



Tustin High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Senior Class of 2024,

We would like to give you some information leading up to this year's 102nd Graduation Ceremony, which will take place on **Tuesday, May 28, at 6:00 pm in Northrup Stadium at Tustin High School**. Only students who have met the requirements for graduation will be permitted to partake in senior activities. All school rules and dress codes are in effect during all the senior activities. A violation of school rules or the Education Code may result in a student not participating in senior activities, including the Graduation Ceremony. **Seniors will not be allowed on campus from May 22 through May 28 except for Graduation Practice and Senior Activities** as underclassmen are preparing for or taking their final exams.

Seniors must clear all detentions, financial, library, and athletic obligations, including transportation fees (if they have participated in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities) 48 hours prior to purchasing tickets for Senior Activities. Failure to do so will keep them from buying tickets to end-of-the-year senior events, along with picking up their **six graduation tickets** and diploma. Please see Mrs. Garcia in the Student Store for your student's current balance (payment plans are available).

We understand the cost of Senior events may be high and suggest that seniors purchase their event tickets at the earliest and lowest possible prices. The THS Student Store accepts all forms of payment: cash, credit cards, checks, money orders, and cashier's checks. However, if using checks, money orders, or cashier's checks, two separate payments must be made when purchasing Senior Activities (made out to THS ASB) or graduation products (made out to Jostens). **Checks will not be accepted after April 19, 2024. Once payment has been made "NO Refunds" will be given.**

Auditions for Graduation and Reflection Speeches & Entertainment

Students must sign up for speech/entertainment auditions **from Thursday, February 8-Friday, March 8** by completing the Senior Speech and Entertainment Audition Google Form located on the **#SENIORSEVERYTHING** page on the THS website. Auditions for speeches will be held on Wednesday, March 13. Auditions for entertainment will be held on Wednesday, March 27. Students must also provide copies of all song lyrics, music, and speeches on the day of auditions. Students will be notified the week of April 1 if they have been selected for a Reflections or Graduation speech or performance.

Senior Activity at Disneyland-Tuesday, February 13

Pre-sale for tickets began in August 2023 and closed on December 8th, 2023. Seniors will be expected to pick up their tickets to the park on Tuesday, Feb 13 at Tustin High between 6:30am-8:00am. We will have a table set up outside the main entrance to the Sports Pavilion where seniors will sign in, join the trip Remind, and get their ticket. Students must be present and show their ID to obtain their ticket. Once Seniors get their tickets, if they are self-transporting, they are free to leave for the park. For those taking the bus, they will simply wait near the check in table until the bus is ready to be loaded.

The bus will depart THS at 8:20am for Disneyland. Students who are riding the bus **MUST** check in by 7:45am. **Students riding the bus MUST return to Tustin High on the bus.** Students will load the bus at Disneyland at 8:00pm and will return to THS at 9:00pm. Expected arrival at THS is 9:30pm. **In order to attend the event, Seniors must have all detention hours cleared by Friday, February 2nd. There will be no refunds for students with outstanding detention hours.**

Cap and Gown Distribution Day-Friday, April 12

Students who pre-purchased or borrowed their caps and gowns will pick them up on **Friday, April 12**, at the Sports Pavilion during lunch. Students who did not pre-purchase a cap and gown package may do so on **Friday, April 12** in the Sports Pavilion for \$40 (**cash only**) with limited quantities available. Caps and Gowns will also be available to borrow free of charge at the Student Store. If you will be wearing a black cap and gown worn by a previous Tustin High Graduate or sibling, you may purchase any of the following items at the Cap and Gown Distribution on Friday, April 12: a cap for \$10, and a tassel for \$10. For those students who have chosen the "borrow" option, their caps, gowns, and tassels must be returned when picking up diplomas after graduation (date and time TBD).

What if I still have not purchased my cap and gown? There is still time to order your cap and gown. Visit www.jostens.com by **Friday, February 16** to pick up your order at the Cap and Gown Distribution event located in the Sports Pavilion during lunch on **Friday, April 12**. Order online: www.Jostens.com, order by phone: 800-567-8367, mail-in: PO Box 512, Owatonna, MN 55060, or order in person: (Hours: Mon-Thurs 12 pm-4 pm) at 711 W. 17th Street, Unit E-7, Costa Mesa, Ca 92627. After February 16, students may purchase their cap and gown on Distribution Day for **\$40-Cash only**.

Senior Reflections-Saturday, May 11

Senior Reflections is a dignified program that highlights and honors seniors, student speakers, performers, and a school slideshow. Senior Reflections will be held on **Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 am** in the Tustin High School Sports Pavilion. Senior Reflections is an excellent time to take pictures since the graduates will be in their caps and gowns. **Students are to report to the Old Gym at 10:20 am, dressed in their cap and gown, and ready to be lined up.** There will be a Senior Reception immediately following the ceremony for seniors and their families in the Plaza. Tickets are not required for this event and all friends and family are invited to attend. THS Award ceremonies including Reflections and the Graduation Ceremony are all school functions, and all school rules and dress codes will be enforced. These events are designed to be dignified ceremonies honoring the graduates of 2024. Each senior deserves the attention and courtesy of everyone attending.

