

# Nansemond River High School

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*May 10, 2017*

*Dear Parents:*

*In a few short weeks, we will celebrate another milestone in the lives of our children as they prepare to graduate from Nansemond River High School. It has been very rewarding to personally see the growth in the senior class over the past year, and I am confident that our children are well prepared for their future endeavors.*

*It has been a pleasure and honor to work with your child, and I look forward to his/her return to Nansemond River to share accomplishments and experiences while pursuing goals that have been set.*

*I want to thank you for all of your support throughout the school year and while we continue through these next few weeks toward graduation. Enclosed you will find information regarding Senior Awards Night, the Exam Schedule and Graduation Information. **Please carefully review the information provided.** As always, if I can be of any assistance, please call at 923-4101.*

*Sincerely,*

*Daniel O'Leary, Jr.  
Principal*



# NANSEMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

## SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT ATTIRE

**Senior Awards Night** at Nansemond River High School is a yearly tradition that provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate all of the remarkable accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Our senior awards night will be held on May 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Nansemond River High School.

In accordance with Nansemond River High School's high standards and in keeping with the dress code for Suffolk Public Schools (SPS), the following dress code will apply:

- 1) Young ladies should wear either:
  - a) A dress with sleeves (coordinating shawls, sweaters, or jackets must be worn with a sleeveless dress, blouse, or pantsuit). SPS policy indicates that all tops worn by students must have sleeves.
  - b) A pantsuit (coordinating shawls, sweaters, or jackets must be worn with a sleeveless dress, blouse, or pantsuit). SPS policy indicates that all tops worn by students must have sleeves.
  - c) Dress shoes or sandals with a strap are appropriate foot attire. Flip flops and tennis shoes are **NOT** allowed to be worn.
- 2) Young men must wear **dress pants and a dress shirt**. Ties can also be worn. Dress shoes are appropriate foot attire. Flip flops and tennis shoes are **NOT** allowed to be worn.
- 3) SPS policy indicates that no see-through garments are allowed.
- 4) All dresses or skirts must be an appropriate length. SPS policy states that the bottom of the skirt must be touching the longest finger of the hand with the arm extended alongside the body.
- 5) All outer garments must cover the waist and not expose the side of the body or the midriff and should be modest in nature without plunging necklines.
- 6) All pants must be worn at the waistline.
- 7) Leggings and tights are not permitted unless worn beneath an appropriate outer garment which is closer to the knee than to the hip.

**Any student that is not dressed appropriately, as deemed by administration, will not be allowed to participate in the Senior Awards Night.**

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Senior Awards Night a memorable occasion.

## **CAP AND GOWNS, HONOR CORDS, AND TASSELS**

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Jostens will be at NRHS distributing and selling cap and gowns and collecting money for honor cords and tassels. **CASH ONLY**

There is a \$15.00 fee for an honor cord and tassel. If an honor graduate only needs the cord, the cost is \$8.00, tassel only is \$8.00. Cap and Gowns are \$32.00. Jostens is accepting **CASH ONLY** for the cap and gowns, honor cords, and tassels.

## Graduation Ceremony

Graduation exercises for Nansemond River High School will be held on June 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ted Constant Convocation Center at ODU in Norfolk, VA in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Suffolk School Board.

Commencement is a special academic program sponsored by Suffolk Public Schools. The behavior demonstrated should not embarrass our guests or our school. All students are expected to maintain good behavior that is in keeping with the high standards of Nansemond River High School.

- ***Young ladies are to wear a light colored dress or a light colored blouse and skirt under their gown. Dress shoes or sandals with a strap are appropriate foot attire. Flip flops and tennis shoes are NOT allowed to be worn. Violations of the above will result in removal from the line. Due to the height of the stage and the steepness of the steps, it is strongly recommended that ladies wear flat shoes or shoes with low heels.***
- ***Young men are to wear dark dress pants, preferably black, and a white dress shirt under their gowns. Ties may also be worn. Young men are NOT allowed to wear jeans or shorts under their gown. Dress shoes are appropriate foot attire. Flip flops and tennis shoes are NOT allowed to be worn. Violations of the above will result in removal from the line.***
- ***Any student who is not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in graduation.***
- ***Academic regalia are most appropriate when worn without jewelry such as large earrings, bangles and necklaces.***
- ***Only the tassel should be attached to the cap. Also, items such as ribbons, corsages, or scarves should NOT be attached to the gown except for PLTW Medallions/Stoles, IB Medallions/Stoles, Honor Graduate Cord, Honor Society Medal/Stole, Beta Medallions/Stole Cords, ROTC Cord, or a Stole from the Pruden Center National Technical Honor Society, Nothing else may be pinned to the graduation gown, worn around the student's neck, or attached to the cap.***
- ***Balloons will NOT be allowed in the ceremony. Also, items such as flowers will NOT be allowed to be placed in graduate's seat.***
- ***GUM CHEWING is inappropriate during the Graduation Ceremony.***
- ***All financial obligations must be taken care of by May 19, 2017. Failure to do so may result in students not receiving their diploma the day of graduation.***
- ***Seniors are expected to be at The Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk, VA, by 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017. You should park in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street parking garage and enter through the student entrance of The Ted Constant Convocation Center. Please allow extra travel time, especially since it is Harbor Fest weekend in Norfolk.***
- ***Each senior will be given 15 tickets for the ceremony. If you would like to request additional tickets, please contact the school beginning May 30 – June 2.***

