



Class of 2017

Senior Guide

Principal: Mrs. Gina Davenport
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Alison Mikeska
Advisors: Ms. Caitlin Louer, Ms. Nicole Burton

Class Officers:
President – Jordan Troutman
Vice President – Brittany Wilbur
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Senator – Maia McDaniels



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, April 4	MANDATORY Senior Class Meeting	Auditorium	2A
Monday-Thursday, April 24-27, 2017	Prom Ticket Sales	E106	Both halves of Pride Period
Monday, April 3	Senior Graduation Announcements Delivery	Outside the cafeteria	1 st Half of Pride Period
Monday, May 1	Deadline to clear Obligations by check	Mrs. Groves in finance office (A107)	Pride Period
Wednesday, May 10	Senior Awards	Auditorium	6:00 pm
Thursday, May 11 (B) Friday, May 12 (A)	Textbook Collection	Classes	
Thursday, May 18	Final Deadline to clear Obligations cash or money order only	Mrs. Groves in Finance Office (A107)	Pride Period
Monday, May 15 (B)	Senior Assessments		Periods 3B & 4B
Tuesday, May 16 (A)	Senior Assessments		Periods 3A & 4A
Wednesday, May 17 (B)	Senior Assessments		Periods 1B & 2B
Thursday, May 18 (A)	Senior Assessments		Period 1A & 2A
Friday, May 19	Prom	M&T Bank Stadium	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday, May 19	After Prom Breakfast	Arundel High Cafeteria	11:00 pm – 2:00 am
Wednesday, May 24	Graduation Rehearsal, Distribution of Caps and Gowns (Followed by Senior Picnic)	Auditorium/Carroll Field	8 am
Thursday, May 25	Graduation begins at 10:00 am Gates open at 9:00 am	Carroll Field	<u>Report to Cafeteria Promptly at 8:30 am</u>

SENIOR PROM

Where: M&T Bank Stadium

When: Friday, May 19, 2017
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
(No admittance after 8:15 pm!)



Ticket Sales starting on Monday, April 24, through Thursday, April 27, 2017 during both halves of Pride Period, in E106.

If you plan to purchase prom tickets, all obligations must be cleared in advance.

Tickets are \$65 per person.

GENERAL PROM INFORMATION

Picture ID Required: All students and their date (whether they attend Arundel HS or not) must **bring a picture form of ID** with them the evening of prom. School faculty will be checking all picture IDs against the names given when prom tickets were purchased. If the ID does not match the name given at the time of ticket purchase, you **will not** be allowed to enter prom.

Please note that anyone who leaves the prom will not be allowed to re-enter.

No book bags or large over-sized purses will be allowed at the prom. Small purses are acceptable. **There will be a security check of everyone entering the dance! Personal property** such as coats, purses, cameras, etc., will be the responsibility of the owner.

Students, and outside guests, found under the influence of drugs or alcohol at prom will be sent home with their parent or guardian. Seniors found under the influence will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Pictures: Lifetouch will take prom pictures during the prom. There is no sitting fee for the photos, but pictures must be ordered and paid for at the time they are taken. Cash or check only. No charges will be accepted!

PROM BEHAVIOR AND DANCING GUIDELINES

Regulation: Anne Arundel County Board of Education policies regarding the use of drugs and alcohol are in effect at the prom. Specifically, Board policy prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, or certain other non-controlled intoxicants as defined by law during any school sponsored activity whether held on or off school property. Additionally, a student may not attend any school or school sponsored activity after having used or consumed any of the aforementioned substances. Violation of these policies **WILL RESULT IN A STUDENT'S SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL AND, IN THE CASE OF GRADUATING SENIORS, HIS OR HER BEING DENIED PARTICIPATION IN ANY FURTHER SENIOR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE SENIOR PICNIC, GRADUATION REHEARSALS AND COMMENCEMENT.**

Policies regarding smoking will be the same as for any other school function; there will be **NO SMOKING** anywhere on the event grounds during the prom by anyone involved with the prom. This restriction applies to all guests and adults.

Behavior Expectations: The Board of Education's Student Code of Conduct will be in effect at all times. Students who choose to bring an outside guest are responsible for registering their guest when tickets are purchased. Host students who bring guests are responsible to properly inform and clarify the rules and regulations as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct regardless of their age or student status. Students are expected to demonstrate Wildcat PRIDE at all times.

Dancing: Appropriate decorum must be maintained at all times on the dance floor. Girl's dresses should not be raised while dancing. Chairs are not allowed on the dance floor. Students and guest who refuse to comply with request by chaperones to refrain from inappropriate dancing will be asked to leave the Prom.