Student Dress Code for Senior Reflections

It is our expectation that each student will be properly dressed in a “business casual” manner at Senior Reflections. **Students who are not appropriately dressed will be removed from the lineup.** Appropriate dress code for students include cap and gown, dress slacks, dress shirt (tie optional), blouses, skirt/dress (not visible below gown) and dress shoes. **Not allowed:** No beach sandals/flip-flops, gym shoes, or slippers, jeans, shorts, pajamas, yoga/sweatpants, backpacks, purses, sunglasses, purses, bags, stuffed animals, **No** Food or Drink.

Graduates may not deface or decorate their caps and gowns in any manner. This includes writing, decorations, pins, etc. Items issued by the school such as the CSF Seal Bearer gold stole, blue AVID stole, CSF Lamp of Knowledge pin, and Tustin High School medals/cords may be worn by the graduates. For questions regarding wearing traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance, please contact a school administrator.

Prom at Nixon Library- Friday, May 17

Tickets may be purchased at the Student Store with a completed permission slip. *Ticket prices are: \$90 w/ASB or \$95 w/o ASB when purchased April 1-April 12, \$95 w/ASB or \$100 w/o ASB when purchased April 15-April 26, \$100 w/ASB or \$105 w/o ASB when purchased April 29-May 10, \$105 w/ASB or \$110 w/o ASB when purchased May 13-May 17.* All ticket sales close at 3:00 pm on May 17. **There will be a \$5.00 processing fee for all credit card transactions and checks will not be accepted after April 19-only cash, money orders, cashier’s checks, or credit cards will be accepted. Once payment has been made, NO refunds will be given.**

Senior Final Exams-Monday, May 20 (Per.0,1,3,5) and Tuesday, May 21 (Per.0,2,4,6) *Check website for Bell Schedule **Senior Laptop Return-Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21-Plaza Stage**

Hello-Goodbye Assembly-Wednesday, May 22

All seniors are to report to the Old Gym at 11:15am in preparation for the Hello-Goodbye Assembly-a time honored tradition at Tustin High. Seniors will be provided with one flower. If seniors choose to honor more than one teacher or staff member, they may bring additional flowers.

Graduation Practice- Thursday, May 23, 7:45 am-9:45 am

Graduation practice will be held on **Thursday, May 23 at 7:45am** in Northrup Stadium at Tustin High School. Students must report to the Sports Pavilion first to obtain their seat assignment. Students will also be receiving their 6 graduation tickets after practice if they have cleared their detentions, financial, library, and athletic obligations, including transportation fees (if they have participated in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities). **Attendance is mandatory and required for all students participating in the Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, May 28.**

Grad Nite at Universal Studios Hollywood-Thursday, May 23

Grad Nite is a safe, sober, drug and alcohol-free celebration for our graduates. Grad Nite will be held at **Universal Studios Hollywood**. All graduates must check in at the Tustin High School Sports Pavilion starting at 1:00pm-2:25pm. The last bus will depart THS for Universal at 2:30pm. **All students who attend Grad Nite MUST ride the bus to and from the event.** We will arrive at Universal around 4:00pm where tickets will be distributed. Buses will depart Universal at 2:30am to return to THS. Expected arrival back at THS is around 3:30am. Upon return, students with a ride may leave to go home (this includes parents picking kids up as well as students self-driving home from THS). Permission slips must reflect this. If students do not have a ride home, we will have the Pavilion open for donuts and a movie. All students will then be released at 5:30am.

Permission slips are at the Student Store. Pre-sale tickets for this celebration are available at the Student Store for \$145 when purchased between February 1 and February 28 and \$155 when purchased March 1 through April 5. There will be a \$5.00 processing fee for all credit card transactions. See the Grad Nite permission slip for more details about the Universal Studios Hollywood dress code. **Once payment has been made, NO refunds will be given. No tickets will be sold after April 5.**

Senior Sunrise Breakfast-Friday, May 24, 6:00 am

Meet up with your mates at 6:00 am when you return from Grad Nite. Donuts and juice will be available for Seniors once they disembark from the bus. Seniors not attending Grad Nite are also welcome!

Last Chance Senior Events-Wednesday, May 29-Friday, May 31-We know you have already graduated, but stay tuned for more details about some fun and memorable last chance senior activities that you can take part in.

Graduation Details

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Graduation Ceremony Tickets

All guests desiring to attend must have a ticket to enter the stadium area for Graduation; tickets are required and will not be available at the gate entrance. There will be no reserving of seats once you enter the stadium. There is special seating available for handicapped spectators, however, due to limited handicapped seating, only one accompanying person may sit with them. Northrup Stadium has a maximum capacity of 3,500; each graduating senior will be given **six tickets** for their family to attend in order to comply with state laws of maximum capacity. Graduation Tickets will be distributed to graduating seniors only with school ID on Thursday, May 23 after Graduation Practice. **One** additional ticket may be granted based on availability. If families would like to request **one** additional ticket, the graduating senior must do so by using the student's @mytusd school email address on the "Extra Graduation Ticket Request Form" which will be available on the #SENIORSEVERYTHING tab on the THS website. Please call Mrs. Russek at 714-730-7414 ext. 87153 if you have any questions.

