. All seniors, in good standing, are invited and **expected** to attend. **This trip is a school event. All school policies will be in effect.**

After we return from the water park, we will have an ice cream sundae bar for a cool treat after our hot day!!

In addition, seniors will be given the opportunity to leave their mark on THS by painting their handprints in the designated stairwell. Please don't miss out on this event as we will only paint hands on this day!!

**Permission slips will be required.** They will be distributed to students in April 2023 during Advisory.

## **June 1/2, 2023**

### **Class Trip to Dave and Buster's**

This year's senior "ALL NIGHTER" trip will be to Dave and Buster's in Hanover, MD. We will meet at Tuscarora at 10:00pm on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and take charter busses to Dave and Buster's. Park in the student lot and come inside to the auditorium. **All seniors must ride the busses** to and from Dave & Buster's. We will celebrate together as a class from 12 midnight until 5AM. Only Tuscarora High School seniors will be permitted on the trip. A food buffet will be available throughout the night at no additional cost to the students. Busses will return to Tuscarora High School at approximately 6:30am on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make arrangements for transportation home from the school.

**Permission slips will be required.** They will be distributed to students in April 2023 during Advisory.

## **June 5, 2023**

**Senior Awards Assembly**  
**Senior Panoramic Portrait**  
**Distribution of Caps, Gowns, Stoles, Grad Tickets and T-shirts**

**Lunch for Seniors**  
**Graduation Practice**

This day is mandatory for all seniors. You are expected to be present for the entire day. The events for the day will last until approximately 4:00pm. All school policies will be in effect.

**Senior Awards Assembly:** The Tuscarora Community will celebrate the growth and accomplishments that you have experienced during your four years at THS. Seniors will represent the Class of 2023 and their school in the most respectful way possible at the assembly. **Ladies should wear a nice dress or pant suit. Gentlemen should wear nice slacks, a dress shirt and tie – no jeans or shorts allowed.**

### **Cap and Gown Distribution**

Students will be called up by rows to pick up their caps, gowns, tassels, and stoles. Tables will be set up according to the alphabet and the Herff Jones' staff will be available to fix any problems.

**SENIOR DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PICK UP YOUR CAP AND GOWN, SENIOR T-SHIRT and GRADUATION TICKETS!!**

### **Senior Class Cap/Gown Portrait**

Your panoramic class portrait will be taken in the main gymnasium. **If you would like to order a copy, please bring your money** at the time of the picture as we do with regular school pictures. **Order forms will be distributed prior to this day in advisory.**

### **Graduation Practice**

This graduation practice is **MANDATORY** for any senior who intends to participate in the graduation ceremony. When you return to the auditorium after the portrait, we will practice processing to the stage as the names are called to mimic receiving your diplomas. Our school counselors will be reading names at graduation. **It is important to pay attention to how your name is pronounced and work with your counselor to correct any errors.** As you cross the stage, you will be handed your graduation tickets and your final senior t-shirt.

**June 9, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Final Graduation Rehearsal**

Please report to the gymnasium a few minutes early to find your seat. We will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. The stage and chairs will be set up both in the gym and on the field by this time. We will run through the processional, the ceremony, and the recessional at least two times before we conclude.

Please be attentive so the practice will not be excessively long. The practice will end when we are sure that everyone involved is prepared to represent themselves and Tuscarora High School respectfully during the graduation ceremony. **The practice will last as long as necessary.**

**This rehearsal is MANDATORY. Please do not schedule work, family gatherings, or other appointments for this date. If you do not attend, you may not participate in the formal ceremony on MONDAY, June 12, 2023.**

**You will need to pay for any deficiencies (senior dues, chrome books, chargers, textbooks, library, etc.) by 4:00pm in order to ensure your participation in the graduation ceremony.**

**June 12, 2023**  
**Graduation Ceremony**  
**9:00 AM**

Tuscarora High School's graduation ceremony is a dignified celebration of the accomplishments of the entire senior class. Consequently, for each individual graduate, participation in the ceremony is a privilege and carries significant responsibility. Each graduate is expected to represent their family, school, and community in a dignified manner.

The ceremony will be held outside in the stadium if weather permits. In the unfortunate event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the main gymnasium. **For an indoor ceremony, tickets are necessary.** Each senior will be given 5 graduation tickets which will gain access into the main gymnasium to watch the live ceremony. All other guests will be seated in the auditorium to watch the ceremony on the big screen. **There is no reserved seating.** Please leave ample time to park your car and walk to the main entrance of the school. **No one will be admitted to the main gym after 8:45am – so please come early to get your seats.**

**Graduation tickets will be distributed on June 5 at the end of the day. There is no cost for tickets.**

**Senior participants need to arrive no later than 7:45AM** – please report to the MAIN GYM and locate your seat. Graduates will be required to park off campus and take the shuttle to THS. Detailed information will follow at the final rehearsal.

Attire will be carefully checked prior to the start of the ceremony. Our graduation ceremony is a formal one and therefore will be treated that way by all participants. Remember that we want to show the proper respect for the ceremony and to the members of our community and families who will be present.