

BRHS CLASS OF 2017

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UPDATE #5

Dear Parent / Guardian of the Class of 2017,

Whether this is your first senior or your “grand finale”, having a child who is graduating from high school is an exciting time! We are here to keep you informed of events, due dates, etc. surrounding your senior’s last year in high school.

- **Cap & Gown Information:** Please contact Sue Hunt in the BRHS office with any questions. Full payment is due upon delivery in May.
- **Senior Photos are due by Wednesday, February 1, 2017.** We need them for the yearbook, class composite, and the newspaper’s senior edition. Please email an electronic copy to Kathleen Murray @ kmurray@brps.org . They must be either in .jpeg or .tiff format.
 - Are you not getting senior photos because they’re too expensive? Then contact Matt Smith at msmith@brps.org and one of his yearbook students will take photos for free!
 - You can also talk with Mr. Smith about placing a senior ad in the yearbook.
- **Pictures for the Senior Slide Show:** This is a long-standing tradition at BRHS. A visual presentation for the senior class is shown the day of Swing Out. We would like to have EVERY SENIOR represented! Please email or send a CD with your child’s photos....birthday parties, holidays, group pictures, **by April 14, 2017**, to Mr. Rapes at crapes@brps.org . Please- no actual photos!
- **What is Swing Out?** Swing Out is another tradition at BRHS in which the entire school assembles to honor the graduates. It is fun! It begins with an introduction of the seniors; there is a speaker for whom the seniors voted to address the class; the staff usually sings a song to the seniors. At the end, the seniors leave via the “teacher tunnel” and say goodbye. This year, the date is **Friday, June 2, 2017**. Parents are welcome to attend! Seniors are not required to attend, but we hope they do.
- **Senior Breakfast:** On the day of Swing Out, the seniors assemble in the morning for a breakfast compliments of BRPS Food Services. Traditionally, a group of parents/guardians arrange for each senior to receive a parting gift. It can be whatever you decide: a blanket, coffee mug, etc. WE NEED A GROUP OF YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS. Please contact one of us if interested.

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- **Practice**: After the breakfast, the seniors then spend the morning with Mr. Pincumbe and the class advisors practicing for graduation. THIS PRACTICE IS REQUIRED IF THE STUDENT IS WALKING DURING COMMENCEMENT! The senior slide show will be at approximately 1:15 p.m. followed by Swing Out at 2:00 p.m. SLIDE SHOW & SWING OUT ARE NOT REQUIRED.
- **Baccalaureate**: In the past, the senior advisors have helped organize baccalaureate, which is a religious ceremony at a church for the graduates. However, beginning last year, no school personnel will be involved as it is a violation of State law. If any of you feel strongly that this event should take place, you need to arrange it.

We will update this information every month and email it home, so please be sure the school has your current email address. We hope this information will help you stay “up-to-date” on your student’s senior year of high school. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Senior Class Advisors,

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ~~October 2016~~ ~~Jostens representative at BRHS to give seniors information about caps, gowns, and announcements~~ →
- February 1, 2017 Senior photos due
- April 14, 2017 Slide show photos due
- May 26, 2017 Seniors' last day (all graduation requirements must be met by this date)
- June 2, 2017 Senior Breakfast, Practice for Commencement, Swing Out
- June 4, 2017 Commencement @ 2:00 p.m. in High School Gymnasium

ELECTRONIC PHOTOS ONLY,
PLEASE!