- *There will be a sufficient number of security personnel on hand to ensure that our program proceeds uninterrupted. Parents will **NOT** be allowed on the floor with the graduates during the ceremony. Failure to comply will result in removal from the ceremony by security personnel.*
- *Parents will enter The Ted Constant Convocation Center from the front entrance located on Hampton Boulevard and proceed up the stairs or elevator into the arena where the ceremony will be held. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup> to enter the building.*
- *At the conclusion of the ceremony, all guests are asked to exit the facility immediately after all graduates have processed and meet their graduate outside the Ted Constant Convocation Center on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street.*
- *Parking is free in the garages on 43<sup>rd</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Streets.*
- *To enter parking garage on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, you will have to turn right on to 41<sup>st</sup> Street, then left on to Monarch Way, then left on to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. **43<sup>rd</sup> Street will be blocked off at Hampton Boulevard to car traffic.***
- *For your convenience, we have included a map showing the two (2) entrances of the Ted Constant Convocation Center (Guest entrance and Senior entrance) as well as a map to navigate parking.*

*If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please feel free to call Mr. O'Leary or Mrs. Bibbo at Nansemond River High School between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 757-923-4101.*

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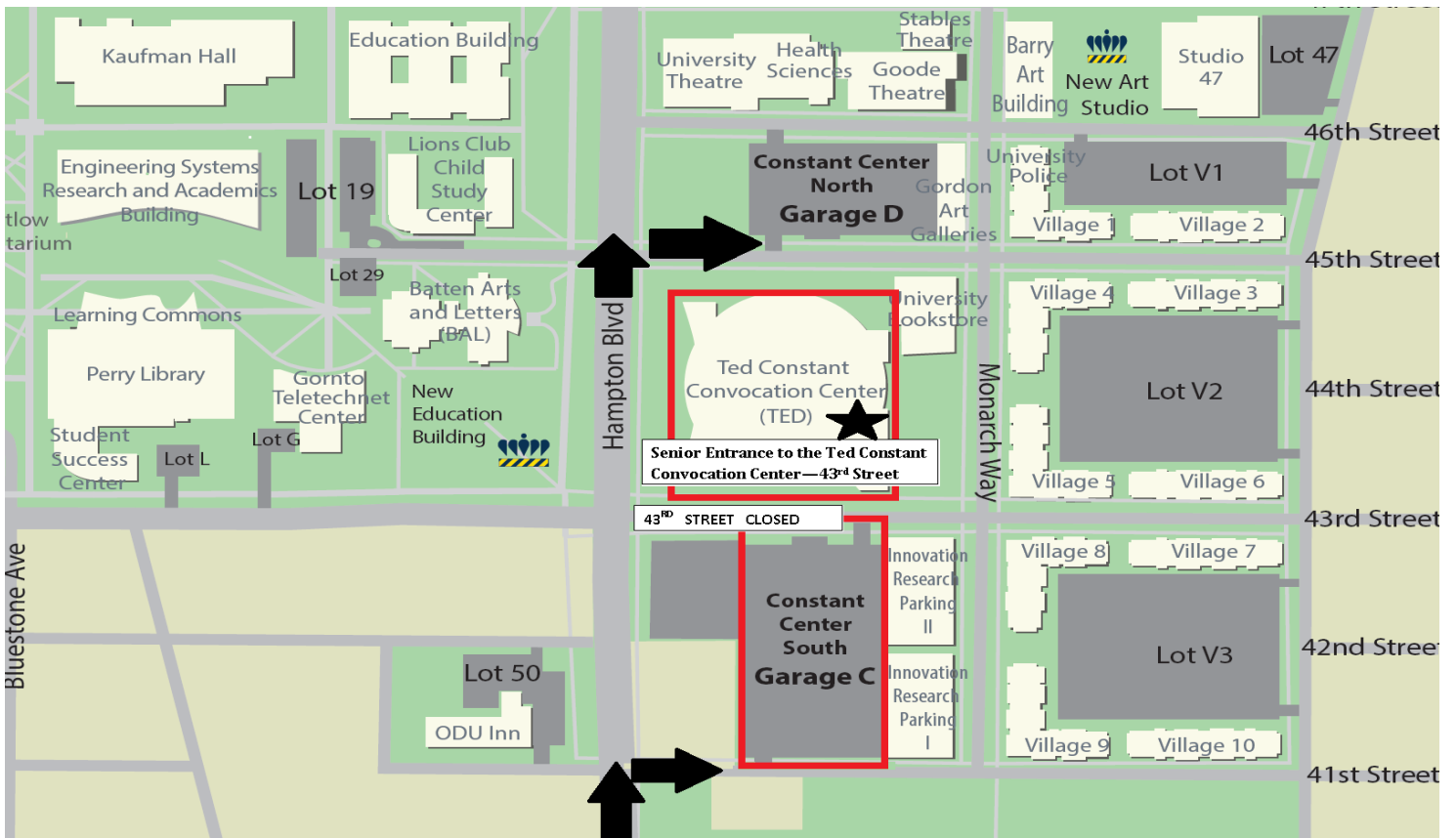


