



Welcome to

Brunswick High School Class of 2024 Senior Family Meeting

March 18, 2024



Tonight's Agenda

Mr. Christopher Berry

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BHS SAFE AND SANE

Class of 2024

Safe and Sane is a nonprofit organization established to address the very serious issues of youth drinking, drug use and driving behavior during the highest risk social events of their lives

- ❖ Raise funds to give the Class of 2024 a safe and supervised party after they graduate. Buses transport to and from the event
- ❖ All graduates are invited and encouraged to attend the overnight celebration, and are not allowed to leave the event once it begins
- ❖ Parents volunteer to chaperone at the event. supervise the kids all night and once the kids arrive at the Safe and Sane Party, they are not allowed to leave until the next morning

The Corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is also tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC



Event Details

Where: Adventure Park USA, New Market, MD

When: May 21, 2024 10:30 pm – 4:30 am. Graduates transported by buses at BHS at 10:30 pm, and will return to BHS around 5:00 am on May 22

What: A lock-in celebration that provides the Graduates access to all indoor activities and most outdoor activities, as well as food and beverage

All attendees and a parent **MUST** sign the required waiver and return it no later than April 15. After April 15, students will be charged \$75

Submit waivers: 1) email BHSSafeandSane2024@gmail.com; 2) students can drop off in the BHS front office; 3) Mail to PO Box 57, Jefferson, MD 21755



We Need Your Help

There is no cost for your child to attend the Adventure Park party! We want this to be an inclusive event for ALL students and make it as equitable as possible.

Fundraising has been successful thus far, however **WE STILL NEED DONATIONS and your voices to promote our fundraisers**

The cost per attendee is \$100 for Adventure Park; event transportation costs approx \$50

If ALL Seniors attend, we need \$30,000 to cover event costs (park, buses, balloons, etc.)

- ❖ Consider making a donation so that we can ensure every student is covered AND that each attendee receives a gift and an opportunity to use their raffle tickets towards additional prizes
- ❖ Ask your friends and family to donate - **SHELL OUT FOR SENIORS!**
- ❖ All donations are tax deductible
- ❖ We need volunteers - bus “check-in,” chaperones at the event

We also have expenses such as insurance, tax filings/accountant, Stuff the Truck transportation/fuel, cost of candy for Egg My Yard, etc.



Next Steps

Please attend a **virtual Safe and Sane meeting on Monday, March 25, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. Meeting details will be posted on our Facebook page (BHS Safe and Sane Class of 2024)

Promote the fundraisers and please attend!

Stop by the Safe and Sane table in the lobby after the meeting to:

- ❖ Purchase or pick up your yard sign
- ❖ Purchase Hemp's raffle tickets - and take some with you to sell OR ask people to email BHSSafeandSane2024@gmail.com to order and a digital copy of ticket(s) will be emailed or sent via text
- ❖ Sign up to volunteer at upcoming fundraisers



Administrators and Advisors

Mr. Adam Wetzel

BHS Administrative Team

Mr. Berry, Principal **@BerryFCPS**

Mr. Bishard, Assistant Principal (A-K)

Mrs. Atwell, Assistant Principal (L-Z)

Mr. Meehan, Coordinator of Athletics and Facilities

Senior Class Advisors

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BHS Counseling Department

Mr. George Last Names A - F

Mrs. Garris Last Names G - M

Mrs. Forbes Last Names N - Z

Important Senior Dates

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| Friday, April 26 | Junior - Senior Prom, 7:00-10:00 pm, <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Hall |
| Friday, May 10 | Graduation Requests Due to Class Advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Awards Ceremony Participation❖ Priority Seating❖ Extra Graduation Tickets |
| Monday, May 13 | Last Day of Instruction for Seniors |
| Friday, May 17 | Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory for entire time!) <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 8:00-11:30 am in the New Gym❖ Cap and Gowns Required (Senior Portrait!) |
| Monday, May 20 | Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory for entire time!) <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 8:00-10:30 am in the New Gym - Cap/Gowns NOT Required❖ 10:30-11:30 - Practice for Senior Awards <p>Senior Awards Ceremony, 12:30pm, Auditorium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Dress guidelines in place, gown required |
| Tuesday, May 21 | Graduation Ceremony, 9:00am, Knott Arena at MSM <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Graduates must arrive by 8:00am, Doors open to public at 8:00am❖ Dress guidelines in place, cap and gown required |

Rest of the Year Expectations

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In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must:



- ◆ Have successfully completed all necessary academic requirements, including final examinations.
- ◆ Meet all attendance requirements.
- ◆ Not have been involved in inappropriate or unlawful behavior leading to suspension before or during practice period.
- ◆ Fulfill all financial obligations.

Senior Last Day - Monday, May 13th

Fulfilling Financial Obligations

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- ❖ All obligations must be paid to the school no later than Friday May 10, 2024
- ❖ Obligations include chromebooks, chargers, calculators, texts, uniforms and athletic equipment, and the like
- ❖ Parents - stop adding money to lunch account and zero out accounts
- ❖ Seniors who have not cleared obligations will not receive graduation tickets or graduation diploma.



Junior - Senior Prom

Mr. Christopher Berry

Theme: Garden Gala

Date: Friday, April 26

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Location: Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Hall

Tickets: Cost is \$35.00 per person, and will be sold April 22-25.

