

Important Message From  
Principal Kapaku



**GILROY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

It is a very exciting time to be sharing information about our Class of 2023 Graduation ceremonies. There will be a significant amount of information coming your way, so please make sure to mark your calendars and refer to this post for the basics.

- o Graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- o The ceremony will be held in Centennial Circle, which is the quad inside the campus. A beautiful setting with trees, shade, and a good view from wherever you sit.
- o Each graduate will receive 10 tickets to the ceremony. They are free to give these tickets to anyone. You may share tickets if you don't need all 10. Do not sell your graduation tickets! You will lose all tickets if you are caught selling tickets.
- o Seating is not reserved. Gates will open at 4:30 p.m. for guests to arrive and find their seats. It is encouraged that all or most of your guests arrive to get seats, but it is not required. In the past, guests have "saved" seats for others in their family which is fine.
- o Parking is limited so please carpool as much as possible. If you have to park in the surrounding neighborhood, please respect our neighbors and park in appropriate areas.
- o Graduates will be sequestered away from guests beginning at 5:00 p.m. Any flowers or other celebratory items need to be given to your student prior to this time. We will not allow anyone to access the graduates after 5:00 p.m.
- o Noisemakers, confetti cannons, and other disruptive devices of any kind are prohibited at the ceremony. Use of these items will result in removal from the ceremony. Balloons also are not allowed in the ceremony as they block the views of other guests. Please leave all balloons in the car for after the ceremony.
- o A schedule for the last two weeks for our seniors is attached to this message. Please note that the graduation practices are mandatory. Students should not be working during these times nor should they have appointments, college visits, or any other task that will prevent them from attending graduation practice. If a student does not attend all two practices, they will be removed from the ceremony.

Thank you for your cooperation.