STUDENT ENTRANCE ON 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET

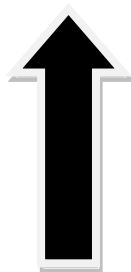
# GUEST PARKING

**Constant Center South—Garage C:** Entrance will be on 41<sup>st</sup> Street

**Constant Center North—Garage D:** Entrance will be on 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking for Guests with special assistance needs should utilize Constant Center North



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## Important Upcoming Dates

- May 19** Jostens will be at NRHS distributing and selling cap and gowns and collecting money for honor cords and tassels.  
Cap and gowns - \$32.00      Honor cords and tassels - \$15.00  
Honor cords only - \$8.00      Honor tassel only – \$8.00  
**CASH ONLY**
- May 23** Senior Awards Night and Reception – 6:30 p.m.  
(Seniors should arrive by 5:30 p.m.) (All Seniors and two guests are invited. Invitations were given to students. You must RSVP by May 13<sup>th</sup> if attending.)
- May 23-24** Senior Exam Exemptions Announced. If Seniors have a **B** average (80% or above) in a class for second semester, they are exempt from taking the final exam for that class.
- May 25** Senior Class Picture will be taken at 8:40 a.m. in the stadium at NRHS. Seniors will be called out of class.
- Senior Picnic at AMF Western Branch Lanes from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (3101 Lynnhurst Blvd. Chesapeake). Seniors will be dismissed after the Senior class picture. (Senior dues must be paid prior to the picnic in order to attend.) AMF is closed to the public. Pizza and drinks will be provided. The concession stand will be open for students to purchase other food.
- May 26** Prom – 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Virginia Air and Space Center 600 Settlers Landing Road Hampton, VA)
- May 30 – June 2** Senior Exams
- June 8** 3:30 p.m. - **Graduation Rehearsal** - Senior practice for graduation in the gym at Nansemond River High School.
- Attendance is mandatory!** Seniors will receive graduation tickets after practice. Each student will receive 15 tickets.
- June 10** **9:00 a.m. - Graduation – The Ted Constant Convocation Center at ODU in Norfolk, VA.**  
**Seniors must arrive by 7:45 a.m.**

**Seniors that will be graduating in August 2017 can participate in the Senior Awards Night and the Senior Picnic. They must attend school through June 16, 2017.**

## Senior Exam Schedule

May 30 (Tuesday)	Blocks 1 and 3: 8:25 – 10:03 and 10:08 – 11:56 Students may leave at 11:56.
May 31 (Wednesday)	Blocks 2 and 4: 8:25 – 10:03 and 10:08 – 11:56 Students may leave at 11:56.
June 1 (Thursday)	Blocks 5 and 7: 8:25 – 10:03 and 10:08 – 11:56 Students may leave at 11:56.
June 2 (Friday)	Block 6: 8:25 – 10:03 Students may leave at 10:08.
June 5 (Monday)	Make up exams with teachers – This is the only make-up day. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!</b>

### **Final grades are due June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

\*Seniors in mixed grade level classes will follow the same exam schedule, but they will take their exams with the designated teachers listed below:

Mr. Lawson (room 129) will administer exams for seniors in mixed grade level classes for: English, Career and Technical Education, and Foreign Language.

Mr. Gordon (room 204) will administer exams for seniors in mixed grade level classes for: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Fine Arts.

***If Seniors have a B average (80% or above) in a class for second semester, they are exempt from taking the final exam for that class.***

Seniors will find out on May 23 and May 24 if they are exempt from their final exam. If Seniors are exempt from an exam, they **do not** have to attend school **for that class.**