- ❖ Students who wish to bring a guest from outside of BHS must complete a prom contract.
- ❖ Students must fulfill all obligations in order to purchase tickets.
- ❖ **Students attending prom must attend school until 11:00 am! Students may dismiss after Connections with a signed permission slip.**

Graduation Rehearsals

Ms. Adam Wetzel

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsals

- ❖ **Friday, May 17th, 8:00-11:30 am**
- ❖ **Monday, May 20th, 8:00-10:30am**

Main Gym at BHS

- ❖ All practices are mandatory in order to participate in the graduation ceremony
- ❖ **Arrange schedules now** - no exceptions for work, vacations or appointments
- ❖ **A students with an extraordinary reason** - must present written request to Mr. Berry prior to May 10.
- ❖ A student who misses rehearsal without prior written permission will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.



Graduation Rehearsals

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Graduation Rehearsal Guidelines

- ❖ All school rules and policies apply at rehearsals.
- ❖ Students may not bring guests or family members.
- ❖ Students should not bring cell phones, backpacks or personal items to the rehearsal.
- ❖ Valuables should be left at home.
- ❖ No food or beverage is permitted.
- ❖ All seniors are expected to leave school grounds after the rehearsal.
- ❖ No senior should attend under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Any discipline may exclude a senior from participation in the graduation ceremony.



Senior Awards Ceremony

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Monday May 20th, Auditorium

- ❖ 10:30-11:30am Ceremony Rehearsal
 - ❖ 11:30-12:00pm Lunch Provided for Participants
 - ❖ 12:30pm Senior Awards Ceremony
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- ❖ Recognition of department awards, scholarships, special awards.
 - ❖ All seniors are encouraged to attend to receive awards and honor their classmates!
 - ❖ Parents may attend
 - ❖ All seniors receiving awards will receive written notification
 - ❖ Students will be dressed in gowns and graduation dress code, more details on a later slide



Graduation Ceremony

Mr. Adam Wetzel

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 9:00 am

**Knott Arena at the PNC Sports Complex on
the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University**

- ❖ Graduates need to arrive by 8:00 am
- ❖ Gates open for guests at 8:00 am
- ❖ Please leave plenty of time for travel, parking and walking to the venue
- ❖ Please say goodbye to your graduate once inside
- ❖ No guest is admitted without a ticket
- ❖ Accessibility seating will be available, more details on a later slide.



Dress Code for Graduation

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All graduates **MUST** wear a cap, gown and tassel

- ❖ NO decorating graduation cap, cap should be worn level with the floor.
- ❖ Stoles, honor cords and medals must be bestowed by FCPS or the State of Maryland. Those bestowed by outside (non-FCPS) organizations or purchased by families **may not be worn during the ceremony.**
- ❖ Appropriate attire should be worn by graduates under the gown:
 - **Boys** - slacks, collared shirt, tie, dark shoes - avoid gym shorts, jeans, t shirts, sneakers.
 - **Girls** - dress, dress slacks, skirt, blouse and low shoes - avoid high heels, flip flops



Graduation Tickets

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- ❖ Graduates receive 10 tickets per graduates who are participating in the ceremony.
- ❖ Tickets will be distributed on the last day of graduation practice - Monday, May 20th.
- ❖ **Tickets will not be given until all obligations to BHS are cleared.**
- ❖ Every person entering the arena needs a ticket. Children 1 and older require a ticket.
- ❖ Graduates do not require a ticket.
- ❖ Extra tickets must be requested using the form from the senior packet.



Priority Seating Request

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- ❖ All families who require accessibility seating should complete the **Seating Accommodation Request** in the Senior Packet.
- ❖ The deadline for priority seating requests is Friday, May 10th.
- ❖ All individuals attending the graduation ceremony, regardless of seat assignment, must have a graduation ticket.
- ❖ Please arrive early in order to best facilitate priority seating.



Livestreaming and Photography

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- ❖ Due to the limited number of guests, each graduation will be **professionally live streamed**, so that friends, family and community members can view the ceremony in real time.
- ❖ A recording of the ceremony will also be available on the individual school and FCPS YouTube channels.
- ❖ Links to each livestream will be provided prior to the event.
- ❖ A professional photographer from Victor O'Neill Studios will take graduate pictures as they cross the stage - they will be available for order online.
- ❖ If you wish to take pictures during the ceremony, you must remain in your seat.



Graduation Ceremony Etiquette

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So that all in attendance may enjoy this exciting ceremony we ask that all guests:

- ❖ The ceremony lasts for approximately 90 minutes. Please be comfortable and take care of all needs in advance.
- ❖ Be seated and in place 10 minutes prior to the ceremony.
- ❖ Please limit your applause so that all graduate names can be heard by their guests.
- ❖ DO NOT bring anything that will obstruct anyone's point of view including: airhorns, balloons, or signs. They will be **TURNED AWAY** at the door.
- ❖ Please treat the event more like a wedding or official occasion rather than a sporting event.

Important Graduation Reminders

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- ❖ Allow plenty of time for traffic and to be on time - arrive by 8:00am.
- ❖ One more time - you must have a ticket to enter the arena.
- ❖ During the student opening procession, the doors will be closed and no guests will be admitted.
- ❖ Students receive a diploma cover when crossing the stage - they receive their actual diploma after the ceremony.
- ❖ All pictures after the ceremony **MUST** be taken outside.
- ❖ Make a plan for meeting your graduate after the ceremony, outside of the Knott Arena.





**We look forward to a wonderful final term
and celebrating The BHS Class of 2024 on
May 21st!**

