



Senior News Class of 2020

Congratulations Seniors!! Your senior year can be hectic and a little overwhelming. We hope to provide you with the necessary information to help support and guide you in the best way possible. We have put together a list of important events/dates to remember. Please refer to this list as the school year progresses. Feel free to stop by or call the office if you have questions.

- **September 19th** – Picture Day – Even if you are having professional senior pictures taken, you will still need to **have your picture taken by the photographer** so student ID cards can be printed.
- **October 9th** – Jostens will make a presentation to the senior class regarding ordering caps and gowns. The presentation will be held during Advisor Time. This is an important meeting! Orders will be taken on **Wednesday, October 16th**, in the Commons, during your lunchtime.

Options:

1. Order a cap, gown and tassel from Jostens.
2. Borrow a cap and gown from a recent graduate and just **order a tassel**.
(Please take your height into consideration ... the gown should rest about 2 to 3 inches below the knee.)

Along with the cap and gown information, the packets will contain information for ordering announcements, class rings, class t-shirts, etc. Explore your options. Make sure you share this information with your parents!

- **November 1st** – Senior Pictures are due to the **Main Office** for the yearbook.
- **In the Fall**, set up an appointment with Barry Cervenka in the Career Center to explore options for continuing education after high school graduation and for information regarding scholarships that are available for college. Begin checking the BHS website for post-secondary options, deadlines and scholarships.

College Sports – Any student athlete who intends to participate in collegiate sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Registration will ensure that you have met the amateurism standards and academic course readiness requirements needed to play sports at the collegiate level. Visit with your counselor for more information on BHS's approved core courses. More info is also available in the Student Handbook.

- **Mid December** – The senior class will vote on Class Motto, Class Flower, Class Colors and Class Song.
- **January** – Check with chosen post-secondary schools about housing for next year.

- **All year** – Credit checks will be done often as we go through the year. **To graduate from Bemidji High School, a student needs a total of 28 credits. To participate in the graduation ceremony, a senior needs to have completed 26 credits by May 1st.** Seniors enrolled in the post-secondary program will be evaluated on an individual basis regarding progress toward graduation.

Credits required for graduation:

4 credits in English	1 credit in Physical Education
4 credits in Social Studies	1/2 credit in Health
4 credits in Science	1 credit in Arts (visual arts, music
4 credits in Math	and performing arts & media arts)

Remaining credits in electives.

- **Please pay attention to your credits. It doesn't take much to fall behind!** If you failed a core class, see your counselor as soon as possible.

If you have been referred to the Alternative Education Center (AEC) to make up credits, please call 333-3299 to get signed up. **There is often a waiting list, so get started this fall!**

- **Early May** – Letters will be mailed to those students that have met the required 26 credits by May 1st to participate in the ceremony. With this letter each family receives 10 tickets for the graduation ceremony. A limited number of extra tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.
- **Friday, May 22nd** – Senior Graduation Meeting, 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium. Seniors should attend this meeting and program to receive information and instructions for graduation day. Friday will be your last day of classes. The Senior Picnic will be held after the program.
- **Graduation Date** – Date: **May 23rd, 2020**
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Sanford Center

You will have the opportunity to order DVDs of the ceremony. Order forms will be available in the Spring mailing to Seniors and at the Ceremony.

- **Transcripts** – Remember to fill out a **Request Form to have your final transcript sent** to your college and/or the NCAA. Request Forms are available in the Registrar's Office. **Final transcripts will be mailed to colleges mid-June after all grades have been entered and credits verified.**
- **Diplomas will be mailed to the graduates in early July.**

Once again, we want to help you during this special year.
Please feel free to call if you have questions.
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