Questions for the Counseling Office (Dr. Hobbes; shobbes4@bcps.org)

Transcripts
- What do we do to be able to share final transcripts with colleges and universities?
  - Final transcripts- Please list your attending college/university in Naviance. Go to ‘Colleges I am applying to’ and scroll down to ‘College that I am attending’. List the college there. We will send your final transcript during the summer when it is ready. Best of luck Seniors!!!!!

Yearbooks
- Also, when are yearbooks picked up?
  - Yearbooks will be mailed directly to you.

Questions for Class Advisors (Ms. Wright; swright7@bcps.org and Ms. Hancock; ehancock@bcps.org)

Yard Signs
- Are the yard signs available for pick up now?
  - Yes, they are coming in batches depending on when you ordered – Ms. Hancock will reach out when your yard sign is available for pickup.

Parent Sign-ups
- Are you able to include links to the signups for volunteering at the picnic and after prom party with the presentation?
  - Post Prom on 5/13: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4da5ac2da31-thspostprom?fbclid=IwAR1Uu-pYSI_gECLhr0F6GuT56V1_4oY0giBwzGUZ3ADqMh_MkNIURk6p4#/  
  - Senior Picnic on 5/19: https://signup.com/go/OezVHdU

Prom
- Is there food/dinner at the prom?
  - Yes, there will be 5 food stations including dessert served at prom
- Will we be notified if our student leaves prom early?
  - No, we will not be notifying parents if students leave early.

After-prom Party
- Where is the prom after party held?
  - The After Prom is at the Bowlero in Timonium from 11:30-1:30am

Senior Picnic
- Do parents attend senior picnic?
  - No, this is a student event but you are welcome to volunteer!

To-do List
- Where can we find the senior to-do list you showed earlier?
  - This is available in the Class of 2023 schoology group under resources and has also been emailed out by Ms. Williams

Questions for Graduation Coordinator (Ms. Falatko kfalatko@bcps.org) and Graduation AP (Ms. Bridges nbridges@bcps.org)

VLP
- I am a VLP student, is there anything additional that I do to prepare?
  - Nothing extra for VLP students. Just be sure to attend the rehearsals. You will also need to turn in your device, any textbooks you have or library books. Communicate with your school counselor if you have any questions.
Graduation Announcements

- I ordered graduation announcements. When will they be distributed? Can I pick them up now?
  - Graduation announcements are here! Students have been notified already but please encourage them to see Ms. Falatko in room 350 to be able to pick them up. Pickup through the Main Office can also be coordinated if that is easier/better.

Caps and Gowns

- How will you know if you’re going to get a cap and gown? Is there some kind of confirmation?
  - Ms. Falatko has been following up with students for those who haven’t ordered their cap and gown so no news for them is good news. If you want to confirm who is on the list, you can certainly check with her or feel free to head to the Jostens’ website where you can verify by clicking on “Order Status” at the top of the homepage.
- Are caps and gowns distributed during senior picnic?
  - No, too much potential for students to lose, misplace, spoil them.
- Are sashes/cords picked up with caps and gowns?
  - Yes, students will receive these at the first graduation practice so they can have them set for the ceremony.
- Can graduates use personalized graduation sash?
  - No, sashes are approved by BCPS and are intended to celebrate students’ achievements in their school activities.
- Is the tassel required to wear?
  - Yes, it is part of the ensemble, and the students will want to have it as part of the ceremony incorporates the moving of the tassel to indicate them taking their next steps.
- Are students allowed to decorate their caps?
  - No, students are not allowed to decorate their caps.

Tickets

- How many guests would each graduate be allowed to have at the graduation ceremony?
  - Each graduate is allocated 6 tickets. Families can indicate on the Family Needs Form if they would like more or if they intend on using fewer tickets.
- How do we collect the tickets?
  - Students will be provided with their allotted tickets on the day of the first Graduation practice along with their caps and gowns. Anyone who has been afforded extra tickets will be given specific directions to pick them up the day of Graduation at SECU Arena.
- When will we know if we are able to receive extra tickets?
  - As ticket availability will be based on expressed need (families indicating that they do not require all 6 of their allotted tickets) and student eligibility for graduation, we will be sharing information with families about additional tickets in two waves. Families will initially be notified on Friday, 5/19 of any available tickets at that point. A second round of notifications will be conducted on Friday, 5/26.