Graduation Ceremony-Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm at Northrup Stadium

The Graduation Ceremony is designed to be a dignified presentation of diplomas to students completing the graduation requirements. The following procedures and rules are established to afford participating seniors the respect and attention that they each deserve. Please remember that participating in a graduation ceremony is a privilege and the school reserves the right to take the necessary steps to make this an appropriate activity in keeping with state law and Board Policy. Inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the ceremony. THS reserves the right to conduct a breathalyzer test. All students will be breathalyzed upon arrival at the ceremony. The Graduation Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm in Northrup Stadium. **Students must report to the Sports Pavilion carrying their cap and gown at 4:45pm. Please see the Graduation Dress Code for appropriate attire described below.**

Dress Code for Graduation Ceremony

It is our expectation that each student will be properly dressed in a "business casual" manner at the Graduation Ceremony. **Students who are not appropriately dressed will be removed from the lineup.** Appropriate dress code for graduates include: Cap and Gown, dress slacks, dress shirt (tie optional), blouses, skirt/dress (not visible below gown), and dress shoes-**FLATS ONLY!!** Absolutely **No** high/spiked/wedge heels (because you will be on the football field), **No** beach sandals/flip-flops, gym shoes, or slippers, jeans, shorts pajamas, yoga/sweatpants, **No** backpacks, purses, bags, cellphones, sunglasses. **No** Food or Drink is allowed.

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Items Not Allowed into the Ceremony:

Graduates/Spectators may NOT bring these items into the Ceremony: No Food or Drink, No Noise Makers, No Balloons, No Signs, No Umbrellas, or any other items that detract and distract others from the ceremony will be allowed into the ceremony. Fireworks are illegal. Persons violating this law will be removed from the ceremony. Please respect the dignity of the ceremony and adhere to these guidelines.

Ceremony to be Livestreamed

The plan is to livestream the graduation ceremony. Barring any technical issues, graduation will be livestreamed with details about how to be shared at a later date.

Diplomas- Only Graduating Seniors with ID will be able to pick up their own diplomas. Seniors may pick up their diplomas starting Monday, June 10 from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Education Support Center located at 1151 San Juan Street (behind Tustin High). Please come prepared to return your borrowed cap, gown, and tassel. If you have any unpaid Financial, Library, or Athletic obligations, your diploma will not be released.

Transcripts- Seniors, please make sure that you order your final official transcript. See Mrs. Garcia in the center office by Attendance, to pick up a request form. You may also request it via Parchment. The link is found on our school website under "Counseling". Deadline is May 23rd. All official transcripts will be mailed after June 17, 2024.

Photographs South Coast Photographic will be our professional photography company taking pictures after each senior receives his/her diploma. These photographs will be available for you to purchase. To view your student's proofs, check online at www.southcoastphotographic.com. For further assistance, you may call South Coast Photographic at 714-630-8584. All graduation photos will be available for viewing and ordering during the first week of June.

Cameras

People with cameras will not be allowed to stand in front of parents and guests during the ceremony. This includes moving to the stadium railing or fence line. We want all parents and seniors to have their moment of recognition without the interruption of others.

Parking

This will all depend on which side of the field the graduate will be sitting on during the ceremony. Graduates will be seated on either the "Black Side" or "Red Side". Students will know at Graduation Practice whether they will be sitting on the "Black Side" or the "Red Side". **It is advised that the graduate and guests arrive in the same vehicle to the ceremony.** Parents and family members with a valid handicapped placard (issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles) may park in the specified handicapped parking area.

Black Side Seating - Guests and graduates that will be sitting on the "Black Side" (Visitor bleachers) will park on the field behind the Visitor bleachers off San Juan Street. Guests will be able to enter the stadium on this side and all Graduates must check in at the Sports Pavilion. Once the ceremony is over, the graduates that are on the "Black Side" will be exiting the field area behind the visitor bleachers to meet up with their guests or family members (see attached map).

Red Side Seating- Guests and graduates that will be sitting on the "Red Side" (Home bleachers) will park in the main parking lot at Tustin High. Please be aware that this lot may fill up. All Graduates must check in at the Sports Pavilion. Once the ceremony is over, graduates on the "Red Side" will exit out to the parking lot to meet up with their guests or family members (see attached map).

Alcohol/Drugs

The state law is very specific regarding students and alcohol. Any senior with alcohol on his/her breath or any senior determined to be under the influence or in possession of an illegal drug will be removed from the processional line and will NOT be allowed to participate. All students will be breathalyzed upon arrival at the Sports Pavilion. As in the past, the Tustin Police Department will assist Tustin High School with the screening and removal of students. **This is absolute – no exceptions will be made.**

Congratulations to you and your Senior! We are proud of our seniors, and we look forward to seeing you at Graduation on **Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McKinley by email at rmckinley@tustin.k12.ca.us or by phone at 714-730-7414, ext. 87152.

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