



# VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2022

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Dear Parents and Class of 2022 Graduates,

Vista Grande is **THRILLED** to inform you that we will be hosting a traditional, **IN PERSON** graduation with **NO ATTENDANCE LIMITATIONS!**

With 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 - April 21 - Auditorium 6:30 P.M.**

Important information will be provided regarding scholarships, academic evening, financial clearance and graduation.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Easy online ordering at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or for questions call 520 344-8777.

## **FRESH FLOWER LEIS FOR YOUR GRADUATE - Orders due by May 13**

Vista Grande High School offers you the opportunity to purchase your graduate a fresh flower orchid lei from Hawaii. Enclosed you will find an order form with all the details. Orders are due no later than Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This is optional, not required. No other items other than Vista Grande HONOR cords and medals can be worn during the graduation ceremony.

## **ACADEMIC EVENING - May 5 - Gym 6:30 P.M.**

The Class of 2022's top academic scholars, ALL Vista Grande students who have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher, in addition to all scholarship recipients will be honored at the academic evening on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Seniors are to notify their counselor of all scholarships they have been awarded. Invitations will be mailed to parents of those being honored.

## **SENIOR FINALS - May 19 & 20**

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

## **GRADUATE CLEARANCE & FINANCIAL BUSINESS - May 24 & 25**

Seniors must be cleared to graduate by their guidance counselor. They will give each graduate their clearance card that must be signed by the bookstore, library and technology (1132). You may pick up your clearance card starting Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in the front office or Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in the small gym. Graduates must have their completed clearance card to pick up their cap and gown after Wednesday's practice.

**As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, no checks will be accepted in the bookstore, cash or card only.**

## **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - May 25 & 26 8:00 A.M. Small Gym**

Graduation practice on the mornings of May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> are **mandatory**. Please have your Spartan plan on reserving those mornings for practice. It's usually very warm, so we



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recommend bringing water and using sun block. Hats are also recommended for the outside practice.

## **CAP AND GOWN - May 25 Small Gym**

Cap and gown units will be distributed in the small gym **after Wednesday's practice**. Graduates must have their completed/signed clearance card to pick up their cap and gown unit.

## **GRADUATION - May 26 - 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
- 🦁 No backpacks allowed inside the stadium
- 🦁 Purses and diaper bags are subject to search
- 🦁 No saving seats in the football stadium

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M.

For questions, please contact Colleen Wilhite at 520-876-9400 ext. 4102.