



# Eastern Technical High School

Class of 2019

April, 2019

## PLEASE READ THIS ! Essential Information- UPDATE

Careful examination of this essential information will assist you in understanding the expectations that we have for all graduating seniors.

**Please note: All Baltimore County Policies and Procedures will be in effect at every school function whether on school grounds and/or at events being held elsewhere. A suspension during senior year MAY prevent participation in important senior year events including commencement ceremonies.**

- The last official day of school for seniors is **Friday, May 24, 2019.**
- Graduation for the Eastern Technical High School Class of 2019 is May 28, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Towson University SECU Arena.
- Attendance at certain Eastern Tech senior events is **mandatory**. Seniors will not participate in commencement from the stage if they are absent from **ANY** of the mandatory attendance events that help prepare our graduates for the commencement ceremony.
- Please Note This Important Detail: **For all ceremonies, graduation caps (mortar board) MAY NOT contain ANY decorations.**
- Signed parental permission is required for students opting out of graduation activities (senior farewell and/or commencement ceremony), due by May 1 to the graduation coordinators.
- All fines and obligations (books, uniforms, dues, and fees) need to be satisfied by **May 15, 2019 by 2:00** or you will not be permitted to participate in commencement exercises on May 28, 2019.(ALL Senior "Surveys" on Naviance will be considered obligations until completed. Senior surveys will be completed during class-time in April/May when counselors visit classes)
- **Graduation Speakers:** One student speaker will be the Valedictorian -the student who is ranked Number 1 in the senior class. Two additional seniors will have the opportunity to be speakers at graduation. If you are interested in speaking at graduation you must submit your written speech-not to exceed 300 words (or 2 minutes-speaking) to Ms. Murphy in the counseling office **before April 24th**. A committee of ET faculty and staff will make the final decision on the graduation speaker.

### Class of 2019,

This is an exciting and busy time. You and your family are about to share some very special experiences that should provide fond memories for years to come.

**Each graduating senior will be provided 6 tickets for graduation. These tickets will be distributed when students receive their caps and gowns.**

**\*\*Please note that NO additional tickets will be available.**



- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** If you believe that you have earned perfect attendance, meaning you have not missed any days of school for senior year or for all four years of high school or longer, please see Ms. Carey, Counseling Secretary, in the School Counseling Office before May 1, 2019 for verification.
- Josten's was at Eastern Tech on October 17 and October 18 for cap/gown/tassel orders. Graduation Gowns will be distributed at Eastern Tech during the week of senior finals in May 2019. Seniors will receive their graduation tickets, graduation regalia, seating and "line up" assignments at that time. ALL financial/other obligations must be met in order for these items to be distributed. **Please note that graduation caps (aka: Mortar Board) MAY NOT be decorated.**
- The Senior Farewell Assembly is the opportunity for us to recognize those seniors who have earned scholarships, awards and/or other recognitions. This event is a **mandatory event** to be attended by every senior. ONLY Parents of Seniors receiving an award or recognition will receive 2 adult tickets. Seniors will wear their graduation gowns for this event, Business-Casual dress is required and graduation gowns must remain zipped at all times. (graduation caps are NOT required for this assembly).

The Senior Farewell  
Thursday, May 23, 2019

8:30 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m.

Location: Eastern Technical High School Gym-1

***\*\*Only seniors receiving an award or recognition will receive two adult guest tickets in order for parents to attend the Farewell Assembly.***

**Senior Prom** May 18, 2019 at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel on Dulaney Valley Road in Towson. The time for the prom is 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. Ticket sale begin April 24th and end May 3rd. Tickets purchased early between April 24-26 will be eligible for a free gift (while supplies last). Tickets are \$30.00 each. This week, seniors will be receiving information regarding a required presentation they must watch, along with their parents/guardians. Seniors and their parents/guardians will need to sign and complete an acknowledgement form stating they have viewed and agree to the content of the presentation. This completed form must be turned in when seniors purchase their prom tickets.

- Obligations must be met in order tickets to be purchased.
- Information about **After Prom**, sponsored by the PTSA will be shared at a later date.
- **Graduation Rehearsal** is Wednesday, **May 22, 2019** from **8 am until 11 am in the Eastern Tech gym**. Seniors are required to attend this mandatory **commencement practice at Eastern Tech**. Please keep that date and time clear as your attendance at this practice is **mandatory**. You are NOT expected to wear graduation gowns for practice.
- Eastern Tech Commencement is May 28, 2019 Graduates must report to **Towson SECU-arena by 1:30 p.m.**, on Tuesday, May 28 2019. Commencement begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Graduates should wear their gowns and **UNDECORATED caps** and should leave all other belongings with parents/relatives as graduates will not have access to return to the staging area. There will be handicapped seating in the SECU arena and handicapped parking available. Please contact graduation coordinators if hearing-impaired (sign language) interpreter is needed for family members/guests. More information will follow regarding commencement. Including a map of Towson University campus and parking.

**Principal:**

Ms. C. Michelle Anderson

**Assistant Principals:**

Dr. Catherine Bowes

Ms. Susan Ensor

Mr. Stephen Stevens

**Class of 2018 Sponsors:**

Ms. Jen Brager

Ms. Erin Dorsey

**School Counselors:**

Mr. Goolsby-Cole

Ms. Beth Command

Ms. Kathy Lavery

Ms. Donna Murphy

**Graduation Coordinators:**

Ms. Kathy Lavery

Ms. Donna Murphy

**For More Information**

If you or your parents have any questions concerning senior activities, please contact the Class of 2019 sponsors, Ms. Brager and/or Ms. Dorsey. For questions regarding Graduation or Senior Farewell, please contact the graduation coordinators/school counselors; Ms. Lavery and Ms. Murphy. Best wishes for a successful and safe completion of senior year.