

Grayslake Central High School

2019 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

FROM MR. LANDRY'S OFFICE:

Grayslake Central High School is planning our Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2019 on May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Central Field House. This dignified occasion is designed to honor your student's career in high school. We need your help to ensure this ceremony will be one of pride and dignity for all graduates and their families. To that end we are asking that as a family you discuss the expectations listed below.

Please remember that participation in the ceremony is optional and that your participation is a privilege, not a right.

All rules and policies of the school will be enforced both at the rehearsal and at the ceremony. Possession or use of any object, which would disrupt the ceremony or cause injury, will lead to immediate removal from the graduation experience. Examples of such objects are noisemakers, beach balls, silly string, balloons, coins, etc. **(This list is not inclusive).**

FEES:

Please be sure all school fees are paid in full to Cathy Rakowski in the Bookstore. We can accept payment by check until April 26, 2019. After that time, the fees must be paid by cash or credit card. Release of final transcripts will be withheld until all fees are paid in full.

TICKETS:

Commencement Ceremony tickets will be handed out at graduation practice on Wednesday, May 22nd. Each graduate will receive six tickets. While we have already received requests for more than six, the number of tickets we can offer is constrained by the capacity of the Field House and the number of graduates in this class. Please consider asking other families that may have extras to give out.

HANDICAPPED PARKING & SEATING:

Handicapped parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Field House and there will be handicapped seating with space available for wheelchairs. Seating is clearly marked for family members in need.

CAPS & GOWNS:

Herff Jones will be at GCHS during lunch hours **Monday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 17th** to hand out caps and gowns near the SLO doors in the Field House Hallway. If your student does not pick up their gown on these dates, gowns will be available for pick up in the Principal's Office (2050). If you have not yet ordered a cap & gown and wish to pay cash for one, please see Ms. Becker in 2050. If you would like to purchase using a credit card, please choose one of the following three options:

Call Herff Jones directly at: 815-756-4743.

Email: custserv@herffjonesil.com

Access their website at: www.herffjones.com.

GRADUATION BREAKFAST & PRACTICE:

The Senior Class Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd at 8:00 am in the Central Cafeteria. A Senior slideshow will follow in the Central Theater at 9:00 am. Graduation practice will start at approximately 10:15 am in the Central Field House. All tickets and honor awards not received at Honors Night will be handed out during commencement practice. All honor cords, stoles and hoods should be worn with graduation gowns during the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday. If your student does not intend to march with the class, please contact Tracie Becker at 847-986-3367 or email her at tbecker@d127.org. If your student intends to participate in the commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 22nd, **practice is mandatory**. At practice, we will run through the full ceremony, from procession to recession.



IMPORTANT DATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!!

Monday, April 15

Cap & Gown distribution during all lunch hours outside of the SLO doors

Wednesday, April 17

Cap & Gown distribution during all lunch hours outside of the SLO doors

Friday, May 3

PROM: 5:00 pm -11:00 pm

Monday, May 13

Sr. Athletic Honors Night
Maravela's: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 15

Academic Honors Night
Central Theater: 7:00 pm

Monday, May 20

FINALS: Periods 5,6,7,8

Tuesday, May 21

FINALS: Periods 1,2,3,4

Wednesday, May 22

- Senior Class Breakfast
Central Cafe: 8:00 am
- Senior Slideshow
Central Theater: 9:00 am
- Graduation Practice
Field House: 10:15 am

Thursday, May 23

Commencement Ceremony
7:00 pm

Graduates need to arrive by 6:00 pm and report to their designated area in the Cafeteria by 6:15 pm

PICTURES AND VIDEO:

- Since you receive your cap and gown prior to the graduation ceremony, consider taking pictures with family and friends ahead of time.
- Professional photographers from Total Image Photographics will take each graduate's picture the moment the diploma is presented. These professionals will have optimum location and equipment and can provide the best record of this special event for each family.
- We will have videographers from KTR Media Group filming our ceremony as well. DVDs will be available for purchase.
- Information for ordering photos and DVDs is included with this mailing. Additionally, there will be copies of the flyers placed in the envelope with graduation tickets, which your student will receive at practice on May 22nd.

GRADUATION DAY:

The Field House doors will open by 6:00 pm for the Commencement Ceremony attendees.

CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES:

Graduates will wear their green gown with the school crest on it.

Girls: It is appropriate to wear a dress or skirt that is shorter than the gown. No jewelry or corsages may be worn on the gown. No athletic footwear, flip flops or sunglasses are permitted. Please be aware that you will be standing for extended periods of time, so choose appropriate footwear.

Boys: It is appropriate to wear dress shirt/dress shirt and tie, dress/long pants, dress shoes and socks. Ties **are** required. No athletic footwear, flip flops, shorts or sunglasses are permitted.

PROCESSIONAL LINE:

At 6:45 pm, every graduate is to be in his/her proper place in the lineup for procession. Mortarboards (caps) flat; tassels over the RIGHT eye. Messages displayed on mortarboards is prohibited. Graduates should not be carrying purses, cell phones or cameras. This will also be the time to dispose of any chewing gum. Attendance will be taken; no graduate may join the Line of March after the Processional has begun.

AUDIENCE EXPECTATIONS:

We ask that audience members remain seated during the entire ceremony. Please take pictures from your seat, it is necessary to have aisles clear so that graduates may move to and from the stage. While we know you are excited for your graduate, please refrain from cheering/clapping until the entire graduating class has been recognized. We also would like to remind the audience to remain seated until every graduate has exited the Field House after the ceremony.

POST CEREMONY:

The ceremony should end at about 8:30 pm. Graduates should report to the Big Gym to pick up their diploma, then retrieve personal belongings from the Central Cafeteria. Doors will close promptly at 9:15 pm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Any senior who is participating in the graduation ceremony is expected to have all necessary course credits completed by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 22nd. Anyone whose conduct at rehearsal or at the ceremony is inappropriate will find that his/her diploma will not be available after the ceremony. If so, you will need to contact the Principal's Office to arrange a conference for you and your parents to discuss the situation before you may receive your diploma.

DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT SCHOOL RECORDS:

This notice contains the destruction schedule for your or your student's school records as required by rule of the Illinois State Board of Education, Section 375.40(c).

As you or your student is permanently withdrawing, transferring, or graduating from this School District, you are notified of the schedule below for destruction of the school records. This schedule complies with the Illinois School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/4(e) and (f), requirements that (1) temporary records be retained for at least 5 years after a student's transfer, withdrawal, or graduation, and (2) permanent records to be retained for at least 60 years after a student's transfer, withdrawal or graduation. The parent(s)/guardian (s), or the student if he or she is at least 18 years of age at the time of the request, may request a copy of a record at any time prior to the date of destruction listed below.

Temporary records will be destroyed no earlier than May 24, 2024

Permanent records will be destroyed no earlier than May 24, 2079

We know you will do your part to make this a wonderful graduation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Principal's Assistant, Tracie Becker, at 847-986-3367.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

