



# VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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Hello, Spartan Seniors and Parents:

As the excitement of our Graduation approaches, it is imperative that you are aware of the many **Spartan Class of 2023 Senior Activities** that are an integral part of the Commencement process. The following list of events and dates will assist you in planning for the final weeks as a High School Senior at Villa Park!. Please read this letter carefully and mark your calendar accordingly. Be sure to clear ALL demerits to participate in these events/activities (excluding Commencement Ceremony). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Counseling Office or Activities Office.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to seeing you at our Senior Week activities and at the Commencement Ceremony at Fred Kelly Stadium.

**Tuesday, May 16th**

**College and Career Decision Day** during lunch/amphitheater

**May 17th - 20th**

**Senior Graduation Speeches:** Senior students who are interested can submit a 2-3 minute speech **by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, May 16th**. Please submit to Ms. Scott-Sawyer via email at [sscottsawyer@orangeusd.org](mailto:sscottsawyer@orangeusd.org). The speeches will be read anonymously by teachers and administrators. The top six will be invited to present their speeches in person on Tuesday, May 23rd. One student will then be selected to present their speech at the graduation on June 8th.

**May 22nd**

**SENIOR EXIT SURVEY** available to complete. Must be completed by June 2nd in order to check out.

**Thursday, May 25**

**CLASS OF 2023 Celebration at 5:00pm:** Senior Awards, Regalia, PFSO Service Awards, and Photo opportunities. Food available for purchase.

**Friday, May 26th**

**Cap and Gown** pick up in the Breezeway at lunch

**May 29th - June 2nd**

**Finals Week for Seniors:** Wishing you the best!

**Wednesday, May 31st**

**Senior Medallion Awards Night:** 6pm - 8 pm at Chapman University (by invitation)

**June 1st & 2nd**



**Textbook Return for Seniors:** Thursday 6/1 and Friday 6/2 from 8am - 3pm. Check your library account: <http://www.tinyurl.com/VPHSCheckYourBooks> Commencement tickets are distributed after all textbooks and fines have been cleared. **You must have all fines paid (cash/check only) and textbooks returned by June 2nd, or you may be prevented from all Senior week activities including Commencement.**

**Senior FAFSA Completion/Opt-Out Form on file to receive checkout card.**

**Friday, June 2nd**

**Final Senior Grades Due**

**NOTICE:** Students who are deficient credits (failed a required course on

**June 2nd or have pending credits from previous semesters) will not be allowed to participate in Senior Activities (Breakfast, Knott's Berry Farm)**

**Counselor Checkout:** students must meet with their counselor, **starting immediately after Senior BBQ**, to verify graduation status.

**Blowout Senior Assembly followed by Senior BBQ**

**Commencement Tickets:** Admission to Commencement is by ticket only. **Ticket Allotment: Students will be given up to a total of 6 (six) tickets per graduate for Graduation.** You can request up to 4 additional tickets by completing the [Additional Ticket Request Form](#)

Tickets will be picked up in the Counseling Office upon turning in a completed checkout card. **It is prohibited to sell any extra tickets. If caught, you will forfeit all graduation tickets. No exceptions.** *Any Senior on the D/ F hold list cannot receive tickets until all grades have been posted. Please make note that some teachers will not post grades until the end of the day Friday 6/2.*



**Sunday, June 4th**

**Baccalaureate hosted by PFSO** 4:00 pm in the Amphitheater. Attire: Cap and Gown

**Monday, June 5th**

**Senior Trip to Knotts Berry Farm ...** Tickets are \$75 and include a ticket to the park, bus ride, meals (entree and side) every 90 minutes (DRINKS NOT INCLUDED). [Permission Slip](#) is **REQUIRED**. Buses will leave at 10:00 am and return to VP at 9:30 pm. All students attending must take the bus. Once you are assigned a bus, you will not be allowed to switch to another bus. Bus assignments are strictly enforced. **Tickets will be sold until May 15th ONLY. No Refunds!**



**Tuesday, June 6th**

**Senior Breakfast:** This will take place in the Villa Park Gymnasium cost \$25.00 and can be purchased in the Principal's Office. **Tickets will be sold until May 22nd.**

**Wednesday, June 7th**

**Commencement Rehearsal** - Fred Kelly Stadium at 9am. All students are responsible for their own transportation. **MANDATORY** for all students to attend.

**Thursday, June 8th**

**Class of 2023 Commencement** - Fred Kelly Stadium at 7pm. Students must report to the designated area at Fred Kelly Stadium by 6:00PM. Students may not bring any personal items or have any items in their pockets. Please make arrangements to safeguard personal possessions before arriving at Fred Kelly Stadium  
**Suggested Dress:**

- Dresses which do not show below the graduation robe.
- Slacks, button down shirts, and ties.
- Shoes need to be athletic or flats ... **NO HEELS** (heel needs to be wider than a quarter. Inappropriate shoes will be confiscated (per Fred Kelly Stadium rules).

**Commencement Photographer:** A professional photographer will be taking a color, close-up photograph of each student as diploma is received. A proof of the picture will be sent to you within two weeks, and if you would like to purchase the photo you may place your order with the company. This is designed to provide the family a close up photo that is not possible from the spectator area.

**Diploma Distribution** - Diploma distribution will take place **IMMEDIATELY** following the Graduation Ceremony at Fred Kelly Stadium. All textbooks must be returned and all fines (i.e. library fines, lab, athletics, etc.) must be cleared before you receive your diploma. Graduates who have not met all monetary commitments will not be issued a diploma.