

## *Narrows High School*

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Dear Class of 2009 Parent(s):

The 2008-2009 school year is coming to a close and the 2009 Narrows High School Graduation Ceremony is quickly approaching. In order to help your family plan for this important event, I am providing you with the following information:

1. Participation in the Senior Awards & Scholarship Ceremony: All graduating seniors must attend the Senior Awards and Scholarship Ceremony on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Ceremony begins at 6:30 and **seniors should report to the Band Room in caps and gowns at 6:15 pm. Attendance at this event is mandatory.**
2. Participation in Graduation Ceremony: Giles County School Board policy states, “. . . **only those students in good standing and those students who actually completed the necessary requirements for graduation shall participate in graduation ceremonies.**” Those seniors whose grades are marginal and need to pass either the 6<sup>th</sup> grading period and/or the exam in order to earn credit in a class or classes **may not know whether they can participate in graduation until final grades are averaged.**
3. Settlement of all outstanding financial obligations: In order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, **students must have cleared all school obligations.** All fines, fees, uniforms, etc. must be paid or returned by **Tuesday, June 5, 2009.**
4. Decision to hold Graduation indoors due to inclement weather: Graduation will take place at Ragsdale Field at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 12, 2009. **In the event of inclement weather however, Graduation will take place in the Narrows High School auditorium at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 12, 2009.** Should Graduation be held in the auditorium, seating will be limited. **Each graduating senior, therefore, will receive six (6) tickets for family members to attend the ceremony.** If the weather forecast predicts bad weather, the decision to move Graduation indoors will be made by **Thursday, June 11, 2009.**
5. Appropriate Dress and Behavior for Graduates: Graduation is a solemn, formal occasion that marks a milestone in your son's/daughter's life. As such, proper dress honors the graduate's accomplishment and maintains the integrity of the ceremony. Graduating men are expected to wear dress slacks, a collared shirt, and dress shoes. Graduating women are expected to wear an appropriate dress or shirt and skirt with dress shoes. **Graduates will not be permitted to wear shorts, T-shirts, athletic shoes, flip flops, sandals, or sunglasses. Graduates violating this dress code will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.** Please be advised that the Narrows High School dress code will be enforced and graduates should consult their Student Handbooks for details on decency and appropriateness. As at all school functions, appropriate behavior is expected.

Narrows High School appreciates your cooperation in helping to make the 2009 Graduation Ceremony a special event. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Rex Gearheart,  
NHS Principal