PROM DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been developed within the spirit of the Board of Education's dress code policy with adaptation for a formal dance.

Boy's Formal Dress: Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie, bow tie, a shirt or priest-collar shirt, which may include a vest or cummerbund. **Shirts must be worn at all times!** Dress shoes must be worn while in any public building. Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are not acceptable.

Girl's Formal Dress: Traditionally, formal dresses and gowns may be strapless or may feature spaghetti straps. Bare or open backs are acceptable. However, bare stomachs or bare midriffs are not permitted. Garments that are extremely tight or extremely low-cut are unacceptable.

If you have any questions about the above guidelines, please contact Mrs. Davenport or Mrs. Mikeska.

You Can't Hide That Wildcat...

- Positive**
 - ✓ Make appropriate comments
 - ✓ Demonstrate reasonable behavior
- Responsible**
 - ✓ Be accountable for my actions
 - ✓ Think before I act
- Involved**
 - ✓ Work with others
 - ✓ Maintain a clean, safe environment
- Diligent**
 - ✓ Be persistent
 - ✓ Give attention to finish a task
- Efficient**
 - ✓ Make the best use of my time and resources
 - ✓ Implement effective solutions to problems

Exhibit Wildcat Pride

DIRECTIONS TO PROM FROM ARUNDEL HS

Estimated Time: 30 minutes Estimated Distance: 20 miles

M & T Bank Stadium

1101 Russell Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

Phone: 410-261-7283

From the South (Airport)

1. Take I-95 North towards Baltimore
2. Take Exit 52 - Russell St.
3. At the bottom of the ramp veer onto Russell St. M&T Bank Stadium will be on your right.

OR

1. I-295 North towards Baltimore
2. I-295 becomes Russell Street and the stadium will be on your right.

AFTER PROM CELEBRATION

11:00 PM – 2:00 AM in the School Cafeteria

All AHS seniors welcome even if you do not attend Prom.

All non-seniors or students from other schools must be registered for Prom to enter. Everyone must have ID's! No bags or large purses allowed.

FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES - PRIZES

You must be present to win the prizes.

No re-entry once you leave.

*Students who are removed from the Prom for any reason, will NOT be permitted at the After-Prom party.

** Park your cars at the school before Prom – then your car will be right where you need it when the After Prom Celebration is over!

SENIOR ASSESSMENTS



1. Senior Assessments will be given as follows:

Monday, May 15	Periods 3B & 4B
Tuesday, May 16	Periods 3A & 4A
Wednesday, May 17	Periods 1B & 2B
Thursday, May 18	Periods 1A & 2A

- Seniors are expected to attend all classes each assessment day. [This includes classes being held after assessments have been taken for that class period.]**
- MAKE-UP ASSESSMENTS:** Anyone who misses an assessment because of illness will take the assessment on the school day immediately following the day of illness, **after school**. Special arrangements need to be made with the teachers whose assessments have been missed. All assessments must be made-up prior to graduation on an individual bases. **Seniors will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises unless academic and other requirements are met. These requirements include all final assessments, High School Assessments, and coursework for the complete program. All obligations must have been paid or property returned.**
- All Senior's are required to **attend all classes** on each of the four assessment days and to take all assessments as scheduled above. The student must make arrangements for make-up assessments with the teacher. In addition, **any senior enrolled in an HSA course must also take the HSA for that course. Failure to do so will result in a denial of graduation privileges.** Mrs. Mikeska or Mrs. Adair will notify Seniors of HSA make-up tests.
- Any disruptive behavior may result in loss of the privilege to participate in Senior events.
- Textbooks will be collected by Thursday, May 11 (B-Day) or Friday, May 12 (A-Day). **NO** excuses will be accepted for textbooks that have disappeared or misplaced after being left in rooms or on teachers' desks. Textbooks must be turned in **BY THE STUDENT** to the **teacher** who issued the book.
- Students will not be issued graduation tickets if they have an outstanding debt/obligation. **All debts/obligations must be cleared before graduation practice on May 24, 2017.**
- Senior assessments are:
 - One full class period in length.
 - Counted as 10% of the marking period grade.

