

# Pikesville High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian of 2020 Graduate,

It has been a pleasure getting to know your child during their time here at Pikesville High School. Our goal has always been to ensure that our students leave our doors experiencing “Pride, Honor and Success” at some point during their tenure here. In that effort, the second semester is a very exciting, but important, time for our young people. It is not the time to catch “senioritis” as this is when the hard work starts to pay off – college acceptances and financial aid packages are arriving in the mail, decisions about careers are being made, and planning for senior events is taking place.

Maintaining our focus on ensuring our seniors are on the path towards graduation is our number one priority. Our Senior Support Team - made up of our counselors, two faculty members, our Service-Learning coordinator and our senior administrator, is working hard to keep students focused on the prize – GRADUATION! In that vain, their work is centered on three things: **graduation requirements, attendance, and behavior**. Therefore, students who are not in good standing at the start of the third marking period will be placed on social probation (meaning they are ineligible to participate in senior activities such as senior picnic and prom). In order to be in “good standing”, students must:

- *Earn a midyear grade in a graduation course of a C or better, pass all semester graduation courses and/or be making sufficient progress in their EDLP or SPARC course to be completed by May 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *Have all 75 Service-Learning hours completed AND paperwork submitted to Mr. Babcock*
- *Maintain an attendance rate of 90% or better through the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period*
- *No suspensions in the second semester*

Students not meeting one or more of these requirements at the start of the third marking period will receive notification of their status no later than February 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the entire third marking period (until April 3<sup>rd</sup>) to make the changes necessary to be in good standing. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, students will receive the final notification of their standing. Those who are not in good standing will meet with the senior administrator to develop a plan for the last five (5) weeks of school to get them on track. Students will have until May 6<sup>th</sup> to be in good standing in order to purchase prom tickets (last sale day is May 7<sup>th</sup>).

Our goal is for every member of the Class of 2020 to enjoy these last months of high school knowing that when they leave our doors, there is a world of endless opportunities available to them. Our committed focus is to support students in meeting graduation requirements, encourage them to continue to attend school while making positive contributions, and reinforce the need for good decision-making for the remainder of the year.

Yours in Education,

Allison Seymour, Senior Class Administrator  
Sandra G. Reid, Principal

## Graduation Information

Graduation is rapidly approaching and before you know it, May 28, 2020 will be here! Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM at SECU Arena, University of Towson. **Each graduate will receive seven tickets for guests. Every guest (including infants) are required to present a ticket.** Tickets will be distributed on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> during senior check out, provided:

- **All school obligations have been satisfied.**
- **A Peaceful Commencement Agreement form has been completed and received for parents and guests. (see enclosed)**

To ensure we continue to meet the standards of the administration of Pikesville High School and the expectations of Towson University, we have agreed to implement the following rules at graduation:

1. Balloons or noise makers will not be permitted in the graduation auditorium.
2. Every guest **MUST** have a ticket.
3. One Peaceful Commencement Agreement form per student must have been signed and on file with Mrs. Higgins in Room 132A prior to May 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. No standing will be allowed in the aisles, walkways, or on chairs.
5. The taking of photos by the stage area will not be permitted.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please feel free to contact David Kreller, Graduation Coordinator, at 443.809.1217 or email [dkreller@bcps.org](mailto:dkreller@bcps.org). Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at graduation.

Up to TWO (2) additional graduation tickets can be purchased for five dollars each at the time of ticket distribution **OR** at a specified time (yet-to-be-determined) during the day after the rehearsal has taken place. That time and place will be announced AT the rehearsal.

**Rehearsal for the ceremony will take place May 19, 2020 at Pikesville High School's gymnasium at 1:00 pm sharp. All participating graduates must attend rehearsal.** Otherwise, their diploma will be pulled and may be picked up following graduation day at school.

After the graduation rehearsal, students will be invited to the senior picnic. **Only students who attend the rehearsal may attend this event.** Wrist bracelets and food tickets will be issued after rehearsal. There are no costs for anything at the picnic.

Sincerely,

*Pikesville High School Administration and the Advisors to the Class of 2020*

**Graduation Information**  
**Towson University, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.**

**Guest Parking:** This link and map information will be provided again when tickets are issued to avoid issues with guests arriving on time for the event:

<https://www.towson.edu/campus/landmarks/securarena/documents/secu-arena-general-parking-map.pdf>

Or you can search “SECU arena parking map”

**Important Information:**

- Doors will open for guests **1 ½ hours prior** to the scheduled start of your graduation ceremony.
- All guests entering the arena will need a ticket. This includes infants and children of all ages, teacher/staff family members, volunteers and teachers without a name tag/regalia.
- All faculty and staff members working the graduation must wear a name tag that identifies them (with the exception of those faculty/staff in graduation regalia).

*Each school's Event Manager will provide a map and directions for guests attending the ceremony that should be issued with guest tickets for each graduate. Please assist in ensuring that your guests arrive on time for this very important event.*

# Pikesville High School: Peaceful Commencement Agreement

**Graduation Ceremony, Towson University, May 28, 2020, 2:30 p.m.**

**Please complete, sign, and return this form to the Main Office by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

In cooperation with our graduation venue, Towson University, we are requiring that parents and guests of students who participate in commencement 2020 agree to the following:

- Graduation cap decorations must be school-appropriate.
- Balloons and noise makers will not be permitted in the Towson University Arena.
- No standing will be allowed in the aisles, walkways, or on chairs during the ceremony.
- The taking of personal photographs by the stage area will not be permitted during the ceremony. (Professional photographers will be on duty to capture the moment.)
- Every guest must have a ticket to be permitted entry to the ceremony.
- Every guest must be seated by 2:15 p.m. Late arrivals will not be seated until the processional is completed.
- Every guest must pledge to ensure a graduation ceremony free of negative incident.

By signing below, we agree to the rules stated above and my guests and I will adhere to them to ensure a peaceful 2020 commencement.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Parent/Guardian Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for agreeing to make graduation day an enjoyable occasion for your 2020 graduate.

*Pikesville High School Administration and the Advisors to the Class of 2020*

## **Senior Prom Information**

**Where:** Martin's Valley Mansion, Hunt Valley  
594 Cranbrook Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

**When:** Thursday, May 21, 2020, 8:00-12:00 p.m.

**Ticket Sales:** April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Ticket Prices:** \$55---includes coat check, prom favor, food/drinks and fun.

### **General Information**

All prom participants must bring a picture ID to enter the prom. All guests must bring a picture ID that matches the name given upon the sale of the ticket.

### **Behavior, Dress, etc.**

- Students are expected to follow the Baltimore County student code of conduct and behave accordingly.
- Students are expected to dress formally in a tasteful, classy manner.
- Students who leave the prom for any reason will not be allowed to re-enter.
- Students who are removed from prom will not be allowed to attend the post-prom event.
- Bags will be inspected by administration prior to entry into prom. All bags must be left at coat check.
- Bags left at coat check will not be accessible during prom.

## Senior Checklist

**Check off each box to make sure that you are ready!**

- Check with counselor to ensure all credits have been earned
- All service learning hours have been completed – see Mr. Babcock in Room 113
- Earning passing grades in classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Cap and Gown has been ordered <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1067117/Pikesville-High-School/>
- All school obligations have been paid
- All library obligations have been settled – see Mrs. Meltzer in the library
- Return all text books before May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Turn in Guest Forms for Prom by April 20, 2020  
Prom Ticket Sales: April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 7th