

Senior Events Calendar

April 20	Last Day for Great America Permission Slips and Payment Student Activities Office Ticket cost: \$65	
April 28	Senior Prom Ticket Sales Begin Auditorium Lobby Continued Sales: April 30th-May 4th before and after school Ticket Cost: \$125.00 each	9:00 a.m.-12:00
May 2	Cap, Stole, Gown & Graduation Ticket Distribution <i>Auditorium Lobby</i>	2:30-4:00 p.m.
May 8	Senior Awards Night <i>Clarence Johnson Auditorium</i> <i>By Invitation - RSVP Required</i>	7:00 p.m.
May 12	Great America Senior Night Meet in West Parking lot	7:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.
May 19	Senior Prom - Crystal Gardens (Navy Pier) Check in - Purple Gym Coach Buses Depart DGN Arrive at Crystal Gardens Buses Depart Crystal Gardens	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.
May 16	Honors Convocation/Graduation Rehearsal <i>Seniors report to Purple Gym</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panoramic Picture	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
May 18	Honors Convocation <i>Seniors report to fieldhouse</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signing of senior banner• Convocation in Purple Gym	8:00 a.m.
May 25	Graduation Day <i>Seniors report to fieldhouse</i> Graduation Ceremony	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Prom Ticket Information

Ticket Sales begin Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 -12:00 in the auditorium lobby and continue to sell before and after school on Monday, April 30th - May 4th. Tickets are \$125 each ticket. The **Senior Prom** will be held on May 19 at the Crystal Gardens on Navy Pier. All students will be required to take coach buses to and from Navy Pier. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 p.m.	Check-in (Purple Gym)
6:00 p.m.	Coach Buses Depart DGN
7:00 p.m.	Arrive at Crystal Gardens
11:30 p.m.	Buses Depart Crystal Gardens

Graduation Ceremony

Commencement is a time to celebrate the successful completion of high school. It should be a time of dignified celebration honoring the accomplishments of the entire class. North High School invites all seniors and their families to honor the tradition of pride and dignity that makes graduation at North High School a very special event as we celebrate the 90th graduation from our school.

Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. on Carstens Field, weather permitting. Tickets will not be required at the outdoor ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, commencement activities will take place in the Purple Gym. All guests at the inside ceremony will need an admission ticket. Each graduate's family will receive four (4) tickets to the graduation ceremony. **We will not provide more than the allotted number of tickets. *If the ceremony is indoors and you'd like more tickets, please contact other families who may not need all of their allotted tickets.*** Reserved seating (limited) will be available for special needs guests. All guests are urged to be seated by 6:45 p.m. All graduating seniors must report to the fieldhouse by 6:15 p.m. ***Graduation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.***

The ceremony also will be broadcast in the auditorium (air conditioned) and on local cable television. Guests with special needs might find the auditorium more comfortable.

Cap, Stole, Gown and Graduation Ticket Distribution

Caps, stoles and gowns will be distributed on May 2 in the Auditorium Lobby immediately following the end of the school day. Graduation tickets will be distributed with caps, stoles and gowns. Caps, stoles and purple gowns are to be worn at the Honors Convocation (May 18) and Commencement Ceremony (May 25).

Proper Attire

Senior Awards Night: Males should wear dress slacks and dress shirt with dress shoes; sport coat and tie are optional. Females should wear dress slacks and blouse, skirt and blouse, or dress and appropriate/dress shoes.

Graduation Ceremony: Caps, stoles and purple gowns must be worn appropriately to ensure the dignity of all commencement activities. Males must wear a dress shirt, dark tie, dark slacks (blue or black preferred) and dark dress shoes. **Jeans, shorts, or athletic shoes are not permitted.** Females must wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or dress slacks and blouse. Neutral colored shoes (white, brown, black, beige) are recommended. Shoes should not have pointed heels; shoes with wedges are acceptable. **Please note that shoes with pointed heels will NOT be permitted as they will damage the turf.** Please refrain from wearing or carrying flowers or balloons.

Graduation Rehearsal

To ensure all seniors understand procedures for Honors Convocation and Graduation, all graduating seniors must attend graduation rehearsal.

Wednesday, May 16 - Graduation Rehearsal - 3:30 p.m. - Purple Gym

All seniors report to their assigned areas in the Purple Gym at 3:30 p.m. The senior panoramic picture will be taken. Immediately following the picture, graduation line-up and processional arrangements will be explained and seniors will meet in the fieldhouse to practice the ceremonies.

Friday, May 18 - Honors Convocation

At 8:00 a.m., all seniors who are not taking the AP test that morning report to their assigned locations in the fieldhouse with caps, stoles and gowns. Seniors will have the opportunity to sign the 2018 class banner at this time. After the convocation, additional information regarding graduation will be shared, and seniors will return to class and follow their normal class schedule. Seniors will not be permitted to roam the building. Students who need to leave the building early should follow our typical attendance procedures which require parent permission that is communicated to the Attendance Office. Students must sign out in the Attendance Office and will be issued a Permit to Leave.

Special Graduation Notes

Gentlemen must remove their hats during the National Anthem and when the A Cappella choir is performing as directed by the principal. To maintain the proper dignity and decorum for such a significant event, air horns and other noisemakers are strictly prohibited. Graduates awarded diplomas should be recognized by polite applause. Counselors will distribute diplomas in the field house, immediately following the ceremony.

Pictures at Commencement

To ensure a dignified and smooth ceremony, guests are asked to refrain from entering the ceremony area. The stage and school officials will be available after the ceremony. The ceremony will be videotaped. GradImages Studio will take pictures of each graduate receiving his/her diploma and will contact each family with the proofs.

Fines and Obligations

All known fees and fines must be cleared by 3:00 p.m. on May 18. Please contact the school bookkeeper, Lori Balsamo, at 795-8423, if you have questions.

NOTE: No personal checks for fee payments will be accepted after April 27.