



***Class of
2024***

**COUNT DOWN
TO
GRADUATION**

Spartans GRADUATION 2024

Dear Parents and Class of 2024 Graduates,

Twelve years of schooling, culminating amid a flurry of activities, is exciting and hectic, we hope this letter will answer many of your questions.

SENIOR PARENT MEETING – Tuesday April 23, 2024 - Auditorium 6:00 P.M.

Important information will be provided regarding scholarships, academic evening, financial clearance, and graduation. Q and A for senior parents.

JOSTENS - Order Cap and Gown Unit

If you have not ordered your graduates' cap and gown unit you must do so no later than April 28th. Easy online ordering at www.jostens.com or for questions call 520 344-8777.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STATE AID (FAFSA)

The FAFSA is an important step in the college admissions process, and it is the only way to apply for federal funding for college. Students can complete their FAFSA at studentaid.gov and school counselors are available to assist families with the application.

<https://www.cguhsd.org/vgCounselingContactUs.aspx>

CASA GRANDE DISPATCH – DEADLINE APRIL 24th

If you would like to place a graduation ad for your graduate in the Casa Grande Dispatch you can purchase one online at https://www.pinalcentral.com/casa_grande_dispatch_graduation_section/

ACADEMIC EVENING - May 2nd - Gym 6:00 P.M.

The Class of 2024's top academic scholars, ALL Vista Grande students who have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher, scholarship recipients and the Seal of Biliteracy graduates will be honored at the academic evening on May 2nd. Seniors must notify their counselor of all scholarships they have been awarded by April 26th . Invitations will be mailed to parents of those being honored.

SENIOR FINALS - May 13 & 14

Both days will be regular school days, 8:00-3:10 P.M.

GRADUATE CLEARANCE & FINANCIAL BUSINESS - May 16

Seniors must be cleared to graduate by their guidance counselor, bookstore, library and technology. Clearance cards will be given out to Seniors during their Econ/Government class. If a senior does not have Econ or Government, they can get their clearance card from their counselor during Mastery Time. If a student owes fines or fees they must be paid BEFORE they can be cleared.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION - May 17 Small Gym

Cap and gown units will be distributed in the small gym **Friday, May 17**. This will be the seniors' last official day of school. Graduates must have their completed/signed clearance card to pick up their cap and gown unit.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - May 22 & 23 8:15 A.M. Small Gym

Graduation practice on the mornings of May 22nd & 23rd are **mandatory**. Please have your Spartan plan on reserving those mornings for practice. It's usually very warm, so we recommend bringing water and using sun block. Hats are also recommended for outside practice.

GRADUATION - May 23 - Football Stadium 8:00 P.M.

Graduates must be in the gym no later than 7:00 P.M.

 Graduates are to pick up their diplomas in the small gym **AFTER** the ceremony.







PARKING

Due to the large crowds at graduation, we suggest you arrive early. Gates will open at 6:00 P.M. Once a parking lot is full the gates will be closed. Handicap parking is available in the south-west parking lot. A Handicap plate or plaque is required to park in the handicap lot. Shuttles will be available to the football stadium for those in need.

CEREMONY



Guests are asked to treat the ceremony with appropriate dignity and respect. 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**. Spectators are expected to be seated in the bleachers throughout the ceremony.

INSIDE THE FOOTBALL STADIUM

-  No balloons allowed inside the stadium.
-  No ice chests allowed inside the stadium.
-  Only clear backpacks/bags are allowed inside the stadium.
-  Diaper bags are subject to search.
-  No saving seats in the football stadium.
-  No smoking or vaping.

GUIDELINES FOR DRESS

Graduation is a dignified event. Graduates should wear semi-formal attire.

-  **YOUNG MEN** should wear dress slacks, a collared shirt (tie not required but recommended), dress shoes, and socks. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, or shorts will be allowed.
-  **YOUNG LADIES** should wear a dress OR dress pants and dress shoes. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, or shorts will be allowed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If there are inclement weather conditions that warrant postponing the ceremony, the event will be changed to Saturday, May 25th at 8:00 P.M.

FINAL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Students will need to send their final official transcript to their future college, military recruiter, employer, or for personal records. To request your final transcript, students must create a Parchment account and place a transcript order. Before checking out, please select “Hold for Grades”. This will ensure your transcript is sent out after your final grades are entered.
<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/237841/account>

For questions, please contact Rhonda Ruiz at 520-876-9400 ext. 4102

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Parent Meeting Agenda

Jostens

- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Last minute orders
- ❖ Questions

Academic Evening Thursday, May 2nd 6:00 P.M. Large Gym

- ❖ Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Make sure your graduate has turned in their scholarship information to their counselor.

Senior Finals May 13th and 14th

- ❖ Both days are regular school days

Senior Sunset Thursday, May 16th

- ❖ Spartan Football Field 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Clearance Cards & Financial Business

- ❖ Graduates will get their clearance cards from their social Studies teacher on Thursday, May 16th.
- ❖ If your graduate owes fees or fines, they must be paid before they can get their cap and gown.

Cap and Gown Distribution Friday, May 17th.

- ❖ Graduates must have their signed clearance card to pick up their cap and gown.

Senior Movie Wednesday, May 22nd

- ❖ Seniors must have their School ID to get into the movie.
- ❖ Arrive at 12:45, the movie starts at 1:00 P.M.

Graduation Practice Wednesday, May 22nd & Thursday, May 23 8:15 A.M. Small Gym

- ❖ Graduation practice is mandatory for all graduates walking at graduation.
- ❖ Wear a hat, sunscreen and bring water...It gets warm.
- ❖ It is suggested that the ladies wear the shoes they plan on wearing to graduation.

Graduation May 23 8:00 P.M. Football Stadium

- ❖ Gates open at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ We expect a large crowd so arrive early; parking is available on campus until all lots are full.
- ❖ Handicap parking is available in the Southwest parking lot. Handicap plate or plaque is required.
- ❖ Graduates are to be in the small gym no later than 7:00 PM

Inside the Football Stadium

- ❖ NO Balloons
- ❖ NO Ice Chests
- ❖ NO Saving Seats
- ❖ NO smoking or vaping
- ❖ Only clear backpacks/bags
- ❖ Diaper bags are subject to search.