



May 2017

Dear Orono High School Graduating Seniors and Parents,

High School graduation is an exciting time – a time to celebrate our students’ achievements thus far, and a time to look forward to the future. The administration, faculty and staff of Orono High School are indeed proud of this year’s graduating seniors and pleased to have had the opportunity to share a part of life’s journey with them.

At OHS we appreciate the continued support we receive from our parents and community members, and we hope that the following information will assist you as you make your plans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the high school office at (952) 449-8400.

Thank you, as always, for the support and encouragement you give to our students and to their school.

Sincerely,

David Benson
Principal

Caryn Boyd
Associate Principal

Jessica Frie
Senior Class Advisor



SENIOR EVENTS AND DATES

- Apr. 28 College Decision Day
- May 9 7:00 p.m. Band Concert at Wayzata Community Church
- May 1-12 AP testing
- May 12 Prom
- May 15 7:00 p.m. Academic Awards – OHS gymnasium
- May 22 7:30 p.m. Choir Concert at Wayzata Community Church
- May 23 7:00 p.m. Senior Scholarship Awards – OHS Fenholt Auditorium (by invitation)
- May 26 8:30 a.m. Senior College Forum – OHS Fenholt Auditorium
- May 26 -ALC credits due to Ms. Borgen, Ms. Silbernagel or Ms. Menne
-12:00 pm deadline for outside OHS PSEO/ALC credits allowing commencement participation
-Anticipated Yearbook Distribution date
- May 29 No School *Memorial Day*
- May 31 8:35-9:15 a.m. OEF Scholarship Breakfast – OHS cafeteria
- June 2 9-11:00 p.m. “Last Chance” Dance – OHS cafeteria
- FINALS:
- June 5 } Finals – periods 1, 5, 2
- June 6 } Finals – periods 3, 5, 4
- June 7 } Finals – periods 6, 5, 7
- June 8 9:00 A.M. Mandatory Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal – OHS gymnasium
All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND this rehearsal
- 6:20 p.m. Graduates Meet and are Seated in Assigned Chairs – OHS gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony - *Pesonen Stadium*

Following the Graduation Ceremony: Reception in OHS Cafeteria & Courtyard
All Night Party for Graduates



PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Only those students who have completed the academic requirements for graduation, established by the Orono Schools Board of Education and the State of Minnesota will be eligible to go through the graduation ceremony. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.** These requirements are:

1. Coursework: 24 semester credits, including:

4.0 English, 3.5 social studies, 3.0 math, 3.0 science,
.5 physical education, .5 health, 1.0 fine arts, and 8.5 electives

**Reminder: The deadline for completing all OHS coursework requirements is
3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 7th.**

Individual teachers may set earlier deadlines for completing coursework for credit.
Seniors are responsible for knowing and adhering to their teachers' deadline.

ORONO HIGH SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS

Diplomas will be held for those students who have outstanding fees or obligations such as book returns, fines, disciplinary obligations, and so on. Once outstanding obligations have been satisfied, students may pick up their diploma in the high school office.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SENIOR YEAR

Attendance: The school district's attendance policy remains in effect for seniors through June 7th.
Unexcused absences will be addressed according to school policy.

Student Conduct: Seniors who have discipline issues during the last days of school can be suspended from the commencement ceremony.



GRADUATION REHEARSAL

ALL CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE REHEARSAL. The rehearsal, held in the gymnasium, will begin promptly at **9:00 A.M.** on **Thursday, June 8th**. Caps and Gowns should **NOT** be brought to the rehearsal.



THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

The commencement committee - including students, faculty members, and administration – has agreed on the following expectations regarding the graduation ceremony:

- Graduation is a joyous occasion for everyone. It is also a serious, dignified event. Therefore, senior candidates, parents/guardians, and guests are asked to assist us in maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful for all our graduates and their families.
- If a student is suspected as being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she will be tested. A student with a positive result will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

➤ Weather permitting, the graduation ceremony will be held outside, in Pesonen Stadium, on **Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 P.M.** **Senior candidates for graduation should be in their assigned chairs in the gymnasium by 6:20 P.M.** In the event that rain seems likely and an outside ceremony inadvisable, a decision will be made in the afternoon to move events into the gymnasium, and notification will be made through the district's alert message system.

➤ If you have special needs for parking/seating, please call the high school office at 952-449-8400.

➤ **Appropriate attire is recommended for commencement:**

Men: Light-colored shirt with a collar, long trousers, shoes, socks

Women: Light-colored shirt with collar, long pants or dress, shoes, socks

No flowers, banners, or other decorations are permitted on the gowns or caps. Students' caps should be worn flat with the tassel on the right. Graduates will wear a red stole, and honor graduates will wear a silver stole.

➤ This year's commencement program will conclude with a recessional march. Parents/Guardians and guests of the graduates are asked to wait in their seats until members of the Orono Board of Education, administrators, faculty, and graduates have completed the recessional.

➤ Immediately after the commencement ceremony, students who have fulfilled all obligations will receive their actual diplomas on the mezzanine. In the event that the ceremony is held in the gymnasium, students will receive their diplomas on the second floor (near elevator) of the high school.

➤ **Reception for the Graduates and Their Guests**

Following the commencement ceremony, family and friends are invited to join our 2017 Orono High School graduates at a reception in their honor in the high school memorial courtyard and cafeteria.



The Graduation Ceremony DVD (order form enclosed)

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission will video this year's commencement, and families may order DVDs of the ceremony by completing the enclosed order form. The cost for each DVD is \$10.00 + \$1.95 shipping. In addition, the Orono High School graduation ceremony will air on LMCC during the month of June. Check the LMCC schedule for specific times.



THE GRADUATION PARTY

Members of the Graduating Class of are invited to attend the parent sponsored, all night graduation party. For more information, contact:

Jodene Marquis email: jodenemarquis@gmail.com

Joanne Johnson email: tjfive89@gmail.com

A Reminder:

Orono High School does not sanction the creation and/or distribution of a class will.