COUNTY REGULATIONS REGARDING GRADUATING SENIORS:

Graduating seniors who violate Board Policy JCC are subject to the provisions as stated in Administrative Regulation JCC-RAC; Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Dangerous Substances, or Other Intoxicants. This regulation states in relevant part under Section D: Procedures, Paragraph 6:

Penalty for Violation by Graduating Students

a. Graduating students who violate Board policies on *possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substance, counterfeit controlled dangerous substances, noncontrolled substances* as defined by Article 27, section 286B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, *or other intoxicant* at any time during the last four weeks of school prior to the last scheduled day for graduating students, or during the time between the last scheduled day and the graduation ceremony, whether the activity takes place on school buses, within a school building or upon any school property, or during any school, school related, or Board sponsored activity, whether held on school property or at locations off school property, including private clubs, businesses, or commercial establishments, *shall be prohibited from participation in all senior activities, including proms, award ceremonies and graduation ceremonies.*

b. Diplomas earned by students denied participation in graduation ceremonies will be available upon request in the office of the appropriate school principal on the first workday following graduation ceremonies.

Because the last scheduled day for graduating students this year is May 18, 2017, the effective date under the “last four weeks” provision is **April 18, 2017**, which is the last day a graduating senior can be enrolled in the Alternatives to Drugs Program, Responsible Actions Program, or Anti-Tobacco Use Program.

GRADUATION CAPS AND GOWNS

All Arundel seniors must purchase a new cap and gown to participate in the 2017 graduation ceremony. The fee includes cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, it is imperative that you immediately deliver your order to Ms. Burton in the main office during PRIDE PERIOD. You must include your name, height, weight, and check or money order made out to Arundel High School.

The cost will be \$42.00 (including tax). The last day to pay for your cap and gown is April 22, 2017 before you are issued an obligation. The cost of cap and gowns help towards the cost of graduation.

DO NOT DELAY IN GETTING YOUR CAP AND GOWN!!

Your cap and gown will be delivered to the school and distributed during the mandatory graduation rehearsal practice on Thursday, May 24th, 2017.



GRADUATION CEREMONY INFORMATION

Where: Carroll Field, Arundel High School

When: Thursday, May 25, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

(Grads arrive by 8:30 a.m. Gates open at 9:00 am.)

PARTICIPATION

The Commencement ceremony is intended to recognize those seniors who have completed all requirements for a Maryland High School Diploma. Any senior who does not meet all requirements will not be permitted to take part in Commencement.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

To avoid disappointment to seniors and parents, the school staff has, since the end of the first marking period, reviewed report cards and transcripts and counseled those seniors at risk of not meeting all diploma requirements. In those instances where a senior's academic performance is uncertain until the last day of exams, the staff will notify those seniors and parents as quickly as possible when the final grades are known. Parents are urged to monitor grades on ParentConnect and request conferences, if they have questions about their son's or daughter's academic standing as a senior. Conferences can be arranged by calling the school at 410-674-6500, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on school days.

REHEARSALS

A mandatory rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2017 from 8 am to 12 pm. On May 24, 2017, seniors will rehearse starting in the auditorium, then to the cafeteria, then will process onto Carroll Field; after rehearsal, they will participate in the Senior Picnic. Seniors are ***to arrange work schedules*** to allow for their required attendance at these rehearsals. Participation at rehearsal is a requirement for participation in Commencement. Seniors will receive information about the ceremony, the practice, the processional and the recessional, get information about reporting times and parking, and receive guest tickets for Commencement at the rehearsals and picnic.

GUEST TICKETS – IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Attendance at Commencement is by ticket only. Tickets are required for all children aged 2 and over. **Each senior will receive 7 tickets at rehearsal on May 24, 2017.** Graduating seniors will be able to tell guests where he or she will be seated so that they may choose seating to offer the best view. When entering the stadium, the females will be seated on the left or home side of the stands and the males will be seated on the right or visitor side of the stands. The ceremony will also be video taped and available for purchase.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

If you require special seating for elderly guests and/or guests with mobility impairments, please contact **Mrs. Tracey Sponsler** at **410-672-4921** by **May 5, 2017 to reserve.**

GUEST ARRIVAL AND INFORMATION

The Commencement Processional will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Guests are advised to consider traffic conditions and parking situations when planning departure times. The gates will open at 9:00 am. **All guests should plan to be seated by 9:45 am. Balloons, noisemakers, umbrellas, and coolers will not be allowed inside Carroll Field.**

As part of the audience, parents and guests also have a responsibility to abide by the rules of common courtesy and appropriate decorum. At the end of the ceremony, the audience is requested to stay in the stands until all the graduates have left the stadium. All cell phones are to remain off/silenced during the commencement ceremony. **Arundel High School's policy prohibits air horns, beach balls, silly string, confetti and any other items that will distract from the ceremony.**



GRADUATE INFORMATION

ARRIVAL TIME/PLACE

Graduates must be in the school cafeteria by 8:30 a.m. Please do not bring anything extra with you, as there is no secure storage and you will not see your family/guests again until after the ceremony.

