

GRADUATION 2023 INFORMATION

❖ DUE DATES:

- **6/2 LAST SHEET OF PACKET IS DUE**
- **6/3 Alumni Banquet**
- **6/8 Senior Event After School 3:00 P.M.**
- **6/9 Senior Walk at BES 9:45 AM**
- **6/21 Graduation rehearsal**
- **6/21 Baccalaureate Ceremony**
- **6/23 GRADUATION!!!!!** 🎓

❖ WHAT YOU NEED TO WEAR

❖ WHERE YOU NEED TO BE AND WHEN

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

PACKETS DUE - handed in to Ms. Day	ALUMNI BANQUET w/ INTRO OF CLASS OF 2023	PICK UP CAP & GOWN (and yearbooks)	SENIOR WALK AT BES 9:45 AM	MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL -	BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY	<u>GRADUATION</u> 🎓
June 2nd	June 3rd Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY 6:00-8:00	June 8th @ 3:00 p.m. in cafeteria	June 9th - bus transportati on to BES at 9:30 a.m.	June 21st 11:00 am.	June 21st 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 15 N Main St, Berlin, NY 12022 Pastor RJ Snyder	June 23rd 7:00 p.m. -seniors report by 6:30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATION 2022

Friday, June 2nd - Last page of the packet needs to be completed and handed in to Ms. Day.

Thursday, June 8— Seniors may pick up caps and gowns at the senior event at 3:00 p.m. Please take it home and HANG IT UP! Do not leave it in the package as it will look awful when you need it.

Friday, June 9 - Senior Walk at BES - please bring your cap and gown to school today to wear it as you will be walking through the halls of BES to say goodbye to many of the staff and faculty that were there for you at the beginning! A bus will pick you up at the MS/HS and transport you to BES and then bring you back again.

Wednesday, June 21 - Graduation rehearsal 11:00 a.m. - this is a walk through so that you will know where to go and when. (Please let Ms. Day know if you have any conflicts with this time a.s.a.p.) Live stream details will be shared on the district web page and on district Facebook page.

Wednesday, June 21 - Baccalaureate ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church
15 N Main St, Berlin, NY 12022 Pastor RJ Snyder

1. Wear gowns (**PLEASE IRON GOWNS**) no caps or tassels.
2. Please arrive by 6:15 p.m.

WHAT IS BACCALAUREATE?

Baccalaureate is a centuries-old religious graduation tradition that started in England, but in the United States, the term generally refers to a non-denominational ceremony held a few days before high school or college graduation. Baccalaureate ceremonies offer a quieter, more intimate opportunity to pause and reflect on this rite of passage, hear faculty members offer advice to the graduating class and enjoy the musical talents of family and friends.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Graduation rehearsal will take place **11:00-12:00** at the High School on the soccer field. **Rehearsal is mandatory.** Any problems should be cleared with Ms. Day one week prior to practice. All obligations and excuses must be taken care of by **Wednesday, June 15th**.

★ Please wear your graduation shoes to rehearsal.

- **Each student will be guaranteed 8 guest tickets* for graduation. (You must bring your own chairs for the outdoor ceremony)** Additional tickets may be given out if there are extras. Tickets are important in case we have to move the ceremony indoors due to inclement weather.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

Graduation will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the lower soccer field.

1. Parking lot opens up at 6:15. There will be a shuttle bus to transport people from the Berlin Town Complex to the school for the ceremony and back again after the ceremony. Line up at 6:50 at the back of the Graduation seating area.
2. All guests need to be seated by 7:00 p.m.
3. This event is being live streamed and there will be a lot of pictures taken, this makes #4 extremely important.
4. **Please dress appropriately!** No jeans, shorts, or flip-flops and if you're wearing a white gown, just know that it shows what you're wearing underneath.
5. Tassels are worn on the **right side**. Tassels will be turned as a group after everyone has received their diplomas. If you have multiple tassels, you may wear them all.
6. Caps are worn level, slightly forward, not tilted back. Caps may be decorated tastefully. Inappropriate decorations will be removed.
7. No gum chewing. No tobacco chewing.
8. Remain seated with your guests until you hear the name of the first person in your row.
9. Guests will be seated beginning at 6:15 p.m.
10. **Please, do not embarrass yourself, or your parents and guests. The ceremony is being live streamed. Any inappropriate behavior and you will be asked to leave.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Final transcript destination must be given to Mrs. Demick in the Guidance Office by June 17th.

Let the Guidance Office know of any awards or scholarships that you have already received as soon as possible, so they can be announced at the **Academic Awards Ceremony on June 14th.**

Reminder: Send letters of thanks for awards. When you are established at college, write to the Business Office to receive your scholarship money.

The diploma folders on Graduation day will include Regents diplomas and vocational certificates, if awarded.

Return this form to Ms. Day no later than **June 2, 2023**

Graduate's name _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone number _____ email _____

Please check one as it relates to the student and their attendance at graduation:

_____ I will be participating in ceremony _____ I **will not** be participating in ceremony

Tickets: Each student is guaranteed 8 guest tickets

_____ Number of additional tickets needed (**IF AVAILABLE**)

_____ I need special seating for wheelchair (this means you'll be on an end)

If the ceremony is moved indoors, you will still have 8 tickets but do not need to bring chairs.

Graduates will report to the gymnasium for line up.

Baccalaureate Ceremony – Wednesday, June 21, 2023 June 21st 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 15 N Main St, Berlin, NY 12022 Pastor RJ Snyder

You may participate by singing, playing an instrument, or reading something or if you just have a message you would like to share with your classmates or the honorees.

Graduate:

_____ I am interested in attending _____ I am interested in *participating*

Family/Parent

_____ Number planning to attend _____ I am interested in *participating*

If you have any questions—please contact Karen Day at 658-1500 ext. 1134 or by email:

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