

Dear Parents and Seniors:

Congratulations on the upcoming graduation! We hope this letter and accompanying information will answer questions you may have about this special event.

- York High School's 2017 graduation ceremony is **Friday, June 16 at NOON at William and Mary Hall on the campus of The College of William and Mary. Students are asked to be present no later than 11:00 AM dressed in the specified attire. All seniors and guests enter from the front entrance to be vetted by WM security. Seniors will continue to go downstairs where staff will check in seniors.** Only graduates are allowed downstairs during line-up and on the floor.
  - Remember that it is summer and Busch Gardens is open. The interstate may be congested; please remind your senior to allow enough time to arrive at **11 AM** safely.
- On **Tuesday, June 13 at 11:30 am**, we require all seniors to be present for a mandatory graduation rehearsal in the auditorium from 11:30am-2:00pm. We ask that you please assist by ensuring that students schedule all appointments or work obligations for after 2 pm.

**The following items are important to know for parents and students:**

Graduation is the culmination of your graduate's elementary and secondary educational experiences, and a time to recognize your senior's achievement. Everyone should behave respectfully and appropriately so each parent and each senior's family can hear his/her name as that senior walks across the stage. It is a proud moment each family should be able to experience.

- Students are expected to meet all financial obligations and return all school materials before graduation practice on Tuesday, June 13. Please contact Mrs. Bolden in the main office for questions and to make payments.
- Graduates are to follow the York County dress code as stated in the Graduation Attire letter.
- Graduation Attire is a separate letter and will be posted on the Y-Line and school website, delivered by phone message, and given to seniors to bring home in the May bulletin.
- Graduates should not talk, "hoot", eat, and/or chew gum during the ceremony.
- Graduates may not have cameras, cell phones, handbags, noise makers/distractors on their person during the line-up downstairs or during the graduation ceremony.
- Parents and Guests-Admission to graduation is by ticket only. Each graduate has been given 25 tickets to give to guests. Escort small children to the lobby, when necessary.
- Parents and Guests are asked to dress appropriately for this auspicious ceremony.
- Parents and Guests-Only the official photographers will be allowed on the main floor to take pictures during the ceremony.

- Handicapped Seating and Parking: Complete the Handicapped form found on the school website, in the front office, or distributed by Mrs. B to seniors.
  - Print and complete the Handicapped Seating form on the school webpage. Return it to the front office/Mrs. B **with the exact number of tickets stapled to the form**. Return the form to Mrs. B by May 22, 2017.
- Mrs. B will distribute the handicapped parking passes at the end of practice on June 13.

We wish for this to be a special day for you and your family and look forward to celebrating with you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [mbecouvarakis@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:mbecouvarakis@ycsd.york.va.us). Again, congratulations on your son or daughter's achievement!

With Regards,  
 Dr. Shannon Butler, Principal  
 Mrs. Marina Becouvarakis, Senior Advisor

**FYI: Official graduation attire mandatory for: *Class Day Senior Breakfast and the Graduation Ceremony*. You will be asked to change into appropriate attire before you can participate. All clothing MUST MEET YCSD DRESS CODE.**

<b>Dress Code: MEN</b>	<b>NO</b>
Dark slacks (black, navy, or dark grey)	khakis shorts
Light colored dress shirt and appropriate tie	
Dark dress shoes	boat or tennis shoes work boots or flip flops nothing casual
	Hats, cameras, or phones are allowed on the graduation floor. Do not bring them downstairs.
Empty out all pockets	

<b>Dress Code: Women</b>	<b>NO</b>
Appropriate dress of any color not longer than the gown	maxis or High/Low
<b>Dark</b> dress suit with light colored blouse.	khakis or light linen shorts
Dark or nude/light colored dress shoes Flats are fine.	casual footwear or flip flops gladiator sandals or boots
Appropriate jewelry	
	Purses, cameras, phones etc are allowed on graduation floor. Do not bring them downstairs.