Practices

- At what time are the graduation practices on 5/30 and 5/31? And where?
  - Practices will start promptly at 7:45am and will end no later than 10:30. The first graduation practice will be held in the auditorium so upon arrival, seniors should come through the Aigburth lot entrance to the Aigburth lobby area to check in. The second graduation practice will be held on the turf field so students should report directly to the stadium. Should there be inclement weather for the second practice, the rehearsal will be held in the auditorium and students will be notified to report to the Aigburth lot lobby.
- Does the orchestra go to the graduation practices too?
  - No, orchestra students should remain in classes, especially since final exams will be commencing.

Parking

- Where would families park for graduations? Specifically, is there any handicapped parking?
Families can park in lots 4, 5, 6, and 8. Historically, lot 8 has been used for accessible parking with shuttles to and from the arena. SECU staff are working to confirm this, and further details will be shared once confirmed.

**Diplomas**

- Can a student use a preferred name on their diploma?
  - The name on the diploma is the legal name.
- Do students get their actual diploma at the ceremony?
  - Yes, they will receive it when they walk across the stage.

**Name Announcement**

- Are students’ first and middle names announced or just their first name?
  - While the diplomas will have the students’ legal name, the announcement of their names will have a bit more flexibility and it’s really whichever the student and parents/guardians would like to proceed with doing. Students can choose to have a nickname read instead of their given name (e.g., “Kimi” instead of “Kimberly”).

**Timing and Location**

- What day is graduation? What time does graduation start?
  - Graduation is on Thursday, June 1st, at 10:00 am. Students need to report by 8:30 am and they will not be eligible to process if they are not in line by 9:30 am.
- Where exactly do students report at 8:30 on graduation day please? For graduation day, will students know where to go for Towson Center at 8:30 and then how will they get to SECU Arena?
  - Students are to report to the Towson Center upon arrival and begin to find their faculty line leader. There will be signs, THS faculty members, and SECU staff to direct them upon arrival. Their faculty line leaders will lead them to the SECU Arena.
- Is the Towson Center different than SECU Arena? Is the distance walkable between the two places?
  - The Towson Center is the old arena within the same complex. Even though it is in the same building and students do not have to travel outside, there is still quite a bit of walking involved so proper footwear is crucial.
- Do parents drop off students at 8:30 am and wait until 10 am?
  - If they would like to do so, parents can certainly wait. SECU staff will accommodate them, especially if the weather is less than desirable. Should parents want to drop off their students and return at a time closer to the ceremony, they certainly can do so, but please be advised that the parking lots are quite chaotic, and it might take some maneuvering and proper planning will be necessary for on-time arrival.
- What time will they begin letting in parents/guests into SECU?
  - Parents/guests can begin entering at 9:00 am but the SECU staff is accommodating, especially given certain circumstances and accessibility needs.
- How long is the ceremony expected to take?
  - The ceremony is expected to take one hour – the goal is at the 58-minute mark, students will begin the exit processional to then meet up with their families.

**Accessibility**

- Is there seating for wheelchairs in the audience?
  - Yes, SECU staff will direct guests in wheelchairs to appropriate areas.

**Processional**

- Can they carry a phone at graduation?
  - Students may have phones if they can secure it on their person, but their hands must be kept free.

**Family Support**

- Are flowers allowed?
  - Yes, flowers are allowed.
Technology

- Will the ceremony be recorded?
  - Yes, the ceremony will be recorded, and the link will be posted on the BCPS website. Click here for last year's ceremony [https://www.bcps.org/graduation_ceremonies](https://www.bcps.org/graduation_ceremonies)