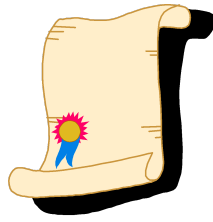


GARNET VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Calendar of Events and Commencement Instructions for the **Class of 2017**

Friday, May 26, 2017

CLASS OF 2017 SENIOR PROM

Drexelbrook, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 (directions on page 4)
6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Students are expected to arrive by 6:30 pm. Students may not leave the prom early without prior approval from a high school administrator. Anyone leaving the prom early **may not** attend the Post Prom activities. The Post Prom events are organized by REACH 211.

Students are reminded that all school rules, regulations, and policies are in effect for the Prom and Post Prom. Please do not do anything foolish that would ruin the evening for you and for others. Board Policy #227 is violated when any student, or visiting student guest, unlawfully manufactures, uses, abuses, possesses, constructively possesses, distributes, or attempts to distribute drugs, alcohol or any mood altering substances, or drug paraphernalia on school premises, at any school sponsored activity, or while traveling to and from a school or school related activity -- in other words, use or possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco is not permitted. It is also illegal.

It is also a violation of Board Policy #227 **if you are in a vehicle in** which alcohol or other mood altering substances are found, regardless of whether or not you have used the substance(s) or they are in your personal possession.

Any senior in violation of Board Policy #227 is subject to exclusion from the graduation ceremonies. All students are also reminded of the following rules and regulations:

1. Smoking will not be permitted at the Prom.
2. Inappropriate or suggestive dancing with not be permitted. Please refer to page 28 of the student planner.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Senior Class Trip to Hershey Park. Bus departs at 8:45 am and will return at approximately 8:00 pm. Students should report to their first period class for attendance and wait until they are dismissed.

Thursday, June 8, 2017

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

High School Gymnasium
1:00 PM

Seniors are to report to the gym for commencement practice promptly at 1:00 PM. No food or beverages are to be brought into school. We ask that you do not disturb the underclassmen classes.

Only seniors who have successfully met all Garnet Valley academic graduation requirements and have **settled all obligations (academic, financial, discipline and non-academic)** will be permitted to practice and participate in Commencement exercises.

Students must be present at commencement practice in order to participate at Commencement.

Thursday, June 8, 2017

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

HS Auditorium

7:00 PM

The Senior Awards night recognizes the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of the senior class. Those students receiving an award will be invited, along with their family, to join in the awards ceremony. Dress attire is a shirt and tie for gentlemen; a dress, skirt or dress pants for young ladies, (according to the school dress code). The awards ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Friday, June 9, 2017

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

High School Gymnasium

9:00 AM

Seniors are to report to the gym for commencement practice promptly at 9:00 AM. No food or beverages are to be brought into school. We ask that you do not disturb the underclassmen classes.

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Students must be present at commencement practice in order to participate at Commencement.

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL SCHOOL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT FOR ALL GRADUATION ACTIVITIES.

Monday, June 12, 2017

COMMENCEMENT

The Bob Carpenter Center, University of Delaware (directions on page 6)

4:00 PM (Doors open at 3:15 PM)

Graduates report at 2:45 PM.

You will culminate your activities at Commencement Ceremonies at the Bob Carpenter Center. Make this an impressive ceremony for your family, friends, and loved ones. The Class of 2017 is congratulated on its fine accomplishments. We extend our wishes for an enjoyable Commencement and much success in the future.

Sincerely,

Stephen Brandt, Principal

Seth Brunner, Athletic Director

Joseph R. Kingsborough, Assistant Principal

Jennifer Oddo, Class of 2017 Co-Sponsor

Jessica Knier, Assistant Principal

Nikole Vernamonti, Class of 2017 Co-Sponsor

Gregory J. Hilden, Assistant Principal

GARNET VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
General Instructions for the **Class of 2017**

