



CLASS OF 2017 SENIOR NEWSLETTER #2

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING DATES IN MIND AS YOU NEAR THE END OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR

- SENIOR PROM: Saturday, April 29
Lake Storey Pavilion
Dance: 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$20.00 each
- SENIOR MEETING: Tuesday, April 25 – Advocacy - Last names A – K
Wednesday, April 26 – Advocacy – Last names L – Z
These meeting will be held in the Auditorium
Thursday, April 27 – Mid Term Grads – 5:00 p.m.
This meeting will be held in Room #34
Attendance is mandatory.
- COMMENCEMENT TICKET DISTRIBUTION: Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday May 3
7:15 am - 7:45 am & 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm
Guidance Center
- HONORS ASSEMBLY: Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.
Auditorium
- COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: Wednesday, May 10, 2:45 p.m.
Auditorium
Attendance is mandatory.
- BACCALAUREATE: Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.
Seniors will wear gowns only(no caps or stoles).
Attendance is optional.
Meet at 6:40 p.m. in front of auditorium for processional.
- COMMENCEMENT: Sunday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.
Auditorium
- PROJECT GRADUATION: Sunday, May 28 - Monday, May 29
11:30 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
GHS Fieldhouse

MORE INFORMATION:

COMMENCEMENT:

Commencement is an academic ceremony that recognizes academic achievement and entrance to the world of advanced education, work or service. The ceremony of commencement is a time for recognition of the entire class of Galesburg High School students. CUSD #205 desires that behavior at commencement be such that the ceremony can be fully enjoyed by all. Behavior that disrupts the flow of the ceremony is not acceptable. There will be a **mandatory** senior informational meeting explaining these expectations on the following dates:

Tuesday April 25 – Students with last names A – K. Held in the auditorium during advocacy.

Wednesday, April 26 – Students with last names L – Z. Held in the auditorium during advocacy.

Thursday, April 29 – For Mid Term Graduates and any students who were not able to attend the previous two meetings. Held in Room #34 @ 5:00 p.m.

All seniors participating in the Commencement Ceremony must attend one of the above scheduled meetings.

Commencement will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 28 in the auditorium. Caps and gowns must worn. Be in the gym by 3:30 p.m. Your line leader will have your seating card. Immediately find your place in line. **Be on time!**

TICKETS:

Tickets for Commencement will be distributed on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 from 7:15 am – 7:45 am & 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm. Tickets will be distributed in the Guidance Center. Each senior will receive up to 5 tickets at that time and may request up to a maximum of 3 additional tickets. Please ask for no more tickets than you really need as there is a limited number of extra tickets available. Extra tickets (if available) will be distributed on Tuesday, May 9 from 7:15 am – 7:45 am & 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm and also on Wednesday, May 10 from 7:15 am – 7:45 am in the Guidance Center. The number of additional tickets distributed will depend on the number of extras requested by the entire class. Remember that anyone other than a member of the graduating class must have a ticket to be admitted into the building. Be prepared to show your I.D. when picking up tickets. **The Commencement Acknowledgement Form must be turned in to Mrs. Stephan prior to receiving tickets. All financial obligations need to be taken care of prior to receiving tickets.**

REHEARSAL:

There will be only one rehearsal, Wednesday, May 10, at 2:45 p.m., and **attendance is mandatory**. Report to the auditorium at this time. Pick up your seating card in the front hallway before entering. Your cooperation during this rehearsal is necessary to be able to participate. **Make arrangements in advance with employers as employment is not an excuse to miss rehearsal.** See Mr. Bradford in the office with any questions. The more cooperative you are the quicker rehearsal will go.

GRADUATION DVD:

A Graduation DVD will be available for purchase. The cost is \$20.00 if ordered prior to May 10. Cost of DVD if ordered after that will be \$30.00. Order forms will be available in the front office.

We will be streaming graduation events live on the internet for family and friends that cannot attend in person. Anyone with internet access from anywhere in the world will be able to watch from the comfort of their home. As graduation gets closer, information will be placed on the GHS web page (ghs.galesburg205.org).

PICTURES:

A 5 X 7 color picture will be taken of graduating seniors as they receive their diploma by Dickerson's Photography. There is a \$20.00 charge for the picture which includes mailing. Please place orders at rehearsal or in front of the auditorium before Commencement. In the event your picture does not turn out, your money will be refunded.

DIPLOMAS:

Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the commencement ceremony. **All financial obligations must be taken care of before you will receive your diploma.**

SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS:

If you have made your final decision on where you plan to attend college, please fill out a final transcript request form in the Registrar's office. All financial obligations must be taken care of before your final transcript will be mailed.

SENIOR PROM:

Senior Prom will be at the Lake Storey Pavilion on Saturday, April 29, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Each person must have a ticket to enter the dance. Tickets are \$20.00 each. All mid-term graduates and GHS students bringing dates that are not enrolled at GHS must complete a Prom Dance Verification form prior to the purchase of their tickets. Prom pictures will be taken by Dickerson's Photography. Various packages will be available. Information regarding these packages will be available in the front office.

PROJECT GRADUATION:

All seniors are invited to the Project Graduation party from 11:30 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. on May 28-29. It is a free all-night chemical free party at the GHS Fieldhouse. There will be music, games, videos, open gym and countless prizes to be given away. You will be receiving a mailing with information and permission slips. These permission slips should be returned to school by Friday, May 5. Please make sure to indicate your shirt size on this permission slip.

FINAL REMINDERS AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. Caps and gowns must be worn.
2. Appropriate attire and etiquette will be expected.
3. We suggest that boys not wear suit coats under their gowns.
4. A dark tie would be appropriate for the boys.
5. No corsages are to be worn outside of the gown.
6. The cap is to be worn squarely on top of the head and parallel to the floor.
7. The tassel will start out on the left side of the cap and will be changed from left to right at the conclusion of graduation.
8. Commencement is meant to honor you and your accomplishments. Anything done in a foolish manner only brings discredit upon yourself, your family, the school, and the community.