

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

April 2023

2023 Graduation Ceremonies

Sunday, June 11, 2023 – PPL Center – 1:00 p.m.

Graduation Information Website

www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information

Wednesday, May 31

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Senior Academic Awards will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Baker Hall at Zoellner Events Center at Lehigh University. You will receive an invitation to the ceremony if you are a recipient of an award.

Friday, June 9

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Compulsory For Everyone. All students are to report to the PPL Center promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023. It is **mandatory** that all students attend practice. Any student who is unable to attend practice must contact Mrs. Guarriello by Tuesday, May 30 before 3:00 p.m. Any updates regarding graduation practice will be sent out to seniors via *Schoology*.

Sunday, June 11

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Seniors must report to the Air Products Gate (located on 7th St.) of the PPL Center. Seniors should arrive between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for a security check. You are only permitted to bring car keys and a cell phone into the venue with you. **Caps and gowns are required for all graduates.** Caps may not be decorated. Only National Honor Society stoles, honor grad medals or military stoles may be worn with your gown. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the ceremony. Do not wear jeans, sneakers, flip flops, other casual attire. Seniors who are unable to attend Commencement must contact Mrs. Guarriello, in writing, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2. The ceremony will be live-streamed. The link can be located on the Athletics and Activities web page. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. for guests.

Thursday, June 8

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Caps and gowns will be distributed to the seniors in the Cafeteria on Thursday, June 8, beginning at 11:00 AM. **Seniors will not be able to receive these until all unsettled obligations (financial, discipline, unreturned books, or other school materials) have been resolved.** More details, including the collection of school materials, debt resolution, and cap and gown pick-up, will be sent out via *Schoology* in late May. Graduation cap and gowns do not need to be returned and are yours as a personal memento of this special day.

Monday, June 12

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diplomas will be distributed on Monday, June 12. Graduates must report to the EHS Auditorium between **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** to pick up their diploma.

GENERAL INFORMATION

GRADUATION TICKETS – Ticketing will be done electronically by the PPL Center two weeks prior to graduation. Each graduate will receive ten (10) graduation tickets. Tickets will be sent to your school-issued email account.

SEATING AT GRADUATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES/WHEELCHAIRS. – Upon arrival at the PPL Center, please locate a PPL staff usher. They will guide you to the section. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR THOSE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Please contact the Student Activities Office @ 610-965-1670 by May 19 if you or a person in your group is hearing impaired and needs seating in view of a sign language interpreter.

SENIOR BALL – The Senior Ball will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. at The Palace Center in Allentown. The **LAST** day for ticket purchase is the end of the school day on **Friday, April 21.** If a senior is bringing a non-EHS guest, the necessary paperwork is due April 19. For more information, please contact your class advisors Mrs. Furry at lfurry@eastpennsd.org or Mrs. DiDona at ddidona@eastpennsd.org

UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS AND OUTSTANDING DISCIPLINE TIME – All outstanding debts need to be resolved by Friday, May 26. Payment may be brought to the Main Office and settled by cash, money order, or certified check. You must also resolve all outstanding detention time **before graduation.** See your Assistant Principal, for details.

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH COMPETITION – The competition is open to all seniors, including all LCTI students. Interested students should contact Mr. Speicher at (sspeicher@eastpennsd.org) or Ms. DiDona at (ddidona@eastpennsd.org) by **Friday, April 28, 2023** to schedule a time to audition. **Auditions will be held on or around May 4, 2023.**

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM COVER COMPETITION – The cover competition is open to all seniors. If you are interested in designing the cover for the 2023 Commencement program, please contact Mrs. DeJohn, sdejohn@eastpennsd.org in the Activities Office. **The deadline to submit your design will be Friday, April 21, 2023.**

WEBSITE – Please view www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information to obtain up-to-the minute graduation information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact The Student Activities Office at 610-965-1670.

SENIOR YARD SIGNS – The EPSD Education Foundation yard signs can be ordered at [Order your 2023 Senior Sign TODAY!](#) Sale ends May 15. Signs can be picked up at EHS on May 23 from 8:00 – noon or May 25 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Door #8.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Photographers from Christmas City Studio will be at the EHS commencement ceremony to photograph each graduate during their special moment of recognition. Within 5 days of the ceremony, every parent/guardian of a graduate will receive an email with instructions to view their images, and to place an order if they'd like. Orders will be mailed directly home. If you have questions about your image and it's been more than 5 days since the ceremony, call 610-691-2109 or email customerservice@christmascitystudio.com. Anyone wishing not to be photographed, please contact the Student Activities Office at 610-965-1670.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PIN - Please visit the graduation website www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information for the activity pin information. The instructions and worksheet will be available on the website until May 12, 2023. If you qualify, you will receive your pin with your cap and gown.