1. **OBLIGATIONS** - All financial, non-academic, discipline and academic obligations to the school must be met on or before **Thursday, June 8th by 1:00 pm**. Only seniors who have settled all obligations will be permitted to practice.
2. **COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE** – Students should use the following guidelines for appropriate attire under their graduation gowns for both events. Boys must wear a dress shirt and tie. We suggest a white shirt, a dark tie, and dark shoes. Boots or sneakers are not permitted. Girls should wear light colored dresses and dress shoes. Please watch the height of your heels.
3. **COMMENCEMENT PRACTICES** - Your job is not an excuse to miss practice. All seniors are scheduled to be at every Commencement rehearsal and at Commencement for attendance requirements. **PRACTICE DOES NOT START UNTIL ALL OBLIGATIONS ARE MET AND ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE PRESENT.**
4. **TICKETS** - All graduating seniors will be given ten (10) tickets for family and friends. Tickets will be distributed at the same time the students receive their cap and gown. If extra tickets are needed, students will have the opportunity to request a maximum of ten additional tickets at graduation practice. Reserved tickets (ten) are available for the families of students on stage.
5. You are asked to conduct yourself in an orderly fashion during Commencement and Baccalaureate ceremonies. Many of you have family and relatives coming from great distances. We are certain that you will want them to see an outstanding program at both Baccalaureate and Commencement.
6. All school regulations are to be followed. Any serious offense will be cause for removal from the Graduation Ceremony. Teachers and administrators will be stationed at points in and around the graduation class to insure proper behavior during the ceremony. Do not embarrass yourself or your family with cause for your removal.

Please be reminded that decorum on the part of the audience is vital for our **dignified commencement**. No balloons are permitted in the Carpenter Center. Posters, horns, and noisemakers should be reserved for private celebrations and not be used in the Carpenter Center.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY ATTENDING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE BOB CARPENTER CENTER:

Special on-floor seating and drop-off locations in the lobby of the Bob Carpenter Center will be

available for persons with physical disabilities and for the elderly. **Arrangements for the disabled seating areas and parking do not need to be made in advance. Guests who need to access these areas should notify ushers upon arrival at the Bob Carpenter Center on June 12th. ***PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE POLICY, ON-FLOOR SEATING AREAS ARE RESERVED FOR THE PERSON IN NEED OF THE DISABLED SEATING ACCOMPANIED BY ONE GUEST ONLY.**

DIRECTIONS TO DREXELBROOK

FROM POINTS SOUTH:

Take Route I-95 North to exit 7 marked I-476 North (Blue Route), Plymouth Meeting. Follow directions below.**

****FROM I-476 (BLUE ROUTE):**

Take exit 5 (Springfield-Lima, Route 1). Take Route 1 North towards Springfield for two miles. Bear right at the 5th traffic light onto State Road (A gas station is on the left). Drive 4/10 of a mile, and turn right onto Wildell Road at the flashing lights. Jog left at the stop sign, then turn right at the entrance to Drexelbrook. Turn left, the Drexelbrook facility is located on the right.

Helpful Hints for Getting the Best Possible View of Your Graduate!

Bob Carpenter Center, University of Delaware

The stage will be set up in the East end of “The Bob”. Spectators will be seated in both the north and the south stands. Our graduates will proceed from the west end of the gym—half will walk directly in front of the north stands and half directly in front of the south stands— and they will be able to tell you after the Friday, June 7th practice, from which side they will enter. The graduates will sit in the center of the court, facing east. To receive their diploma, all graduates will walk across the stage from south to north.

Reserve seating (for the guests of those students who will be on stage during the ceremony) will be in sections 15 & 16, the first 70 seats. Handicapped seating will be in the first two rows around the stadium. The chorus will be sitting in section 20, and there will be no seating available in sections 1-4 (west) or 11-14 (east). Seating is available in sections 15-19 (north) and 5-10 (south).

