

2023-2024 School Year

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 2023-2024 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. Agreement with the contract must be acknowledged in the registration forms.

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 below.

DATES AND PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Yearbook Senior Portraits Appointment scheduled by White Studios Photography	For Appointments, please call White’s Studios Photography at 818-752-7780. Portraits must be taken by <u>September 30, 2023</u> to appear in the yearbook.
Senior Assembly/Senior Day Date: October 11, 2023 TBA	Attendance to the assembly is MANDATORY.
Senior Panorama Picture Date: October 11, 2022 John Elway Stadium	Available for purchase at the Student Store.
Senior Sober Grad Presentation Date: TBD Large Gym	Attendance is MANDATORY.
Senior Prom Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Skirball Cultural Center Los Angeles, CA	All debts and detentions must be cleared by Friday, March 22, 2024 to purchase a ticket. Ticket prices is to be determined. Students must attend Sober Grad to be eligible to attend.
Senior Awards Ceremony Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:30p.m. John Elway Stadium	
Graduation Rehearsal Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. John Elway Stadium	Attendance is MANDATORY.
Graduation Rehearsal Wednesday May 29, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. John Elway Stadium	Attendance is MANDATORY
Senior Clearance Wednesday, May 29, 2024 following the graduation rehearsal Large & Small Gym	MANDATORY Complete the Senior Survey and SCORE assigned activities.
Graduation Ceremony Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. John Elway Stadium Seniors do not have classes on this day.	<u>All debts and detentions must be cleared by Wednesday, May 29, 2024. 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>
Grad Nite Date TBD Disneyland Resort & California Adventure	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 ghchsptsa@gmail.com . Must attend Sober Grad to be eligible to attend.

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 at the time of purchase. 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 (12th 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 September 30, 2023 to appear in the yearbook.

SENIOR AWARDS

Students will be recognized on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for their academic and individual scholarship accomplishments.

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 28 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 29 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 29, 2024. **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, May 30 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 or 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:

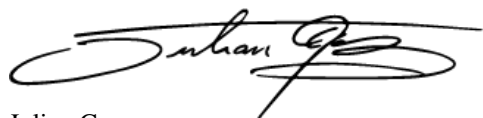
- Meet academic requirements
- Clear all detentions and pay all debts
- Meet citizenship standards
- Adhere to all school rules
- Attend ALL graduation rehearsals
- Attend the Senior Clearance
- Complete the Senior Survey and SCOIR assignments.
- Submit the Senior Contract with their registration paperwork

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 date and ticket cost are not available. Please check the website and listen to the announcements for further 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 or the Administrative Director of Student Services, Mr. Gomez at extension 336, or at 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. 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