



Nequa Valley High School

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Class of 2012

IMPORTANT Dates

February 17

Graduation speech audition scripts DUE to Dr. Kolkman by 3:00 p.m.

April 13

Graduation music audition tapes, and Baccalaureate music audition tapes DUE to Dr. Kolkman by 3:00 p.m.

April 18

Senior Meetings with Dr. McBride

April 21

Senior Spectacular
Commons and Main Gym - 10pm - 4am

May 4

Senior Prom at Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

May 8-18 - Final summative assessments for Seniors.

May 17 & 21 - Cap & Gown Distribution

Commons - 9:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.
(All financial obligations must be met prior to Cap & Gown pick up).

May 22

Last Day of Class for Seniors

May 23

Senior Awards Assembly - 8:30 a.m.
Main Gym followed by the
Senior Brunch - Bolingbrook Golf Club
(Students must ride the busses provided by NVHS, to and from Bolingbrook Golf Club)

May 24

Mandatory Graduation Practice
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Main Gym
Baccalaureate - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

May 25

No School for Seniors

May 27

Commencement -7:00 p.m.
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb

Your Senior Year is well underway and you are busy making plans for future employment, college, or the military and getting ready to leave high school. You should be proud of your accomplishments. The intent of this newsletter is to inform students and parents of important dates, times, deadlines, Senior events in April and May and to remind you of your responsibilities to ensure a successful graduation.

Commencement - May 27 - 7:00 p.m.

Commencement ceremonies will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27. Our graduation ceremony will be held at the Northern Illinois University Convocation Center.

Handicapped seating and parking is available on a limited basis. Please call Karen Klafehn at 428-6017 between May 9 and May 22 to request handicapped seating and parking.

Graduation Practice

Graduation Practice is mandatory and will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the main gym. All seniors are **required** to be in attendance. **Graduation practice typically takes up to 3 hours to complete. Seniors are asked to plan accordingly.**

Graduation Tickets

Each graduate will receive a minimum of six (6) tickets for the graduation ceremony. A limited number of additional tickets may be randomly distributed in January, 2012. Check the NVHS website at that time for more information.

Graduates will receive directions and tickets at the graduation practice on Thursday, May 24.

Senior Checkout Form and Final Transcripts

All seniors are required to complete a "Senior Checkout Form" and turn it in to the House of 2012 before the end of the day on May 22, 2012. Lockers must also be emptied and cleaned out by this time.

The Senior Checkout Form also includes the request for the Final Transcript. ALL colleges (including 2-year institutions) require that a final transcript be sent.

Obligation, Fees, and Fines

All registration fees, class lab fees, library fines, activity, or athletic financial obligations must be cleared and paid in full prior to Cap and Gown Pick Up on May 17 and 21, 2012. Students with outstanding obligations will not be permitted to pick up their Cap and Gown, or participate in the commencement ceremonies until all obligations are paid in full.



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Senior Awards Assembly

We will be honoring our Senior Class with a full school assembly on Wednesday, May 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the main gym. This program honors seniors for a variety of awards which include scholarships and departmental awards. With this being the last time our senior class is assembled together as a student body, we would like the seniors to wear dress clothes for the event. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. The Senior Brunch (*see below*) will be held at Bolingbrook Golf Club immediately following the Awards Assembly.

* In order to be recognized in the Senior Awards booklet, Seniors who are awarded scholarships need to bring a copy of any award letters they have accepted to the Senior House by Friday, April 27, 2012.

Headed to college? Bring back a pennant from your school, sign it, and we'll hang it in the Class House.

Senior Prom at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

May 4, 2012

This year's **Senior Prom** will be held at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The Prom begins at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at 10:00 p.m. You must arrive by 8:00 p.m. and once you enter Prom you may not leave. If you do leave, you may not return.

Prom Ticket Sales

Cost: \$65.00 per person
 When: April 16 - 30, 2012
 Where: Athletic Office during lunch hours

Note that ticket sales end Monday, April 30, at 3:30 p.m. in order to provide our final attendance number to Drury Lane. No tickets will be available after Monday, April 30. No Exceptions!

Senior Class Brunch

The Senior Class Brunch will be on Wednesday, May 23 immediately following the Senior Awards Ceremony. The brunch will be held at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. Tickets will be available May 7-16 in the House of 2012 at a cost of \$25.00. Payment may be made by check ("NVHS") or exact change only. All seniors attending the brunch must ride the busses being provided by the school.

Graduation Performance Opportunities

Applications will be available January 17, 2012 in the House of 2012 for Seniors who would like to apply for the opportunity to speak or perform during the ceremony. Entries are due to Dr. Kolkman by February 17, 2012 for speech auditions or April 13, 2012 for music auditions.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate, a non-denominational, faith-based service for the graduating class, will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Friends and family are encouraged and welcome to attend. Seniors should report to the Main Entrance Rotunda at 6:30 p.m. You must wear your gown during this ceremony. Nice clothes must be worn under your gown. **NO** gym shoes, boots, flip-flops, etc.