



F A R M I N G T O N H I G H S C H O O L

To the Parents and Graduates of 2024:

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024 will be graduating on Sunday, June 9th, at 2:00 P.M. **NO Tickets are required for admittance.** This ceremony represents the fulfillment of a major goal for your student. We are extremely proud of this year's graduation class and eager to ensure that their graduation day will be a memorable occasion. We request that seniors approach commencement with a serious and purposeful manner.

We believe strongly that all of our students should be able to fully participate in all of our graduation activities, regardless of their ability to pay. If participation in any of the activities described below presents an undue financial burden, please contact principal Chris Meussner so that we can help.

In keeping with an educational tradition dating back more than 300 years, it is important that we all contribute to the dignity, solemnity and respect for the ceremony. We ask for your help in maintaining the dignity of the ceremony by observing the following traditions:

- Students traditionally wear semi formal clothes under their gowns.
- All graduates are reminded that the academic graduation cap and gown cannot be decorated or altered.
- It is customary to stand during the processional. Please remain standing during the recessional as the graduates exit the arena.
- Personal pictures should be taken prior to commencement. Please do not leave your seat to take pictures during the ceremony. A professional photographer will take a photo of each student receiving their diploma and contact you for purchase of photos.
- Hold all applause until all graduates have received their diplomas. It is important that each and every family be able to hear the name of their graduate. Also, remember that graduation is a dignified event. **Please do not bring any noise makers.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, we would like to stress our continued emphasis on safety and alcohol avoidance. As you plan graduation parties in celebration of a very joyous time, keep in mind both your legal liability and moral obligation to ensure a safe celebration, free of potential danger. Information regarding the Senior All Night Party will be mailed to all seniors. It's a great evening and many seniors attend each year. Thank you for your assistance. **Volunteers are needed!**

All of us at Farmington High School wish to extend our congratulations to you and to your graduate for having successfully reached this level of educational achievement. We hope this event will be one to remember.

Sincerely,

FHS Administrators and Counselors



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FHS ensures that their procedures do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or disability.

Schedule for the Senior Class of 2024 Activities

Thursday, May 23, 2024 - Last Full Day and Senior Sunset

This will be seniors' last day to attend classes (full day). Families are welcome to join us in the FHS student parking lot at 2:00 P.M. for our annual "clap-out," as seniors exit the building.

Seniors are also invited to come back to the student parking lot at 8:30 P.M. for our annual Senior Sunset. This event is for current FHS seniors only. Students will only be allowed on the field. Please no family or friends.

Friday, May 24, 2024 - Senior Breakfast and MANDATORY Graduation Walkthrough

Senior breakfast will be provided by the PTSA, the distribution of caps and gowns, along with graduation practice and farewell in the Cafeteria/Auditorium at 8:00 A.M. Please note that any obligations you may have (with a teacher/media center/etc) should be cleared up by this date or you will not be able to participate in graduation. **Please keep all personal belongings at home or in your car since the cafeteria will not be available to seniors after practice.**

Thursday, May 30 – Prom 2024 - "The Great Gatsby" - Your class council and school staff certainly hope that you will enjoy this memorable occasion. It is important, however, that all prom participants observe and understand the rules. The prom will be considered a closed event. Anyone leaving the prom will not be allowed to return. Please make sure that you bring all of your necessary items into the prom with you, i.e., phones, keys, money, etc. Please note that those over the age of 20 are prohibited. **No students will be admitted after 7:45 P.M.**

Tickets will be on sale **April 29 - May 3** in room 521 after school. Tickets will cost \$50/person **CASH ONLY!** Guests are allowed and are required to have a completed guest pass turned into the FHS Main Office prior to purchasing their prom tickets. Guest passes can be obtained in the FHS Main Office or online. In order to purchase tickets, all obligations must be met.

No Alcoholic Beverages, No Vaping...

State law and school policy prohibit alcoholic beverages, vaping and other drugs to minors at school events. Consumption of alcohol or drugs will result in removal from the event, loss of graduation ceremony privileges and/or consequences with the law. Items such as purses, coats, etc. may be subject to investigation. Chaperones will be monitoring all of the geographic areas of the prom site, such as the table areas and restrooms. Police officers will be in attendance at the prom.

The Masonic Temple is the site of your Senior Prom. We are guests at this location, therefore students are responsible for following the rules of The Masonic Temple. **The Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Street, Detroit, MI 48201.**

The Masonic Temple Senior Prom Dress Code:

- Ladies, if you plan to remove your shoes, bring flats to change into.
- Gentlemen must keep their shoes on and their shirts on and buttoned.

Wednesday, June 5 – Reflections 2024 – This program is in the evening

During this program, senior class history will be showcased, along with awards and recognition of outstanding achievement during their time here at Farmington High. Parents are welcome.

