

Just About Everything  
You Need To Know  
About the End of the Year Activities!



*Soon, you will have completed your high school education. Your class has been terrific and you will leave us with many happy memories.*  
*Terry Ellerman, Principal*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION** - Reception of this bulletin does not affirm graduation. Your receiving a diploma depends on your successful completion of all graduation requirements.

**FINAL EXAMS** – Date of exams to be determined after the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS** – Please make arrangements to take care of any fees. This includes: transcript fees, shop fees, music expenses, library fines, lost books, lost locks, or other financial obligations to the school. These should be paid before graduation. **IF YOU THINK YOUR FAMILY QUALIFIES FOR FREE OR REDUCED EDUCATIONAL FEES YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PARENTS COMPLETE AN APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE QHS MAIN OFFICE.**

**BLUE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST CARD - EACH STUDENT SHOULD HAVE TURNED IN A BLUE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST CARD TO THE MAIN OFFICE.** Important information pulled from the blue card.....1) graduation plans; 2)The college/university or program where your final transcript will be sent; 3) Scholarship/awards for Awards Night on April 14<sup>th</sup> and for graduation commencement program; 4) Contact information. Please inform the main office if information must be changed or added on the blue card.

**JUNIOR - SENIOR RECEPTION** - QHS COMMONS & STUDENT CAFETERIA – **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 7:30-10:30 P.M.** This is a dance for Juniors, Seniors and their sophomore and non-QHS guests. Admittance is free to QHS Juniors and Seniors. If their guest is not a QHS Junior or Senior there is a \$5.00 admittance fee. Each guest is expected to conduct himself or herself in accordance with accepted school policy. A photo ID which shows date of birth and a dance request form will be needed one week prior for any non-QHS guest attending this event. Security will be conducting breathalyzers at the dance entrance. Please refer to your student handbook for dance rules.

**SAA LUNCHEON** - The SAA Luncheon is designated for eligible seniors only and will be held at The Ambiance on **MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008, AT NOON.** Invitations will be sent in the mail for those senior students. Students may drive to the venue but will need to return to school after the event. If a ride is needed to the luncheon, sign-up in the main office by Friday, April 25, 2008.

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASS RINGS** – Students who ordered graduation announcements or class ring should be able to pick up their order on Friday, April 18, 2008 from 7:00 AM until 12:40 PM in the Commons. Graduation announcements and class rings must be paid in full before pickup. Any questions about your order, call Jostens rep, Todd Lawrence, at 217-483-8989.

**QHS AWARDS NIGHT** – QHS AUDITORIUM – **MONDAY, APRIL 14, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE QHS AUDITORIUM.** Academic Awards for students are recognized on Awards Night. These include special and local academic awards/scholarships, high school department awards, and scholarships received from ANY college or university. Athletic awards are not recognized at Awards Night, since each sport has their own award banquet. **COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM** - The commencement program will show all special and local awards, scholarships from the school you will be attending, music awards, WB6 and IHSA academic awards, individual athletic awards, and athletic scholarships from the school you will be attending. SAA, President's Education Award, IHSA Award, and Illinois State Scholar students are listed. Also, students are designated for Scholastic High Honor, Class Honor, Gifted Program Participant, National Honor Society and National Vocational Technical Honor Society.

**SENIOR PROM** - THE AMBIANCE - 5225 Kochs Lane -- **SATURDAY, MAY 17, 8:00-11:00 P.M.** Seniors and their guests may attend this formal dance. Each guest is expected to conduct himself or herself in accordance with accepted school policy. **PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN FROM 7:00-8:00 P.M. AT THE PROM FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO HAVE THEM TAKEN.** Bids for Prom will be on sale for \$13 for a single, \$26 per couple in the QHS Cafeteria during lunch May 12-16, 2008. Security procedures will be in place. A photo ID which shows date of birth and a dance request form will be needed one week prior for any non-QHS guest attending this event. Security will be conducting breathalyzers at the dance entrance. Refer to your handbook for dance rules.

**CAP & GOWN** -- Cap & Gown rentals will be distributed in "A" building lobby from **7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - (PAYMENT WAS MADE WHEN YOUR ORDER WAS PLACED.)** Any questions about your order, call Bob Snowden from Tri-State School Sales at 224-6657. **IMPORTANT! WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR CAP AND GOWN HOME PLEASE TRY BOTH ON!** If there is a problem with the fit, you must contact the QHS main office as soon as possible. Press your gown before you wear it and try to have pictures taken before Commencement. **RETURNING YOUR CAP & GOWN** -- Stations will be set up at The Crossing Church North Auditorium or in case of rain, at the Baldwin School Cafeteria for you to return the cap and gown you have

rented. **WHEN YOUR CAP AND GOWN IS RETURNED, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA INSERT.** The stations will be open for one-half hour following graduation. If you have not checked in by that time, you should bring your cap and gown to the Quincy High School main office beginning Monday, June 2, 2008.

