



Dear Class of 2020:

You are down to your final year as a GHS Mustang! We challenge you all to meet/exceed all graduation requirements so that every member of the CLASS of 2020 will be able to celebrate together on graduation day in June! **Character Counts!**

1. All graduation requirements including 80 Community Service Hours (or 10 hours per semester) must be completed before you can participate in graduation practice. Community service hours must be completed **by May 1, 2020**. **For questions please see Mrs. Mantani in Student Services.**
2. Any senior with 2 or more N's for citizenship at 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is **NOT** eligible to participate in end of the year senior activities including the graduation ceremony.
  - To appeal ineligibility seniors must have 0 N's at 4<sup>th</sup> quarter progress report (April 24, 2020), attend mandatory Saturday School (for N's received for attendance) and petition in writing to administration.
3. All seniors must attend a mandatory meeting, including mid-year grads and Independent Studies students during the graduation practice.
4. Seniors who are on the forty-five (45) day no activity list will not be able to participate in Prom or Magic Mountain, but could appeal to administration to participate in the graduation ceremony providing they meet all other eligibility requirements.

We expect all seniors to follow these rules to ensure that we will have a great ceremony, Character Counts!:

1. All seniors participating in the graduation ceremony must attend **ALL MANDATORY** practices unless the absence receives prior approval by administration. Non-participation in mandatory practice will exclude you from the graduation ceremony.
2. Seniors who choose to "ditch" or cut classes prior to the end of school will be in jeopardy of not participating in senior activities including the graduation ceremony.
3. All school rules apply throughout graduation practice and senior activities. Seniors who violate school rules may be in jeopardy of not participating in the graduation ceremony. **(Diplomas for those who are removed from the ceremony will be available in the main office the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> following a parent conference with an administrator).**
4. All seniors will be dressed appropriately for graduation, which is business and/or dress attire.
5. All debts must be paid by **Friday, May 22, 2020** or students will not receive their cap and gown to participate in the graduation ceremony.
6. All teacher detentions and Saturday schools must be cleared by **May 29, 2020**.
7. Graduation tickets will be distributed to students during graduation practice. Each senior will be allotted 5 complimentary tickets to the Ceremony.

**Students may purchase up to seven (7) additional tickets beginning Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The cost of additional tickets will be announced before tickets go on sale.**

**ASB hours of operation:**

**Monday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM**



8. **Please have your gown in hand before entering the gym for check in at 5:00 PM.** All seniors will be subject to search prior to entering the staging area in the student center on the evening of the ceremony. Inappropriate items will be confiscated and student may be removed from ceremony. **No backpacks or purses allowed. Males and females will have separate entrances. Once you enter the gym you may now exit.**

**Important Senior Dates:**

May 2	Senior Parent Night
July 15-19	Senior Portraits
August 14	First Day of School
August 22	Senior Talks during 4 <sup>th</sup> Period
September 14-15	Painting Senior Parking Spaces
October 14-18	Homecoming Week
September 10-12	Senior Portraits
September 11	Back to School Night
September 25	Financial Aid Night 6-8
September 28	Cal-SOAP Orientation
September TBD	Herff Jones Class Ring Sales on Campus
October 4	Financial Aid Presentation during Government/Economics Class
October 9	Cash for College
October TBD	ASVAB
November 2	Senior Dinner Dance
November 7	Cal-SOAP College Fair 5-7 in GHS Student Center
November 8	Rock the Mock
April 18	Prom
May 1	Graduation Tickets go on Sale
May 20	Senior Awards Night
May 21	Day on the Green
May 22	Accounts/Textbook Clearance Deadline
May 26-27	Senior Finals
May 28-29	Magic Mountain Trip
June 1-3	Graduation Practice*
June 4	Graduation Day – Seniors must report at 5:00PM Ceremony to begin at 6:00 PM
June 5	Last Official Day of School
June 5	Enjoy your summer and the next step in your life! Congratulations!
August TBD	Summer Graduation Ceremony

**\* If practice goes according to plan, additional practice will not be necessary ☺**

**\*\* Dates are subject to change without notice.**

We are looking forward to your participation in this prestigious ceremony! We hope that the information above has been helpful in planning your final year at Gilroy High School. Please consult the student handbook for more details. The GHS student handbook is available on the school website or you may call the office and ask to speak with a school administrator. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Gilroy High School Leadership*