



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. This lengthy letter intends to assist with your planning by outlining events, offering explanations, and describing expectations.

GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN ORDERS & DISTRIBUTION

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

- Orders placed by November 2023 were delivered on 1/24/24. If you have not received your cap and gown, please see Ms. Mendoza in B130 Ext 3111.
- Orders placed after November 2023, and all announcement orders, will be delivered in March 2024.

SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP EVENING

Friday, May 10, 2023, 6:00 PM, Ben Day Auditorium

Seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be recognized and both Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be honored. Also recognized are students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy and those who completed the Superintendent's Challenge. Senior scholarship recipients and military enlistees will be celebrated as well. All students who wish to be recognized must notify Ms. Mendoza by April 1, 2024.

SENIOR FINALS

MONDAY, May 13, 2024 Regular school hours 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

TUESDAY, May 14, 2024 Regular school hours 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SENIOR CLEARANCE

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Senior Clearance cards pickup during lunches in the security office. ALL Seniors must have their clearance card signed by the Librarian, Bookstore Manager, and IT stating their accounts have been cleared.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Seniors will work to complete clearance cards. When complete, all cards will be given to Ms. Mendoza in B130.

Thursday, May 16, 2024, Clearance cards are due to Ms. Mendoza no later than 4:00 PM.

GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Friday, May 17, 2024, 9:00 AM, Practice Gym, Seniors will pick up eligibility verification cards from their counselors. Seniors will need this card to participate in the graduation ceremony. To streamline this process, counselors will be in the practice gym.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

MONDAY, May 20, 2024, 8:30 AM, Graduation Practice

Students meet directly on the football field.

TUESDAY, May 21, 2024, 8:30 AM, Graduation Practice

Students meet directly on the football field.

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 20th & 21st 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 21, 2024

5:45 -6:15 – Senior Social in Gym.

6:30 PM – Graduates arrive at designated area.

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

DRESS GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Students should arrive at school **no later than 6:30 PM, CARRYING** their cap and gown. Students should not put on their gown until after they have checked 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 needs to be displayed so every graduate's name is heard. *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 (visitor's side) or West side (home side) of the bleachers. Check with your graduate after Tuesday morning's practice to determine on 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 area immediately following the celebration.

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

- We encourage Graduates to park at the Transportation Facility south of the school to allow their family and friends to park on school grounds. There will be a bus/golf carts to 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. Handicapped parking will be available on school grounds on a first-come, first-served basis. A handicap parking permit/license plate is required to park in those designated spaces. Shuttles will be available from handicapped parking spaces to the stands.
- We encourage parents and friends to carpool when possible.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If inclement weather conditions warrant changing the ceremony, the event will be changed to **Friday, May 24, 2024, 8:00 PM. All guidelines that are implemented above will remain in effect.**

Please see the Graduation Timeline on the last page for easy reference.

Scholarships

It is a known fact college is expensive and the cost is rising. Do not let that deter you from applying for college. There are many opportunities to help you cover the cost of college. Scholarships are gifts of **"free money"** that do not need to be paid back, unlike student loans. Most scholarships can be awarded based on merit, which means that students earn them for having good grades, athletic talent, volunteering, or even for a certain demographic. Every year, hundreds of billions of dollars are awarded in scholarship money. There are many sources of scholarships, such as colleges and universities, military, individuals, communities, nonprofits, ethnic/historical organizations, businesses, religious groups, and more. Some scholarships are highly selective but many are not.

Below are just a few applications that will be available to pick up today!

- The Worth & Dot Howard Foundation
- Pinal 40
- Cesar E. Chavez Memorial
- Casa Grande Rotary Foundation
- Kiwanis Scholarship

The best practice is to apply for as many scholarships as possible and start early.

Scan to access more helpful information under [scholarship search engines](#)



Class of 2024 Graduation Requirements

	High School Graduation & Community College Admissions	In-State University Entrance Requirements
English	4 Credits	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, 1 Additional)	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra III
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	0.5 Credit	
Electives	6.5 Credits	
Total Credits	22	
Exams/Other	Civics CPR	

****If you are concerned that your student is short on credits, please contact their counselor ASAP****

Counseling Department Administrative Assistant – Belen Mendoza
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- A-GO – Kristin McCallin – <https://calendly.com/kmccallin/15min>
- GR-PA – Arlisa Crank-Townsend – <https://calendly.com/actownsend21/meet-with-my-school-counselor>
- PE-Z – Beth Lizarraga – <https://calendly.com/blizarraga2023/30min>
- All credit recovery - Lisa Preecs – <https://calendly.com/lpreecs/office-hours>
- All ESS Students – Kim Robinson – <https://calendly.com/kandress-robinson/15min>

Class of 2024

Countdown to Graduation

Wednesday, January 24, 2024	<p><u>Cap and Gown Distribution</u></p> <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.
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	<p><u>Senior Sunset</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM; Will be located on the Baseball field. The senior class will provide hamburgers or hotdogs, chips, and a drink.
Friday, May 10, 2024	<p><u>Senior Scholarship/Academic Awards Evening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGUHS 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. Mendoza they are the recipient of a scholarship or military enlistment will be recognized. Please send all information to bmendoza@cguhhsd.org. • Superintendent's Challenge recipients will be recognized. • Seal of Biliteracy recipients will be recognized.
Monday, May 13, 2024 Tuesday, May 14, 2024	<p><u>Senior Final Exams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Regular School Hours 8:00 AM -3:15 PM) • Students may be exempt from finals if they have... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Less than 7 unexcused/parent excused absences ○ A grade of 80% or higher
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	<p><u>Disneyland Senior Trip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions, please contact Mrs. DeCarlo B119; mdecarlo@cguhhsd.org
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	<p><u>Graduation night</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On campus NO LATER than 6:30 PM. • Wear appropriate attire with your cap and gown in hand.
	<p><u>Graduation Ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 PM Al Van Hazel Stadium