**SENIOR BACCALAUREATE** -- Graduating students are invited to participate in this service conducted by the Quincy Ministerial Association at the QHS Auditorium, **THURSDAY, MAY 29, AT 7:00 P.M.** The program will be approximately one hour in length. Caps and gowns are worn for this event. (Please make sure your gown is pressed.) This ceremony is optional for graduates and tickets of admission are not required. Parents and/or friends of the graduates are invited to attend. There has usually been plenty of room for all guests for the service. Guests will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. **STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD BE IN THE QHS COMMONS TO LINE UP FOR THE PROCESSIONAL TO THE AUDITORIUM BY 6:30 P.M.** The band, orchestra, and choir will perform during the Baccalaureate. This is an important evening for seniors and their families as they reflect on the significance of their graduation.

**COMMENCEMENT TICKETS** -- Tickets are necessary for the graduation exercises. **TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>.** There will be a **LIMITED NUMBER** of additional tickets available. If you feel additional tickets are absolutely necessary, sign up for them in the Quincy High School Main Office or contact some of your classmates who may not be using all of their allotment. We will try to accommodate as many people as we can. **Please be aware that extra ticket requests may include seating on the field.**

**BLEACHER SEATS** - **Each graduate will receive (6) six Bleacher Seat Tickets.** With these tickets, your guests may sit anywhere on the bleachers or may sit in the special needs area. If a guest is unable to climb the bleachers or is in a wheelchair, a section on the track is set aside for those persons with special needs to sit. A drive is alongside the left of the stadium for drop off. **Since SPACE IS LIMITED, please let the main office know if you are going to use some of your tickets for the Special Needs area.** Please, only one extra person to help with your guest in the Special Needs area.

**FIELD SEATS** --These seats are located on the Flinn Stadium field on either side of the graduates and are first come-first served seating. **Please be aware that extra tickets may include field seats.**

**IN CASE OF RAIN** -- Bleacher ticket holders will be escorted in to the Baldwin gym where graduation will be held; Field Seat ticket holders will be escorted in to the Baldwin auditorium where they will view graduation on a big screen.

**PRACTICE FOR COMMENCEMENT** -- **FLINN STADIUM, THURSDAY, MAY 29, AT 1:00 P.M.** It is important that we organize the graduation program so that it will take place with precision and formality. Seniors will assemble in the stadium on May 29<sup>th</sup> promptly at 1:00 PM for commencement practice. **IN CASE OF RAIN, PRACTICE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 30, AT 10:00 A.M.**

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** -- **FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008** -- **FLINN STADIUM OR (IN CASE OF RAIN) BALDWIN GYMNASIUM, 7:00 P.M.**

Students are required to arrive at Baldwin School by 5:45 p.m. Entrance will be gained at the southwest doors, those nearest the tennis/basketball courts. After entering Baldwin, graduates are to report to designated rooms in Baldwin South. When security checks and caps and gowns are in place, students will be transported by buses to The Crossing parking lot to line up for graduation by 6:15 p.m. **IN CASE OF RAIN,** students will stay in their rooms at Baldwin School for line up then proceed to the gym for commencement. **PLEASE NOTE: GOWNS SHOULD BE CARRIED INTO THE BUILDING.** Any personal items should be placed in the plastic bags provided in each room and marked with the student's name. A station will be set up for one-half hour after graduation at The Crossing Church for personal item pickup. Students must show a picture ID to pick up personal items. In case of rain, items will be transported to the Baldwin School Cafeteria. Items not claimed may be picked up at the QHS main office beginning Monday, June 2, 2008.

**PICTURES** -- An out-of-town photography studio (Chappell Studio) will take a picture of each graduate as he/she receives a diploma at graduation exercises. A color picture proof will be mailed to each graduate sometime in June. The graduate may choose if he or she wishes to order any pictures. A photography preregistration email link to Chappell Studio will be available on this website soon. Graduates can preregister their email, friends and family email addresses and Graduation Images will contact them just as soon as photos are available for online viewing and ordering.

**VIDEO TAPES** -- The Volleyball Booster Club will be selling videos and DVDs of the graduation ceremony for \$25. Each order will be mailed to you. Order forms are available at Quincy High School or orders may be placed the night of graduation at the stadium. You can also place an order by calling Barb Kvitle at 223-7834.

**PARENT'S PARTY** -- **FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008** -- The parents of the graduates will sponsor an all-night party after graduation ceremonies at the Tangerine Bowl from 10:30 PM to 5:00 AM. Graduates must arrive at the party before 12:00 midnight. School personnel assist but do not sponsor. Participation in the party is optional, but graduates attending will be expected to follow the rules established by the parent committee. Since the All Night Party is sponsored by the parents without funding, students will be charged a fee to attend. Tickets for graduates and their guests will be sold for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advanced tickets may be purchased the last week of school sometime after Prom.