



**COUNTDOWN
TO
GRADUATION**

Congratulations Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Senior Students!

Twelve years of schooling, culminating amid a flurry of activities is exciting and hectic. The intent of this lengthy letter is to assist with your planning by outlining events, offering explanations, and describing expectations.

GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN ORDERS & DISTRIBUTION

Jostens will accept graduation online orders at: www.Jostens.com

- Orders placed by November 2024 will be delivered in January 2025.
- All announcements will be delivered in April 2025.
- Jostens contact information:
 - Phone: 520-344-8777
 - Email: Grossi.office@jostens.com

PARENT(S) & SENIOR MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6:00 pm, Ben Day Auditorium

Important information will be provided to all seniors and their parent(s) regarding Cap & Gown Orders, Scholarship/Academic Night, Honor Graduates, Senior Sunset, and Graduation.

SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP EVENING

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00 PM, Ben Day Auditorium

Seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be recognized, as will the valedictorian and Salutatorian, Superintendent's Challenge recipients, and students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

All Seniors who have notified Ms. Everhart that they have received a scholarship or military enlistment will also be recognized.

SENIOR FINALS

MONDAY, May 12, 2025, Regular school hours 8:15 AM – 3:15 PM

TUESDAY, May 13, 2025, Regular school hours 8:15 AM – 3:15 PM

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Financial Business Clearance cards will be picked up during lunches in the security office. ALL Seniors must have their clearance card signed by the Librarian, Bookstore Manager, and IT stating their financial accounts have been cleared.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Seniors will work to complete clearance cards. When finished, all cards will be given to Mr. Brown in B130.

Thursday, May 15, 2025, Clearance cards are due to Mr. Brown no later than 4:00 PM.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

MONDAY, May 19, 2025, 8:30 AM Graduation Practice

Students meet directly in the auditorium.

TUESDAY, May 20, 2025, 8:30 AM Graduation Practice

Students meet directly in the auditorium.

We have scheduled practice sessions for the ceremony so everyone will know the procedures. Attendance is **required** for **BOTH** graduation practices on the mornings of the 19th & 20th to have the honor of participating in the ceremony. Please plan to be outside the entire morning on both days. It's usually very hot, so **bring water**. **Sunblock and hats are recommended.**

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

6:30 PM – Graduates arrive at school.

8:00 PM – Graduation Ceremony - Al Van Hazel Football Stadium.

- **Diplomas will be given out immediately after the ceremony, as seniors must sign for them.**

DRESS GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Students should arrive at school **no later than 6:30 PM, CARRYING** their cap and gown. Students should not wear their gowns until after checking in with their line leader.
- *Dress guidelines for all students: Graduation is a dignified event. Students should wear semi-formal attire (for example, dresses, skirts, dress slacks, and dress shoes).* Stilettos are not allowed to be worn on the track; wedges are permitted.
- Any student who appears to be under the influence of a controlled substance will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

CEREMONY

Guests are asked to treat the ceremony with appropriate dignity. **Balloons, outside food, and beverages are prohibited in the football stadium.** Single unopened bottles of water will be allowed. The attention should be on the graduates and not on the people in the audience. Applause is appropriate, but common courtesy must be displayed to hear every graduate's name. *Noisemakers are both distracting and disrespectful.* Spectators are expected to be seated in the bleachers throughout the ceremony. Guests may sit on either the East side (visitors' side) or the West side (home side) of the bleachers. Check with your graduate after Tuesday morning's practice to determine which side he/she will be sitting. **Re-entry to the event will not be permitted under any circumstance.**

**** The number of guests may be limited due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather.*

Graduates must sign for and pick up their diplomas in the designated small gym immediately following the celebration.

GRAD IMAGES

To inform parents about graduation photos, Grad Images has developed a pre-registration system that allows graduates to provide email and mailing address information to Grad Images before the ceremony. Up to 6 family members' information can be added to access photos. Pre-register by going to <https://www.gradimages.com/Registration>. There will also be a link from our school website.

