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**WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL**

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**CLASS OF 2024**

**Graduation Guidelines**



**Mandatory Practice: Thursday, June 6, 2024**

**7:30 – 10:00 am – Meet in the Cafeteria**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Auditorium**

**Graduation: Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**10:00 am**



**Towson University (TU) Arena - 7500 Osler Drive, Towson MD**

**ARRIVAL TIME**

- Check-in at TU Arena begins at **8:00 A.M.** Look for staff members to direct you to where you are to enter and begin the check-in process. Please follow the directions of staff throughout the ceremony!

**APPROPRIATE ATTIRE**

- Wear dress slacks or khaki style pants that are comfortable and appropriate. No jeans, sweats, shorts, or casual t-shirts.
- Wear dresses or skirts that are of appropriate length.
- **Wear shoes that are comfortable and appropriate.** NOTE: There will be lots of walking, including flights of stairs, from the line-up area to the TU Arena. Wear shoes that you can walk in for a distance.
- **Do not bring personal items with you to the line-up.** Flowers and balloons are not allowed in the lineup area nor on the Arena floor. **YOU CANNOT bring a second pair of sandals to walk in.** Do not bring purses. Your hands must be empty when you line up and when you walk up to the stage to receive your diploma. Have a pocket for your cell phone or leave it (before the ceremony) with your guests. **You will not be able to return to the lineup area after the ceremony.**
- Share with your families and guests that blowhorns and balloons are not allowed in the TU Arena.
- You MAY decorate your cap! Make sure any decorated caps are school appropriate. If not appropriate, the cap will be confiscated and replaced with a plain one.

DOs	DON'Ts
Make the design meaningful; Celebrate YOURSELF (future plans, hobbies, quotes etc.)	Nothing offensive or inappropriate should be written on your cap.
Represent yourself, family, and WHS with pride and highest respect.	No 3-D decorations (i.e., flowers, jewels, ribbons, etc.)
Only the flat, top area of the mortar board (cap) may be decorated.	Nothing should be hanging down or over any of the sides of the cap. Appropriate decorations should sit flat on your cap.
	

### LATE GRADUATES AND GUESTS

- Graduation will begin promptly at 10:00 am. If you are not dressed in your cap and gown and lined up appropriately, you will not participate in the processional.
- Late guests will be held in the lobby until the processional is complete and Towson Staff allow you to enter.

### BATHROOM USE

- Graduates, you are encouraged to use the bathrooms **before** the ceremony. The ceremony is expected to last approximately one (1) hour.

### TICKETS

- When you pick up your cap and gown, you will receive 6 guest tickets. You will be able to purchase up to TWO (2) additional tickets. Additional tickets will cost \$10 each and can be purchased from Dr. Johnson in M202. Tickets will be available for purchase (cash only) from **May 20<sup>th</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost. Please note: a child/baby of any age needs a ticket, even if sitting in a lap.
- Towson University will have safety protocols set, including wand and bag checks. Please allow ample time to pass their security checkpoint.

### LIVESTREAMING OF CEREMONIES

- All graduations will be held at the TU Arena, unless otherwise noted. All graduations at the TU Arena can be viewed live on BCPS-TV YouTube or on BCPS-TV (Comcast Xfinity channel 73 and Verizon FiOS channel 34). All ceremonies will be broadcast in English and Spanish.

### CELL PHONES

- Please remember to keep your cellphones on vibrate mode or on silent mode to limit disruptions and maintain the dignity of the ceremony.

### AFTER THE CEREMONY

- Please plan on exiting the TU Arena promptly to allow for setup for the next ceremony.

