

August 12, 2022

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The administration, faculty, and staff at Granada Hills Charter recognize the importance of senior year. Excitement and anticipation grow as high school culmination approaches and post-secondary options follow. In order for you to plan for the 2022-2023 senior events and ensure participation in these activities, please review the policies that guide participation in each event. Kindly read this letter and discuss the contents as a family. Each student and parent will sign a document acknowledging awareness of the events and understanding of our policies. The signed contract must be emailed to the Activities Office by October 1, 2022

Students may participate in the graduation ceremony if they are eligible for a GHC Diploma, GHC Certificate of Completion, or a GHC Certificate of Attendance. Students who enroll after the first semester of their Senior Year, should arrange to receive a diploma from their previous school of attendance.

In addition, students who have detentions that have not been served or who owe money for lost or damaged school property, including but not limited to, textbooks, laptops, uniforms, library books and cafeteria debts must clear their debts and detentions in order to participate in senior activities. Debt letters will be mailed home throughout the year. Students are encouraged to clear debts and detentions as soon as possible. Please note it is the responsibility of the students to make sure they do not have detentions and debts. Students must follow all school rules to remain in good standing in order to participate in all senior activities. Severe discipline issues and unverified absences/truancies from class may be deemed violations of the senior contract.

Please reference the list of senior activities and due dates below.

**DATES AND PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Yearbook Senior Portraits</b><br>Appointment scheduled by White Studios Photography   | For Appointments, please call White’s Studios Photography at 818-752-7780. Portraits must be taken by August 30, 2022 to appear in the yearbook.   |
| <b>Senior Day</b><br>Date: October 12, 2022<br>TBA   |  |
| <b>Senior Panorama Picture</b><br>Date: October 12, 2022<br>John Elway Stadium   | Available for purchase at the Student Store.   |
| <b>Senior Sober Grad Presentation</b><br>Date: TBD<br>Large Gym  | <b>Attendance is MANDATORY.</b>  |
| <b>Senior Prom</b><br>Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.<br>Ronald Reagan Presidential Library<br>Simi Valley, CA | All debts and detentions must be cleared by Thursday, March 24, 2023 to purchase a ticket. Ticket prices is to be determined.<br><b>Students must attend Sober Grad to be eligible to attend.</b>  |
| <b>Senior Sunset</b><br>Date: TBD  |  |
| <b>Senior Awards Ceremony</b><br>Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:30p.m.<br>John Elway Stadium   |  |
| <b>Graduation Rehearsal</b><br>Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.<br>John Elway Stadium  | <b>Attendance is MANDATORY.</b>  |
| <b>Graduation Rehearsal</b><br>Wednesday May 31, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.<br>John Elway Stadium   | <b>Attendance is MANDATORY</b>   |
| <b>Senior Clearance</b><br>Wednesday, May 31, 2023 following the graduation rehearsal<br>Large & Small Gym                           | <b>MANDATORY</b><br><b>Complete the Senior Survey and SCORE assigned activities.</b>   |
| <b>Graduation Ceremony</b><br>Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.<br>John Elway Stadium<br>Seniors do not have classes on this day.  | <b><u>All debts and detentions must be cleared by Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Students will receive four tickets for guests. Extra tickets will be available for purchase. Caps and gowns are loaned free of charge for those eligible to participate in ceremony.</u></b>                          |
| <b>Grad Nite</b><br>Tuesday, June 6, 2023*<br>Disneyland Resort & California Adventure<br>*Date subject to change                    | <b>Grad Nite is NOT a GHC sponsored activity. It is sponsored by the PTSA. Ticket cost is estimated to be approximately \$270. Please send all questions regarding grad nite to <a href="mailto:ghchspts@gmail.com">ghchspts@gmail.com</a>. Must attend Sober Grad to be eligible to attend.</b> |

**PROM**

There are plenty of tickets and space for each senior and their guest. All necessary paperwork such as the behavioral contract and/or guest permission slip, if applicable, must be submitted with payment at the Student Store. All persons who attend Prom must present a valid photo identification such as a driver’s license or current school identification card in order to enter the event. Only senior (12<sup>th</sup> Grade) students can purchase a PROM ticket. Guest age must be between 14 and 20. All school rules apply at Prom.

## YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available to all students through pre-sale. Students who do not purchase a yearbook during the pre-sale period are NOT guaranteed a yearbook. Any additional yearbooks not purchased through pre-sale are sold on a first come basis. Senior portraits must be taken by August 30, 2022 to appear in the yearbook.

## SENIOR AWARDS

Students will be recognized on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for their academic and individual scholarship accomplishments. Our valedictorians, gold and silver seal bearers, C.S.F. members, and scholarship and departmental winners will be invited to attend the event.

## CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Students are not required to purchase or pay a rental fee for a cap and gown as a condition for participation in the high school ceremony. GHC will provide loaner caps and gowns free of charge for graduating seniors. These “loaners” must be returned the week after the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma and final transcripts. Parents are given the option of purchasing a cap and gown for students as a keepsake. The “loaner” caps and gowns will be of the same quality and color as those made available to families to purchase as a keepsake. Students who have completed US Military Basic Training may wear their military uniform. See the Activities Office for more information.

## GRADUATION REHEARSAL AND SENIOR CLEARANCE

There will be two MANDATORY rehearsals. Students must attend both rehearsals, which will be held on Tuesday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 31 at 8:30 a.m. Rehearsal will last approximately two hours each day. Students will report to their designated seats in the John Elway Stadium. MANDATORY Senior Clearance will occur after rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. **Once students have been cleared, they will receive a limited number of free graduation tickets along with their cap and gown.**

## GRADUATION

The graduation ceremony is a formal and dignified occasion with significance not only to the graduating senior, but also to parents, relatives, and friends. Therefore, we ask that all who attend the ceremony act accordingly. The ceremony will begin promptly on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Elway Stadium. Seating is limited due to safety regulations. At graduation, students are expected to wear appropriate clothing. When selecting footwear, please take into account the artificial turf surface where our graduates will be walking. Wedge or flat soles are recommended. With the exception of school awards, accessories such as leis, stuffed animals, cameras, and any electronic equipment may not be worn/carried or under the graduation robe and/or cap. **Graduation caps may not be decorated.** All graduates will be searched prior to entering the staging area, so please defer donning your cap and gown. Please leave cameras, cell phones, and sunglasses with your family. **GHC will not be responsible for confiscated items. Confiscated items will NOT be returned.** Students who bring beach balls, silly string, water balloons or any other item that may disrupt the ceremony will be excluded from the ceremony. All GHC rules will be enforced prior to, during, and after the ceremony. Students who do not follow the rules will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony and may be removed from the ceremony as deemed necessary. Students removed from the ceremony will have their diplomas held until they have a meeting with the Executive Director.

We hope that the same decorum is respected by our spectators. Any spectator item that detracts from or disrupts the ceremony may be confiscated. Air horns are not allowed at graduation. Please leave balloon bouquets in your car as they prevent others sitting behind you from enjoying the ceremony. Balloon bouquets will not be allowed in the stadium.

### **Seniors may not participate in the graduation exercises if they fail to:**

- Meet academic requirements
- Clear all detentions and pay all debts
- Meet citizenship standards
- Adhere to all school rules
- Attend ALL graduation rehearsals
- Attend the Senior Clearance
- Complete the Senior Survey and SCOIR assignments.
- Submit the Senior Contract by Friday, October 1, 2023

## GRAD NITE

Grad Nite is a PTSA sponsored event. Buses will transport students to Disneyland from the GHC campus. As of this printing, the Grad Nite cost and ticket information are tentatively set for \$270 on June 6, 2023. Please check the website and listen to the announcements for information about Grad Nite.

Students and parents are reminded to monitor and meet all student requirements and deadlines in order to participate in the activities listed above. School Staff look forward to the graduation ceremony and working with your children to ensure that they will be a part of the closing events that will bring lasting memories to your graduate and your family. If you have any questions regarding senior activities contact the ASB Advisor, Ms. Whitman at [kwhitman@ghctk12.com](mailto:kwhitman@ghctk12.com) or the Administrative Director of Student Services, Mr. Gomez at extension 336, or at [juliangomez@ghctk12.com](mailto:juliangomez@ghctk12.com). Ms. Alapizco, the Student Store Manager, is monitoring the stop clearance/debt list. She can be reached at extension 383, or at [malapizco@ghctk12.com](mailto:malapizco@ghctk12.com). Questions about cap and gown can also be directed to Ms. Alapizco. Once again, thank you for working with us to ensure a successful culmination.

Sincerely,



Julian Gomez  
Administrative Director, Student Services

**Senior Contract**

**2022-2023 School Year**

**This contract must be signed by both the student and parent/guardian regardless of the age of the student.**

**Please use Kami to sign the document and return via email to [jsheridan@ghctk12.com](mailto:jsheridan@ghctk12.com).**

We have read and understand the contents of this letter.

|                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| _____<br>Student Name (Print)    | _____<br>Student Signature         |
| _____<br>Date of Birth           | _____<br>Student ID #              |
| _____<br>Parent/Guardian (Print) | _____<br>Parent/Guardian Signature |
| _____<br>Date                    |                                    |

Please return signed form to [jsheridan@ghctk12.com](mailto:jsheridan@ghctk12.com).

**Due October 1, 2022**