- 6:00 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. - Cap and gown, tassel, FHS medallion and honor/community service cords distribution.
- 6:45 P.M. – Start lining up seniors in place for their processional.
- 7:00 P.M. – Processional into the auditorium

Every senior participant should wear a cap, gown and medallion as they will be seated in a graduate section.

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – Graduation Ceremonies - 2:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M. Commencement at USA Hockey Arena. USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Rd, Plymouth Twp., MI 48170
USA Hockey Arena is a very large facility and tickets are not needed to attend graduation. Seating is on a first come basis and there is no charge or limit on the number of guests.

Seniors must arrive no later than 1:15 P.M. and line up. Staff will assist in getting students in the proper order. Should there be a mix-up in diplomas, exchange them directly after commencement. **(There will be no opportunity to take pictures at this time.)** A professional photographer will take pictures of each graduate as he/she receives their diploma.

Cap and Gown Protocol....

The Gown

The gown should be pressed and placed on a hanger between exercises. Gowns are worn closed and zippered. For further information regarding this please contact 734.699.4757 or online at www.highschool.herffjones.com.

The Cap and Tassel

Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortar board is level, with the long point to the back. The front point should be well down on the forehead. It is customary to drape the tassel over the **right** side of the cap. Graduates will be instructed to move their tassels to the **left** side of their cap during the ceremony. National Honor Society members will be designated by a gold tassel.

The FHS Medallion

There is a blue and white strapped silver FHS medallion included in the cap and gown package. Don't forget to wear it at Reflections and Graduation!

Honor Cords/Community Service

Honor students (3.0-3.49 G.P.A.) will wear a light blue cord and high honor students (3.5-4.0+ G.P.A.) will wear a gold cord. As per district policy, high honors and honors are determined after the 1st semester of the senior year. Students who have completed forty (40) hours of community service will wear a purple cord. LINK Leaders wear a red cord.

Exit

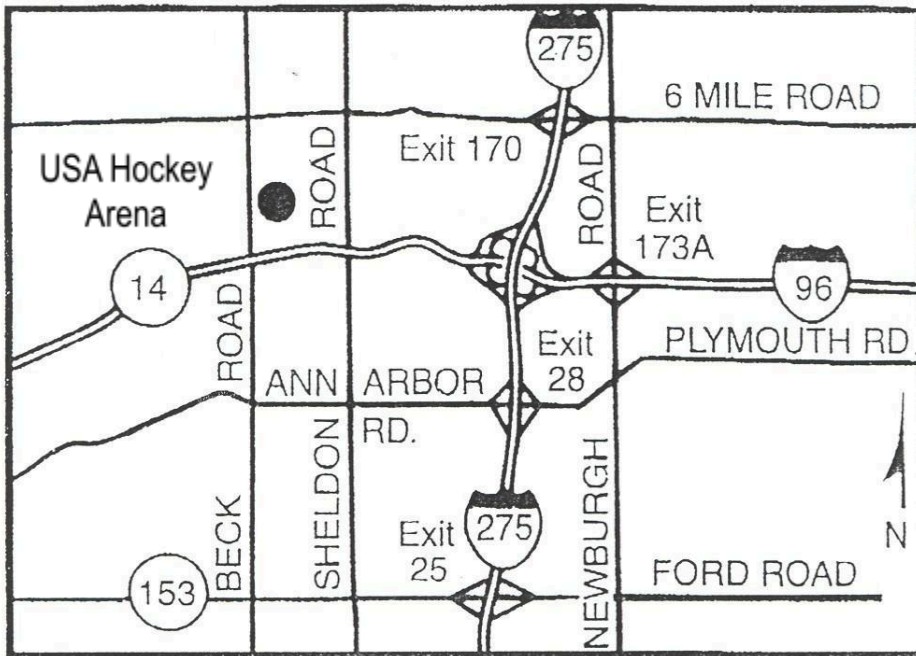
Line leaders will dismiss you row by row as you follow the faculty out of the arena. For safety/fire code reasons, students must exit the arena and meet their parents at the reserved canopied area located at the northeast corner of the parking lot. Graduates will not be allowed back into the top level of the arena. As you may not be aware, FHS is one of two graduations that take place at USA Hockey arena on this day. We ask that as soon as our Commencement ceremony has concluded that you exit the arena so that the arena staff can begin takedown.

Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Senior All Night Party

The Senior All Night Party will take place at Zap Zone from 10:00 P.M. - 4:00 A.M. Information regarding this event can be found on the website: [Senior All Night Party Link](#)

**Farmington High School
Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, June 11, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

USA Hockey Arena
14900 Beck Road
Plymouth Twp., MI 48170



**From Farmington/
Farmington Hills**

Take I-696 West to 275 South. Take 275 South to M-14 West, exit at Beck Rd. Turn right onto Beck Rd. USA Hockey Arena is located on the right, past the railroad tracks.