

Senior Packet

Dear Senior and Senior Parents,

This letter and packet is intended to give our senior students and their parents needed information concerning the end-of-year events we have planned for the Class of 2024.

A common question that comes up each year is about seating for friends and family members at our commencement ceremony. Just like years past, we will give four (4) tickets to each graduate which will reserve seats in the lower-level section in the auditorium. The remaining seats in the auditorium will not require a ticket. These seats will continue to be on a first-come first-serve basis. There should be ample seating to accommodate all family members and guests in the auditorium. Again, **each graduate will not be limited to four total guests, but rather four guests in the lower reserved level.** These reserved tickets will be given to the graduate at graduation practice on May 24th. Reserved seats not filled five minutes prior to the start of the ceremony will be opened for general admission.

Balfour will be at the HS Campus from 10:00-4:00 on Jan. 31st to collect Cap and Gown orders. You will find more important dates and times in the attached packet. Please pay close attention to these dates, times, and dress codes so your child will not miss out on any of the memories that go along with this special time.

As always, it may be necessary to change the date, time, and location of these events due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise. If and when these changes occur, we will make announcements through our class of 2024 Remind accounts, and our district/campus website.

If you have any questions, or would like a hard copy of this letter/packet, please do not hesitate to stop by the High School office to pick one up.

I want to thank you for your continued support as we try to make these events memorable experiences for all.

Sincerely,

Kelly Shackelford, Principal
Glen Rose High School

Class of 2024

Event	Date	Arrival	Time	Dress Code
Spaghetti Supper	4/22	3:35	4:00	School Dress
Panoramic Picture	TBA	TBA	TBA	Cap and Gown
Class Trip	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate Practice	5/17	1:00	1:00	School Dress
Senior Recognition	5/17	5:30	6:00	Gown (no cap) Check Packet
Baccalaureate	5/19	2:45	3:00	Cap and Gown Check Packet
Commencement Practice	5/24	10:15	10:30	TBA
Commencement	5/24	6:15	7:00	Cap and Gown Check Packet
Project Graduation	5/24	Following Commencement	Following Commencement	TBA

Class Trip Requirements

Must meet the following requirements by end of 5th six weeks – April 12th

- Must be passing (average of 1st semester and current grade) all classes
- Must have no more than 9 excused or unexcused absences. (this does not include absences for extracurricular events, medical appointments, or college visits)

3 tardies will = 1 absence when accounting for trip requirements.

- Must owe no charges or equipment to the school. Examples... lunch charges, overdue library book, library charges, textbook charges, cheerleader balance, uniforms still out.
- Must not have ISS placement on date of trip
- Must have no time spent in DAEP this school year

IF YOU DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

Friday, May 17, 2024 6:00 PM

GRISD Auditorium

Arrive at GRHS Cafeteria 5:30 PM

This is a night for ALL SENIORS to be honored!

Scholarships will be announced.

Baby pictures will be shared.

Pictures of scholarship recipients and their presenters can be taken after the program.

Dress Code: Red Gowns (no cap)

This is a dressy affair and some of your clothes will show under the gowns.

Bragging Time after Awards are announced

Each graduate will be called to the stage while his/her baby picture and graduation picture are being shown on the big screen.

The announcer will list the 3 achievements, interests, etc., you listed on the Senior Information Form.

Please be sure to stick around and thank people for their scholarships.

Photographs & Videotaping

Parents will be asked to videotape from the outer aisles of auditorium so view of the stage will not be blocked.

Pictures can be taken—of course, who could stop those proud parents anyway?

We'll just ask that they take that shot then back away so others can do the same and that no one stands in front of the class during the service.

BACCALAUREATE
Sunday, May 19, 2024 3 P.M.
GRISD Auditorium
Arrive and line up in GRHS Cafeteria 2:30 P.M.

What is it?

A gathering and celebration of your commencement in a non-denominational religious service—one that you, as a class, plan. Some of you will be participating along with community members chosen by your class.

Dress Code: It's time for those RED Caps and Gowns!

This is a dressy affair and some of your clothes will show under the gowns.

Girls: dresses or skirts & blouses; dark shoes— no white, tennis shoes, or “flip-flop” sandals, please!

Guys: dark dress slacks or dark black jeans; white collared shirts; dark ties (Yellow will not be your color, honestly!); dark dress shoes or nice boots—no sandals or tennis shoes, please! No facial hair!

Everybody: Caps are to be worn parallel to the ground, not perched on the back of your head. Caps are not to be decorated in any manner.

Nothing should be attached to or worn on the outside of the robe, including jewelry.

Please, no gum chewing!

Seating

You will enter and exit as a class. The speaker will be addressing you, so you will be in the reserved section down front.

Photographs & Videotaping

Parents will be asked to videotape from the outer aisles of auditorium so view of the stage will not be blocked.

COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 24th 2024 7:00 P.M.

GRISD Auditorium

Arrive and line up at GRHS Cafeteria 6:15 P.M.

Dress Code: It's the last time for those Caps and Gowns!

Same as Panoramic Picture and Baccalaureate

Remember, you don't go across the stage if not in Dress Code.

Only school issued graduation regalia may be worn.

Please, please, please! No gum chewing and no cell phones should be carried on stage.

The Grand Entrance & Seating

Led by the Junior Ushers you select, the Gonfalon (gift of Class of 1998), an Honor Guard of robed teachers

You will enter the auditorium either from the front doors of the auditorium or back stage (depending on the weather) and sit on stage.

Tiger's Eye Award

Presented to a GR Ex-student who has supported the schools over the years

Selected by an ex-student committee

The Gonfalon will be presented to your class president, who will then challenge the Junior Class to carry on the spirit of GRHS.

Photographs & Videotaping

Same as Baccalaureate for parents

A photographer (contracted by the school) will be taking pictures during the ceremony, especially during the awarding of diplomas. They will make the pictures available for purchase a few days after the ceremony.

DIPLOMA TIME!

Yes! Go across that stage and get that piece of precious paper you've been working for all these years!

Remind friends and family that this is a DIGNIFIED OCCASION—Enthusiastic applause is appropriate. Catcalls, whistling, yelling, noisemakers, etc. are NOT.

Recessional & Hat Toss

Led by Junior Ushers and members of Honor Guard

Exit out front doors of auditorium to roped-off area of front steps

Parents and friends will be directed to other 6 exits from the auditorium and given ample time to get to the Hat Toss area.

The street in front of this area will be closed off to give plenty of room.

A photographer will be taking a picture of this last “hurrah!”

This photo will be available for purchase a few days after the ceremony.

We’re proud of you and want to wish you the very best in your future studies and/or endeavors.

And Finally.... Project Graduation

Go have fun and enjoy your last time to all be together as the CLASS of 2024!