

Urbandale Senior High School

Class of 2015

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Senior Calendar

- Wednesday, April 8 Teachers will nominate graduation speakers
- Friday, April 18 Baby & senior pictures are due for the senior photo display.
- Tuesday, April 21 Seniors will vote for graduation speakers
- Thursday, April 30 Senior clearance forms available in Library
- Saturday, May 2 Prom – Forte Conference Center, 8:30-11:30 p.m.
- Sat-Sun, May 2 & 3 Post-Prom Celebration, UHS
- Friday, May 15 Last day to pay for Senior Luncheon
- Tuesday, May 19 Last full class day for seniors
- Wednesday, May 20 Senior Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn – Cost \$15.00
- Wednesday, May 20 Senior Awards Program, PAC, 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 21 Graduation rehearsal – UHS South Gym 9:00 a.m.
Final check-out for seniors, South Gym, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 21 Voluntary Baccalaureate Service, South Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 26 Commencement, Knapp Center, 7:00 p.m.

Important Announcements

School regulations will be in effect at all year-end activities. The conduct of seniors during the last weeks of school could alter their privilege of participation in any of the senior activities, including the graduation ceremony. *Also, Seniors who do not meet expectations for behavior during the closing weeks of their high school career may be required to be at school on days they otherwise would not be expected to attend.* Urbandale High School does not recognize a senior skip day.

Junior-Senior Prom and Post-Prom Celebration

Prom is scheduled for the Forte Conference Center, 615 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015. The Post-Prom Celebration is scheduled for May 2nd from 11:00 p.m. through May 3rd, 4:30 a.m. at Urbandale High School. Tickets will be \$40.00 per couple / \$20.00 single.

Last Full Day of Classes Tuesday, May 19th, 2015

The last full day of classes for seniors is Tuesday, May 19th, 2015. Seniors are to attend class like any other day.

Senior Awards Program Wednesday, May 20th, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Seniors who have won recognition will be invited to this awards program. Students should dress nicely for this program. Seniors will be called forward on-stage for their respective awards. This program usually lasts from one and one-half to two hours.

Senior Luncheon Wednesday, May 20th, 2015 11:30 a.m.

Reservations to this event will be taken in room 105 or 227. Hilton Garden Inn is located at 8600 Northpark Drive, Johnston. **A strict dress code is enforced at the luncheon: no hats, jeans, shorts, sandals, denim or t-shirts.** Boys must wear a collared shirt. Cost for the luncheon is \$15.00.

Final Senior Activities Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Thursday, May 21st - Seniors are to report to the south gym at 9:00 a.m. Students are to have completed all academic obligations by that time. The schedule for that morning is the following:

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Graduation rehearsal – UHS South Gym (details below)
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Final checkout for seniors - South Gym

Graduation Rehearsal Thursday May 21st, 2015 9:00 a.m.

We will be conducting a graduation rehearsal in the **South Gym of Urbandale High School** on Thursday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m. **Attendance at graduation rehearsal is mandatory.**

Final Checkout. As an entire class, the seniors will receive any honor cords they have earned, and caps and gowns. ***Students should try on their caps and gowns immediately for appropriate sizing and any pre-ceremony adjustments.*** White honor cords are given to National Honor Society members. **Yellow honor cords are given to seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above.**

Seniors will work through final clearance with the counselors, activities department, office staff, manager of disciplinary obligations, and principals. All fees, fines, and disciplinary obligations must be completed prior to the ceremony in order for students to enjoy the privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony. All of the school personnel will be in one location so checkout will be efficient and effective. The checkout events typically take around an hour and one-half.

Tickets to Graduation: Tickets will not be necessary at this year's graduation as the Knapp Center has a capacity of nearly 6000.

Baccalaureate Service **Thursday, May 21st, 2015** **7:00 p.m.**

Baccalaureate is a voluntary event. Students should wear caps, gowns, and honor cords to the service. Seniors should meet in the North Gymnasium by 6:30 p.m. for final instructions. The service is usually concluded in about an hour.

Commencement **Knapp Center on the Drake University Campus, 2601 Forest Ave, DSM**
Tuesday, May 26th, 2015 **7:00 p.m.**

Students should arrive at the Bell Center (located just west of and attached to the Knapp Center – the entrance is on 27th St.) **no later than 6:15 p.m.** Students should wear caps, gowns, and honor cords for the ceremony. Doors to the Bell Center will be open, *only students will be admitted in to the Bell Center*. Doors to the Knapp Center will open to the public at 6:00 p.m.

Graduation Day Specifics:

Caps and Gowns: The cap should be worn flat, not at an angle, two fingers width above the brow. We recommend that girls wear dresses, skirts and blouses, and black or dark dress shoes. Boys should wear slacks, shirt, tie, and black or dark dress shoes. No corsages or boutonnieres are to be worn on the gown.

Knapp Center Doors: Will open to the public at 6:00 p.m. Handicapped seating will also be available in the balcony.

Graduates: Students are to report to the **Bell Center** (attached to the Knapp Center just to the west –(the entrance is on 27th St.) no later than 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26th.

Seniors will line up in the Bell Center lobby by 6:30 p.m. The seniors will begin their procession into the Knapp Center at exactly 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will include the following activities: The Pledge of Allegiance, welcome and introductions of ceremony participants, recognition of all UHS alumni, a brief ceremony for retiring staff members, Academic Recognition Awards (for students who finish their careers with cumulative grade point averages of 3.75 or better), senior graduation speeches, a performance by the vocal music students, and the conferring of diplomas.

Photographs: Jolesch Photography has been contracted to take photographs of each senior for later purchase, if desired. **We ask family members and friends to remain in their seats during the ceremonies.** Photographic proofs and information will be mailed directly to your home, they can also be viewed at www.jolesch.com. During the ceremony seniors will receive a diploma cover only. Diplomas are received after the ceremony.

Audience Decorum: **We strongly urge family and friends not to clap, yell, or cheer during the ceremony so that everyone will be able to hear the names being announced.** At the conclusion of the ceremony, all spectators should remain standing until all of the seniors have exited the Knapp Center.

Cap and Gown Turn in: Graduates will return to the Bell Center after the ceremonies (and after pictures if they choose) to turn in their cap and gown at the appropriate spot. ***ONLY GRADUATES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BELL CENTER.*** When the graduate has presented his or her rental gown and cap to the senior sponsor, s/he will be presented with the actual diploma and final report card.

Obtaining Final Transcripts

Most universities expect a final transcript for each admitted student prior to that student's college course registration during the summer. Requests for such transcripts will be made on the senior checkout sheet. We would appreciate all the assistance we can get with timely transcript requests and accurate addresses. Office staff will be available to assist students and parents during much of the summer.

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate you all. The Class of 2015 has demonstrated outstanding leadership in our classrooms and in our activities. You have made us proud with your sportsmanship and your responsibility to The J-Hawk Way. I know that you are happy to move on with your lives, and, oh, The Places You Will Go (Suess). I'm happy for you, too, but always know that whatever the future holds for you, there will always be a special place in my heart for the UHS Class of 2015.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Coppess
Principal