

*Tuscarora High School*  
*Senior Class of 2012*



Greetings Fellow Huskies,

This handbook strives to present a comprehensive picture of the unique opportunities and obligations that accompany your status as a senior at Tuscarora High School. In sharing this information with you and your parent, we strive to provide you with all of the information that will be needed as you navigate through your senior year. Please maintain this manual throughout the course of the school year and refer to it regularly for detailed information about upcoming activities and commitments.

While the senior year will offer numerous opportunities to celebrate past accomplishments, remember that our foremost goal for this year, as always, is to help you be prepared for your life beyond high school. I urge you to offer your best effort *each* and *every* day as you strive to meet graduation requirements and develop your plan of action for next year.

Anticipating your extraordinary success,

Pamela Paul-Jacobs, Principal

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Dear Tuscarora Seniors and Parents,

Your final year of high school is just beginning. As we celebrate your final year of high school, the Class of 2012 begins the journey to graduation on June 12, 2012. Please take the time to review this senior information packet, which contains an outline of important senior events for this school 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. We hope to make this year a memorable and joyous time of celebration for the Class of 2012. If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please contact senior sponsors Maria James at [maria.james@lcps.org](mailto:maria.james@lcps.org) and Laura Purvis at [laura.purvis@lcps.org](mailto:laura.purvis@lcps.org).

Sincerely,

Maria James  
Senior Class Sponsor

Laura Purvis  
Senior Class Sponsor

# GRADUATION PRACTICES

Rehearsals will be held on the dates shown below. Please mark your calendars.

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (During Advisory)**  
**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (During Advisory)**  
**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (During Advisory)**  
**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (Senior Awards Day)**

**Final graduation rehearsal will be held in the auditorium at 10 am on Monday, June 11, 2012.  
This rehearsal will last as long as necessary.**

**Any extenuating circumstance that would prevent you from attending the final two practices listed above must be brought to the attention of Mrs. James or Mrs. Purvis in advance.** The senior class sponsors will grant approval or disapproval with input from the administration. Please do not contact the administration or guidance offices, as the senior class sponsor is responsible for running the practices and therefore needs to have first-hand knowledge of any conflicts.

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## SENIOR DUES

We are excited about the possibilities that the future holds for you, and we want to make sure that you are able to enjoy all of the opportunities this year has to offer.

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:

- Senior class spirit t-shirt (Homecoming week)
- Class Event PSAT Day (October 2011)
- One Hundred Nights Recognition (March 2012)
- Graduation t-shirt (May 2012)
- Senior trip to Dave and Buster's (May 2012)
- Senior water park trip (June 2012)
- Senior Assembly Day Lunch (June 2012)
- Graduation Apparel – Cap, Gown, Tassel and Stole
- Senior class gift

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 in November. Additionally, if you choose to purchase the senior class cap and gown portrait or participate in Project Graduation, you will need to pay for these separately.

**Please place your payment in an envelope labeled with the student's name and return to Mrs. James by October 28, 2011.** If you would like to use a payment plan, please **fill out the bottom** of the dues form located at the back of this packet and return it with your payment. Keep the top of the form with additional due dates for your records. If you have questions or concerns about dues, please contact the class sponsor immediately.

## **October 12, 2011**

### **PSAT Day at THS**

As the PSAT tests are only administered for students in the grades 9 through 11, the senior class will be participating in the Reality Store. Pre-registration for this event will occur during Advisory on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you miss this meeting, please see Mrs. Caruthers ASAP to complete your registration. This is a regular day of school and all seniors are expected to attend. Report to your 1<sup>st</sup> block class to be counted present and then come to the auditorium to begin our exciting day.

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## **November 1, 2011**

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

This presentation will be held during Advisory. You will meet Gregg Miller, our Herff Jones representative. 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.

**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 after November 2<sup>nd</sup> in room L401 to place your order.**

It is imperative you pay attention to the deadlines given by Mr. Miller!! Prices will increase if orders are not placed on time. Initial orders can be placed during lunch shifts or after school from 5-8pm on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and during lunch shifts on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Late orders** for Herff Jones products other than your cap, gown, and tassel, must be placed with Gregg Miller directly. Mr. Miller may be contacted via email at [gcm4hj@comcast.net](mailto:gcm4hj@comcast.net), by phone at 540-665-5292. After November 10<sup>th</sup>, orders can be placed on line at [www.hjgraduation.com](http://www.hjgraduation.com).

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## **Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

### **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 day is a regular school day. All school policies will be in effect. If you are absent, this will count as an absence against your exam exemption privilege.**

**Report to the auditorium at 9:00 A. M.** Please sit in the section labeled alphabetically according to your last name. Attendance will be taken before we leave for the park. **All students and chaperones will walk both to and from the park.** Transportation will only be provided for students that need such an accommodation. Lunch will not be provided. The snack bar will be open to purchase food and beverages. If you choose, you may pack a lunch. **Please bring your sunscreen**, a modest bathing suit, and a towel. Additionally, swim suits should not have logos containing inappropriate references or symbols.

**Permission slips will be required.** They will be distributed to students in April 2012 during Advisory.

## **June 1, 2012**

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

This year's senior "ALL NIGHTER" trip will be to Dave and Buster's in Bethesda, MD. We will meet at Tuscarora at 10:45pm on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and take busses to Dave and Buster's. Park in the student lot and board your assigned bus in the bus-loading zone. **All seniors must ride the busses** to and from Dave & Buster's. We will celebrate together as a class from 12 midnight until 5AM. Students will have unlimited access to the video and simulator games and will receive \$30 worth of tokens to spend on the redemption games. 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 5:45am on Saturday, 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 2012 during Advisory.

