

# BCHS Senior Graduation Info 2023

## Senior Announcements

- Fees (or items due) must be paid or turned in by Wednesday, May 24th. This includes CHROMEBOOKS and chargers, textbooks, library books, cafeteria money, uniforms, etc.
- If you do not plan to participate in the Saturday graduation ceremony, a letter should be sent to Dr. Wyont by a parent/legal guardian. This must be done by Thursday, May 25th.
- *If you are not graduating you will be notified the night of Thursday, May 25th. Do not come to practice Friday morning if you receive a phone call.*

## Scholarship Information

- Any senior that has received a scholarship or grant, please enter that information into the "[Class of 2023 Scholarship & Grant Recipient](#)" google form that is located on the Counseling Department website under "Senior Info" (submit a new form for each scholarship/grant). Do not enter LOANS. You can also email a screenshot or take a photo of your award letter and send it to Mrs. Hawes at elhawes@gaston.k12.nc.us
- It DOES NOT matter if you're accepting the scholarship or not, or attending that college or not, report ALL scholarships and grants that you've been awarded, from any school that awarded it. It DOES NOT MATTER if you applied for the scholarship (sometimes they just award them to you based on your application), report it anyway. If you have a question, email Mrs. Hawes.

## Senior Picnic

- May 12th
- During 3rd and 4th period

## Senior Awards Night

- Tuesday, May 16, 2023
- Students will wear their graduation cap & gown
- Ceremony begins at 6:30 PM. Seniors need to arrive at 6:00 PM
- Seniors who attend will receive a medallion to wear at graduation

## Exam Week

- Teacher made exams, EOCs and CTEs are taken on campus

## Graduation Practice

- Friday, May 26: Arrive for practice at 8:00 AM.
- Park in the student parking lot and enter at the student driver entrance.
- Report to the Cafeteria for a Senior Breakfast.
- You will receive everything you need to know at practice, including tickets. Students often ask how long this will take; it really depends on the behavior of the senior class. If you stay quiet we can get through the information quickly. **If you do not attend the practice you cannot participate in the ceremony.** If there are extenuating circumstances this needs to be approved by Dr. Wyont ahead of time.
- Do not wear your cap & gown for practice, but you must abide by the school dress code for practice. Sunscreen is recommended since practice will be outdoors.

## Graduation Dress Code

- All students must arrive wearing cap and gown Friday, May 26th at 4:00 PM.
- Parking is limited. Try to carpool or get parents to drop off so we have space for all guests.
- Park in the student parking lot and come into the building at the entrance beside the 100 restrooms.
- Tassels are worn on the right front side of the mortarboard (cap) before the diploma is conferred and we move to the left as a group at the end of the ceremony.
- Any apparel deemed inappropriate for a dignified ceremony is prohibited.
- **Notify your school counselor ahead of time if you do not have correct clothes**
- **No decorations on mortarboards/cap or on the interior/exterior of the robe**
- Cords and stoles are to be worn on top of the collar. Honor stoles may be purchased, or borrowed at graduation practice, and returned after graduation. Graduates who are eligible will receive an email the week of graduation with more information and how to purchase your item(s).
  - National Honor Society provides stoles to eligible students and will be given at the Awards Ceremony
  - The following school related groups have cords \*\* **no other cords are allowed other than this list:** *(no medals, stoles, or cords from mail order societies, etc. will be allowed)*
    - National Technical Honor Society, NC Academic Scholars, National Honor Society, Visual Arts, Chorus, Band, CNA, Biomed Technology, Junior Marshals, Project Lead the Way Graduates, and WorkKeys.

### **Males:**

- Must wear a solid white button up shirt and tie
- Dress pants and shoes should be dark. (NO jeans, tennis shoes, or flip flops).

### **Females:**

- Collars should be sewn onto graduation robe, do not use fabric tape
- A Dress or dress pants (all visible clothing below the gown should be dark)
- Dark shoes (no tennis shoes or flip flops) *High heels are discouraged*

## Graduation Day

- Graduation will be outside in the Stadium on **Friday, May 26th at 6 PM.**
- 10 tickets will be given to each student after graduation practice, at no cost.
  - **Every guest will be required to have a ticket, including children and infants.**
  - Rain plan: Graduation will be moved inside to the auditorium and graduates will receive 6 tickets.
- Gates will open for guests at 5 PM. Tell guests to plan to arrive early. They will be searched and metal detected. Once the gates are closed and the graduation begins, no one will be admitted.
- Guests needing assistance need to contact Mrs. Brandy Chastain at 704-836-9601. She will make arrangements for special seating and handicap parking.
- Tell all your guests: **NO bags, purses, umbrellas, air horns, balloons, coolers, food or drinks allowed. ONLY sealed bottled water will be allowed.**
- Students will also be searched and metal detected. You will not be allowed to take cell phones & other personal items into the stadium. They will be collected and kept secured under lock and key. You will receive personal belongings back at the end of the ceremony when you collect your diploma.

- After the ceremony, you will have **30 minutes** to come back to the building to pick up your diploma in the gym (only diploma covers are given during graduation ceremony). Otherwise it will be locked in the safe until Monday along with your keys, cell phones, etc.
- Parents are not allowed in any of the buildings before or after graduation. Parents are not allowed on the field.

## **Junior Marshals**

**You will attend the following events:**

**Awards Night**

**Graduation practice**

**Graduation ceremony**

You will receive 4 tickets for an outside ceremony in the stadium and if it rains you will receive 2 tickets for inside the auditorium.

Follow the same guidelines for parking and arrival as seniors.

***Dress attire under your white robe***

***Males:***

- Must wear a solid white button up shirt and tie
- Dress pants and shoes should be dark. (NO jeans, tennis shoes, or flip flops).

***Females:***

- A dress or dress pants (all visible clothing below the gown should be white)
- White shoes (no tennis shoes or flip flops) *High heels are discouraged*