

# GRADUATION 2023



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**

Rembrandt/Herff Jones will accept any remaining graduation online orders at:

[Rembrandtgrad.com](http://Rembrandtgrad.com)

## **PARENT(S) & SENIOR MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:30 pm, Ben Day Auditorium**

Important information will be provided to all seniors and their parent(s) regarding Scholarship/Academic Night, Honor Graduates, Senior Sunset, and Graduation. Please mark your calendars for this informational meeting.

## **CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION.**

If you have not picked up come to the office and see Mrs. Kieser B112

## **SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP EVENING**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00 PM, Large Gym (A Building)**

Seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be recognized. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be recognized for their honor. Superintendent's Challenge recipients will also be recognized. Also recognized are those students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

All Seniors who have notified Mrs. Cruz that they are a recipient of a scholarship will be recognized.

## **SENIOR FINALS**

**WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023 Regular school hours 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, May 18, 2023 Regular school hours 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**FRIDAY, May 19, 2023**

**Financial Business Clearance cards 12:00 – 2:30 PM in the Small Gym.** ALL Seniors must have the clearance card signed by their Counselor, Librarian and Bookstore Manager and IT stating their financial accounts have been cleared to participate in the graduation ceremony. To streamline this process all departments will be located in the small gym.

## **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

**MONDAY, May 22, 2023 8:30 AM Graduation Practice**

Students meet in the auditorium and then we will proceed to the Lg Gym.

**TUESDAY, May 23, 2023 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Sun block and hats are recommended.**

## TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2022

6:00 PM – Graduates line up in the large gym.

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

- Diplomas will be given out in the small gym immediately after the ceremony as seniors must sign for them.

## DRESS GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Students should arrive at school **no later than 6:00 PM**, CARRYING their cap and gown. Students should not put on their gown until after they have checked in with their line leader in the large gym.
- *Dress guideline 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. Any student wearing stilettos, jeans, shorts or flip flops will not be allowed to participate. 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.**

*\*\*\*Number of guests may be limited due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather.*

**Graduates must sign for and pick up their diplomas in the 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 prior to 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 to allow your 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 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.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If inclement weather conditions warrant changing the ceremony, the event will be changed to **Friday, May 28, 2023, 8:00 PM. All guidelines that are implemented above will remain in effect.**

A Graduation Timeline is available for easy reference.