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## **June 4, 2012**

**Senior Awards Assembly**  
**Senior Panoramic Portrait**

**Distribution of Caps and Gowns**  
**Graduation Practice**

**This day is a regular school day. You are expected to be present. All school policies will be in effect. If you are absent, this will count as an absence against your exam exemption privilege.**

**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 2012 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.**

Lunch will be provided for seniors on this day cafeteria. Please place your awards, certificates, etc. in your lockers prior to lunch. After lunch, please report to the auditorium for graduation practice.

### **Graduation Practice Part I**

This graduation practice is **MANDATORY** for any senior who intends to participate in the graduation ceremony. **Locate the seat in the auditorium that has the card with your name on it.** Wait for further instructions.

### **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 a Herff Jones staff will be available to fix any problems. After picking up your package, please put on the cap, gown, tassel and stole. Keep the packaging to put your gown in after we have our picture taken and return to the auditorium. Find your seat again and listen for further instructions on how to line up for your senior portrait.

### **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 the week prior to this day.**

## **Graduation Practice Part II**

When you return to the auditorium find the teacher who will be announcing your name at graduation. The teacher will be checking on the pronunciation of your name. It is extremely important that you help the teacher with the pronunciation as your parents will be eagerly awaiting the sound of your name on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

If time allows, we will practice processing to the stage as the names are called to mimic receiving your diplomas. **Again, it is important to pay attention to how your name is pronounced and work with the teacher to correct any errors.**

### **Cap and Gown Care**

Please remember to take your graduation apparel home. Store your gown and stole on a hanger. Do not leave it crumpled up in your locker or the trunk of your car. **CAUTION:** The gowns are made of polyester and great care should be taken if you attempt to iron it to remove any wrinkles. The material will scorch easily.

**We anticipate that the day will end at 3:48 P.M. You must remain for the entire practice, so plan accordingly.**



## **June 11, 2012** **10:00 am** **Final Graduation Rehearsal**

Please report to the auditorium a few minutes early to find your seat. We will begin promptly at 10:00AM. The stage and chairs will be set up on the field by this time. We will run through the processional, the ceremony, and the recessional at least two times before we conclude.

Wear appropriate clothes for the weather – it is usually very hot.

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 well 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 June 12, 2012.**

**You will need to pay for any deficiencies (textbooks, library, cafeteria, etc.) by 3 pm in order to ensure your participation in the graduation ceremony.**

# **June 12, 2012**

## **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 either location, tickets are necessary.**

**Graduation ticket order forms will be distributed in Advisory on April 17, 2012.** There is no cost for tickets. Please remind your guests that this is a formal ceremony and that appropriate dress and personal conduct are required of everyone choosing to attend.

If you should need an interpreter or if, due to a disability, you and/or your guests need assistance to enable you and/or your guests to attend Tuscarora High School's graduation ceremony at 9am on June 12, 2012 please **contact the school at 571-252-1900 at least FIVE WORKING DAYS** prior to the event.

#### **Appropriate Dress**

**Men** should wear a dress shirt, tie, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes. No shorts allowed.

**Women** should wear dress attire and black dress shoes. If you choose to wear pants, they must be black. Ladies please be careful that your dress is not longer than your graduation gown. We will be walking quite a distance to the stadium from the school and down the track. During the ceremony, you will walk across the grass field to the stage to receive your diplomas. Therefore, *it is strongly recommended that you wear a lower heeled shoe*, as high heels will be difficult to walk in gracefully especially if the field is wet.

Tassels are worn on the right side of the cap during the ceremony. Caps must be positioned correctly and securely on your head so style your hair appropriately. **DO NOT WRITE OR TAPE ANYTHING ON THE TOP OF YOUR CAP – IT IS A MORTAR BOARD, NOT A BILLBOARD.** Absolutely no jewelry, flowers, or other adornments of any sort may be worn or attached in any way to your cap, gown or stole. Those seniors who are in the top 10% of the class will be given an honor graduate stole at our final practice on June 11, 2012.

**Senior participants need to arrive no later than 7:30AM** – please report to the auditorium and locate your seat. All purses, bags, flowers, make-up, etc. should be left in your locked vehicle or with a family member. If you must carry your car keys, we will have a box to keep your keys in during the ceremony. You may claim your keys when you pick up your diploma at the concession stand at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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.

#### **Diplomas**

When you walk across the stage during the ceremony, you will receive the diploma cover, but not your diploma. Following the ceremony, you will need to report to the designated area to pick up your diplomas. Should you find any error in your diploma, please return it to the guidance office on Wednesday, June 13.

# *SENIOR DUES PAYMENT PLAN*

Class of 2012

Tuscarora High School

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

Cut here:

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**FINAL PAYMENT: \$50**

Due: Jan. 6, 2012

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

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

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**PAYMENT 2: \$50**

Due: Nov. 30, 2011

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

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

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**PAYMENT 1: \$60**

DUE: Oct. 28, 2011

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

Please make check/money order payable to Tuscarora High School

# DIPLOMA VERIFICATION FORM

In order to make sure your name is printed correctly on your diploma, write your first, middle and last names legibly on the lines below. This should be your legal name given to you at birth – no nicknames.

Please include any internal capitalizations (i.e. McKimme**y**), accent marks, suffixes (i.e. Mark Allen Smith, Jr.), etc.

We require both a signature from the student and from the parent/guardian before we can order your diploma.

**Please return this form to your Advisory Teacher  
no later than October 11, 2011.**

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FIRST NAME

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MIDDLE NAME

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LAST NAME

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_