WHAT TO WEAR FOR GRADUATES

The Class of 2017 will wear the following: green academic gowns for men and white academic gowns for women. The traditional academic gown is worn over regular dress clothing. *Graduates may not wear the gowns of past graduates.*

MEN: Dark dress type trousers (NO JEANS OR SHORTS), dress shirt with necktie, and dress type shoes. (NO SNEAKERS, FLIP FLOPS, OR SANDALS).

WOMEN: Comfortable, plain white dress, LOW heel white, brown, nude, neutral or black shoe or sandal with straps. Bold pattern dresses will show through the white academic gown. PLEASE do not bring purses or other valuable items to the ceremony, as there are no provisions for securing them. (NO SNEAKERS, FLIP FLOPS, OR SANDALS).

Staff members will be available to assist with the gowning in the lineup. ALL SENIORS MUST WRITE THEIR NAMES INSIDE THE CAP! Official diplomas will be distributed after the ceremony in the cafeteria by alphabetical breakdown. **To get his/her diploma, the senior will have to show the teacher in charge their cap with their name on it.**

NOTHING IS TO BE WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF THE MORTARBOARD!

The cap should be worn slightly towards the front of the head, approximately one inch above the eyebrow. The tassel is worn on the RIGHT side of the cap. An announcement to move tassels to the left side will be made during the ceremony.

Please remember that commencement is a joyous occasion for graduates, parents, and guests, and the dignity of the ceremony, which recognizes the accomplishments of the seniors, must be preserved. Seniors will be reminded of the standards of behavior expected of them as participants during the rehearsals. Any conduct that detracts from the ceremony will not be allowed.

GRADUATION PHOTOS & VIDEO

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Prom Contract

Please read all of the information before signing this contract.

- All students **must bring a picture form of ID** with them the evening of prom (this includes dates that do not attend Arundel High School). If the ID does not match the name given at the time of ticket purchase, you will not be allowed to enter prom.
- Students must notify Ms. Burton of a change in date name no later than May 6, 2017.
- Per BOE policy: **no alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, or certain other non-controlled intoxicants** as defined by law. Additionally, a student may not attend any school or school sponsored activity after having used/consumed any of the aforementioned substances. Violation of these policies will result in a student's removal from prom.
- **No smoking/vaping** anywhere on M&T Bank Stadium grounds during the prom by anyone involved with the prom.
- No book bags or large over-sized purses will be allowed at the prom. **There will be a security check of everyone entering the dance.**
- **Behavior:** Students, as well as any guest, are expected to follow the AACPS Student Code of Conduct. Outside guests must be registered at the time of ticket purchase. Host students are responsible to properly inform their guests of the rules and regulations regardless of their age or student status.
- **Boy's Formal Dress:** Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie, bow tie, a shirt or priest-collar shirt, which may include a vest or cummerbund. **Shirts must be worn at all times.** Dress shoes must be worn; tennis/athletic shoes are not acceptable.
- **Girl's Formal Dress:** Formal dresses/gowns may be strapless or may feature spaghetti straps. Bare or open backs are acceptable. Bare stomachs/midribs are not permitted. Garments that are extremely tight or extremely low-cut are unacceptable.
- **Music and Dancing:** Girl's dresses should not be raised above the knees. Chairs are not allowed on the dance floor. Students and guests who refuse to comply with requests by chaperones to refrain from this type of dancing will be asked to leave the Prom.
- **Anyone who leaves the prom will not be allowed to reenter.** This includes the use of escalators and elevators.
- Students who are removed from the Prom for any reason, will **NOT be permitted at the After-Prom party.**

(Sign and return this form to Ms. Burton)

All Prom Attendees:

I, _____, understand that graduating students who violate Board policies and regulations on alcoholic beverages and other dangerous substances shall be prohibited from participation in all senior activities, including prom, **graduation**, and others.
Printed Name

If I violate any of the policies regarding rules/expectations for the Prom, I will be required to leave the Prom. I will be required to call my parents to come to the prom and pick me up. My parents will be responsible for my transportation at the time of my dismissal.

I, _____, understand and agree with the above policies. I understand the consequences if I violate any of these policies.
Printed Name

(Signature and date)

(Parent Signature and date)

(Parent Evening Phone Number)

****If your date is an underclassman, you must have he/she fill out this form. This form is due to Ms. Burton NO LATER than May 6th !!!!!***