GRADUATE PARKING – Transportation Facility (south of the school, off Trekell Road)

- We encourage Graduates to park at the Transportation Facility south of the school so their family and friends can park on the school grounds. A bus or golf cart will shuttle seniors to and from the gym.
- The Public may park in the school parking lots. Parking permits are not required. Once all the lots are full, you may park in the vicinity of the school grounds. ADA Accessible Parking will be available on school grounds on a first-come, first-served basis. An accessible parking permit/license plate is required to park in those designated spaces. Shuttles will be available from accessible parking spaces to the stands.
- We encourage parents and friends to carpool when possible.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If inclement weather conditions warrant changing the ceremony, it will be moved to **Friday, May 23, 2025, at 7:30 PM. Otherwise, all guidelines implemented above will remain in effect.**

Class of 2025 Graduation Requirements

| | High School Graduation & Community College Admissions | In-State University Entrance Requirements |
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| English | 4 Credits | 4 Credits |
| Math | 4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, 1 Additional) | Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, Senior Math |
| Lab Science | 3 Credits | 3 Credits |
| Social Studies | 3 Credits (World History/Geo, American History, US Gov & Econ) | 2 Credits (US History & 1 Additional) |
| Foreign Language | N/A | 2 Credits (Same Language) |
| Fine Art/CTE | 1 Credit | 1 Credit |
| PE/Health | 1 Credit | |
| Electives | 6.5 Credits | |
| Total Credits | 22 | |
| Exams/Other | Civics CPR ECAP | |

****If you feel that your student is short on credits, please contact their advisor ASAP****

- Senior Counselor - Beth Lizarraga – blizarraga@cguhsd.org – ext. 3126
- All credit recovery - Lisa Preecs – lpreecs@cguhsd.org – ext. 3138
- Senior ESS Counselor - Kim Robinson – krobinson@cguhsd.org – ext. 3118

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION TIMELINE

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| November 2024 | <u>Cap and Gown Orders</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place orders before 11/30/2024 for January Delivery |
| January 2025 | <u>Cap and Gown Distribution</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders placed before winter break, see Ms. Mendoza B130 Orders placed after winter break will be available for pickup in March. |
| Friday, October 25, 2024 | <u>Senior Sunrise</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 AM; Meet at the home side bleachers for breakfast and watch the sunrise. |
| Thursday, May 1 2025 | <u>Senior Sunset</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM; Will be located on the Baseball field. The senior class will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. |
| Thursday, May 8, 2025 | <u>Senior Scholarship/Academic Awards Evening</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGUHS Auditorium 6:00 PM. Seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be recognized along with the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Seniors who notify Ms. Everhart that they are the recipients of a scholarship or military enlistment will be recognized. Please send all information to sbrown@cguhsd.org. Superintendent's Challenge recipients will be recognized. Seal of Biliteracy will be recognized. |
| Friday, May 9, 2025 | <u>Disneyland Senior Trip</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions, please get in touch with Mrs. DeCarlo, B105; mdecarlo@cguhsd.org |
| Monday, May 12, 2025 Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | <u>Senior Final Exams</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Regular School Hours 8:15 AM -3:15 PM) |
| Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Thursday, May 15, 2025 | <u>Financial Business Clearance Cards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Card pickup Tuesday, May 13th during both lunches in the security office. Seniors will work to complete clearance cards. When completed, all cards will be given to Mr. Brown in B130. All cards are due to Mr. Brown no later than Thursday at 4:00 PM. |
| Monday, May 19, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | <u>Graduation Practice 8:30 AM</u> <u>Seniors must attend BOTH graduation practices to participate in the graduation.</u> <u>Graduation Practice and Senior Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Senior Breakfast 8:30 AM Graduation Practice <u>Graduation night</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On campus NO LATER than 6:30 PM. Wear appropriate attire with cap and gown in hand. |