

## Class of 2025

### Graduation Details

#### May Dates :

- 12 - 6:30 PM - Senior Sunset
- 14 - 15 - Senior Finals
- 16 - Senior Final make-ups
- 16 - 7:15 AM - Graduation Rehearsal at Vista Ridge
- 16 - 8:15 AM - Senior Breakfast - Vista Ridge - 8:15 PM - Seniors only
- 16 - 9:00 AM - Senior Walk - Vista Ridge and feeder elementary and middle schools
  - 9:00 AM Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s) form Senior Tunnel as students leave Vista Ridge
- 23 - Graduation - Broadmoor World Arena - 1:00 PM

#### Cap Decorations Guidelines

Decorating your graduation cap is a tradition! Be sure to read the guidelines attached on [Class of 2025](#) webpage. Decorated caps need to be approved between May 5 - May 21.

#### May 16-7:15 am MANDATORY for Seniors- Graduation Rehearsal - VR gymnasium

Per Principal Payne - ALL Seniors walking at graduation NEED to attend the Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal

If you cannot make rehearsal, you **MUST** email Mr Payne - [thomas.payne@d49.org](mailto:thomas.payne@d49.org)

#### May 16 - 8:00 am - Senior Breakfast and Senior Send-off - VR Commons

Breakfast - Seniors Only - Vista Ridge offers seniors a Senior Breakfast the day after finals as a gift on their last official day of school on May 16. This has been a tradition since VR had its first graduating class. The breakfast is only for the seniors as VR provides the whole class the opportunity to be with their classmates one final time before graduation. There is no fee for the seniors to pay.

Senior Send-off - Parents - After the breakfast, the parents are invited to form a Senior Send-off line as seniors leave the breakfast around 9:00-9:15 AM and head out to the buses to attend the Senior Walk at 9:30 (if they choose).

Senior Walk - 9:15 am - Optional - Senior will parade in cap/gowns through the VR feeder elementary and middle schools. See the sign-up on the Class of 2025 page. **Sign-up by May 9.**

#### May 23 - 1:00 PM Graduation - Broadmoor World Arena

**3185 Venetucci Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

#### **11:00 am - Graduates need to be at World Arena - Please be on time for walk through.**

- **STUDENTS** to have cap and gown.
  - o Park in the normal/general parking lots. The west lot (accessed by Venetucci Blvd) would be the easier option due to where you will be entering the World Arena.
  - o Enter through the Club Entrance to the left of Gate A on the west side of the arena. There will be a check-in table! You will then proceed downstairs, and you will be directed to the arena floor.
  - o **Correct and Recommended Attire:** 'Sunday Best' or 'Business Casual' would be preferred as this is a formal ceremony and outfits will be dress code appropriate. Ladies, please be mindful of your shoes and the idea of stairs.
  - o There will be no place for "extra" things. Leave them in your car, wear something with pockets, or carry a small purse/fanny pack to wear under your gown. See World Arena guidelines on [Class of 2025](#) webpage.
  - o **\*\* Please know now that students who do not have a cap/gown (either not purchased or forgotten at home) will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

**12:00 pm - Doors open for seating. NO tickets necessary. Wheelchair accessibility seating available.**

- **FAMILIES AND GUESTS** can show when the doors open at 12 pm.
  - This event is NOT a ticketed event and you may bring whomever you'd like.
  - **No more than two seats may be saved at a time and it is first come, first served.** If you plan to have a large group, it is encouraged to only seat when everyone has arrived. Handicap seating will be available in designated sections; however, **per the World Arena**, these sections will only allow for one additional person to be seated with the handicap seat. Other members of the party will need to be seated elsewhere. World Arena attendants will be monitoring the seating situations regarding saved seats and handicap sections. Please ensure to follow these recommendations accordingly.
  - The World Arena strongly enforces the ban of selfie-sticks, noise-makers, and anything large that obstructs other patron's view. If seen or used, they can and will be confiscated and returned upon your exit. Large bags and backpacks are also not allowed. Please only bring in what is necessary!
    - *Please view the rules and regulations found on Class of 2024 webpage and for more information.*
  - **Any violations will result in denied access or removal from event.**
  - The World Arena will have flowers available for purchase.
  - There will be a bag check and magnetometer at every door.
  - Remember, Vista Ridge is the middle of the D49 graduation at World Arena May 23. PLEASE be patient with entering and leaving the arena parking lots.

**1:00 pm - Ceremony begins - Broadmoor World Arena - doors open at 12:00 pm.**

- Graduates will proceed to a concourse to receive diplomas.
- Parents will meet students outside.