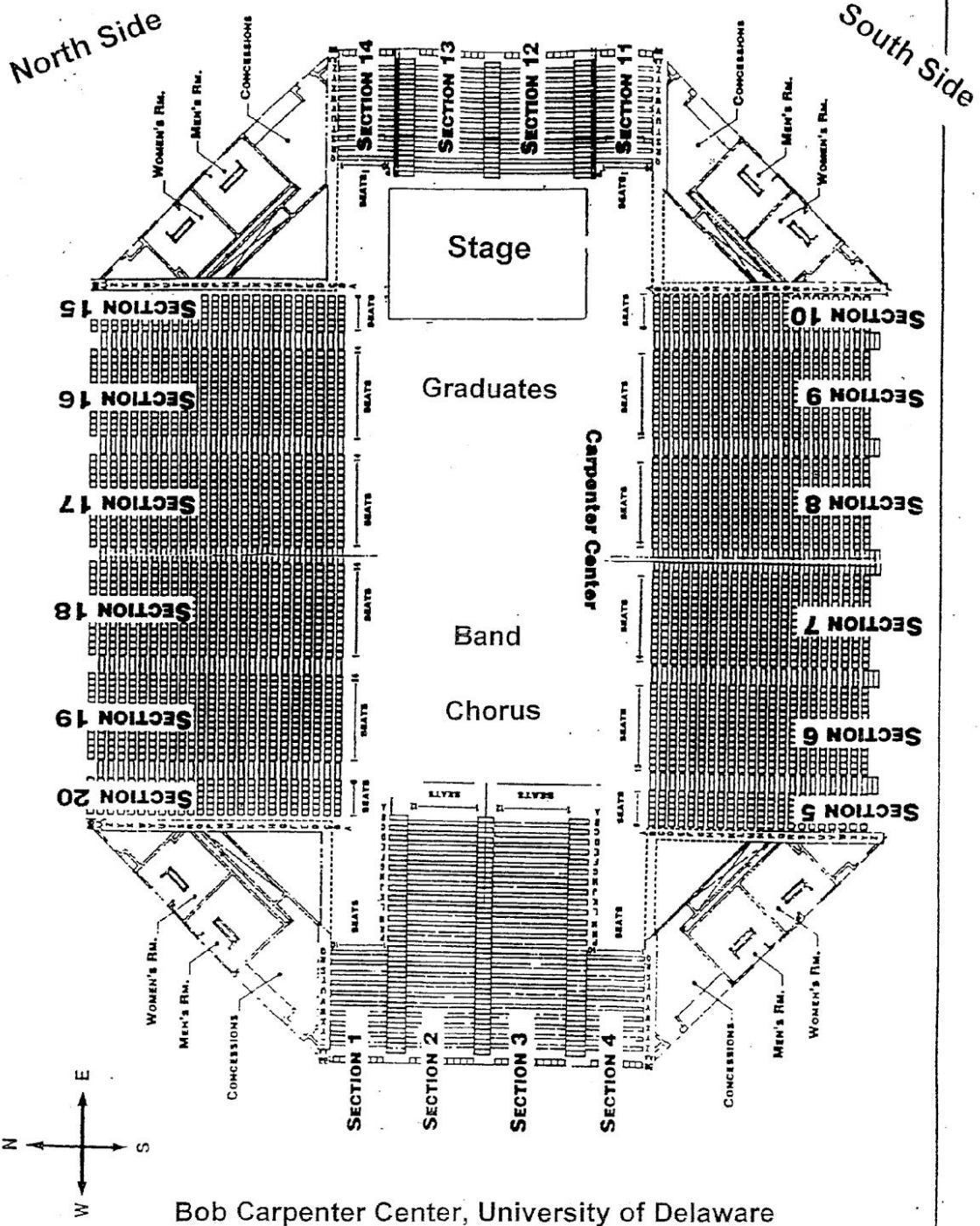
AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE GRADUATES WILL BE USHERED DIRECTLY INTO

THE PARKING LOT, NOT INTO THE LOBBY. THE DOOR THEY WILL EXIT IS TO THE LEFT OF THE TICKET BOOTH AS YOU FACE "THE BOB" (the north side).

Also, it is the policy at the Bob Carpenter Center not to allow spectators onto the floor. A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma.

We look forward to continuing our tradition of graduation excellence. We hope you enjoy the ceremony.

Floor Plan For Graduation, June 12, 2017



Directions to University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center

Allow 60 minutes to travel to the "Bob" from Garnet Valley.

1. Follow I-95 **South**.
2. Pass the Christiana Mall Exit.
3. Pass "Newark 273" Exit.
4. Take **Exit 1B** (University of Delaware - 896 North).
5. Follow straight for about $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 mile.
6. You will pass a McDonalds on your right.
7. Continue straight, across Route 4 (Christiana Parkway), and you will see the Bob Carpenter on your right (it sits right next to the football stadium).
7. Pull into parking lot on right (entrance is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile -- or less -- on right).