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Important Graduation Information!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's almost here; graduation day is rapidly approaching! For many parents, it feels like the first day of kindergarten was just yesterday. Now your child is preparing for graduation and the next phase of life. I know that this can be an emotional time for many of us, with feelings ranging from joy and pride, to uncertainty and a longing for a few more moments of adolescence. The time has gone fast, and Grosse Pointe South High School is proud to have had the opportunity to serve your students. Thank you for entrusting us with this privilege and for partnering with us to cultivate the next generation of leaders. Grosse Pointe South's legacy of excellence will live on in your students as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

This letter is designed to help guide you through the graduation process. **Please read all materials on the 'Senior Celebration Page' found on South's website, complete necessary forms and respond by the deadlines.** This will be your official information site for updated links and materials as information will not be mailed home.

Senior Parent Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:00pm

We want to make the last weeks of high school and all graduation-related activities safe and memorable experiences. To discuss the various celebrations of the remaining weeks of this senior year, we are inviting all parents of seniors to meet with us on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm, in the **South Auditorium**.

At this meeting, parents will be informed about preparations being made for **SENIOR PROM**, **SENIOR HONORS NIGHT**, **SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**, **SENIOR CELEBRATION WEEK**, **END OF YEAR COUNSELING INFO**, **GRADUATION**, and the **ALL-NIGHT PARTY**. You will have the opportunity to talk with the South Administration, the Senior Class Faculty Adviser and the Parent Sponsors about these events.

The South High School Mothers' Club has been planning all year for the annual **All Night Party** which will be held this year at **Assumption Cultural Center** following the Graduation ceremony on June 5th. **For the event to be successful, the cooperation and financial support of all parents will be needed.** At this meeting on April 4th, you will have the opportunity to offer your support. The graduates enjoy this party, and in past years, close to 100% have attended. See the Senior Celebration Page on South's website for all details! Please also check your receipt from K-12 on-line registration, <https://gpps.k12online.us/schoolportal> as this was one of the available options to choose during that process.

Graduation Speech Submissions and Auditions

Class of 2023! Graduation speeches must be submitted by **March 17th** for consideration. Auditions will be after school on **March 22nd** with a panel of Ms. Parent and our speech teachers. See Ms. Parent in room 195 with questions regarding speech themes or appropriateness to our graduation ceremony.

Senior Prom ~ Friday, June 2, 2023, 7:00pm

Senior Prom is on Friday, June 2 2023 from 7:00pm - 11:00 at the **Roostertail**. Doors open at 7:00pm with no entry after 8:00pm and no dismissal before 10:30pm. Guest applications are required in order to purchase a ticket for non-South guests. They are available in the Student Activities Office and online in the Senior Celebration Page. Guest applications will be due to Mrs. Petz on May 26th.

Senior Prom Cont.

Tickets go on sale in the main hall from Monday May 15th through Tuesday May 23rd during both lunches. Tickets are \$60.00 each and include dinner, dessert table, special beverages, prom favors, professional prom photos and a DJ with dancing. Prom is no longer a date night. It has become more common for groups of friends to attend prom together. It would be great if all the Seniors would attend this last dance.

Senior Honors Night ~ Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00pm

This event is invitation only. If you receive an invitation, please RSVP to the event. Senior Honors Night is held in Grosse Pointe South's Auditorium and begins at 6:00pm, followed by a small reception in Cleminson Hall. Who is honored at this event? Senior Class Officers, SA officers, Senators, Academic Hall of Fame recipients (4.0 and above), Students who have a cumulative 3.5 and above, Special Community, Athletic and Leadership Awards.

Cap and Gown/ Merchandise Pick Up ~ Thursday, June 1, 2023, 11:15am-3:00pm

Your cap & gown/ Merchandise can be picked up in the Boll Gym starting at 11:15 a.m. Thursday,, June 1st.

IMPORTANT: All obligations (textbooks, library books & fines, uniforms, etc.) must be met before you pick up your cap & gown. If you have not yet ordered your cap & gown, you must order online at: www.MIGRADS.com. Visit the Student Activities office if you need different arrangements.

Senior Celebration Week ~ Tuesday, May 30, 2023 to Friday, June 2, 2023

The Senior Class & Student Activities are finalizing the details, but we are hoping for games, ice cream, a breakfast/tailgate and final clap-out to wish the Seniors well. Parents/Guardians are welcome to volunteer or be a part of the final clap out on Friday, June 2nd. More Information will come on the Senior Celebration Page.

MANDATORY Commencement Rehearsal ~ Friday, June 2, 2023, 9:45am

Seniors should report to the Main Gym at 9:45am. This rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. Administrators will review seating, line up, name cards, proper attire, and will do a practice walk through to the front lawn seating area. School dress code for this rehearsal is expected.

Commencement Ceremony ~ Monday, June 5th, 2023 6:30pm

Rain Date: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 6:30pm

Second Rain Date: Friday, June 9th 6:30pm

Our ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe South High School. **Graduates should arrive at 6 p.m., and report directly to the Main Gymnasium.**

Reserving Seats the day of Commencement Ceremony

Guests will not be permitted to reserve seats until 4:00pm the day of the ceremony. Please see [Seating at Graduation Rules](#) with more details.

What this year's graduate is wearing.....? Commencement is an honorable ceremony. Help yourself, your family and friends feel proud of your accomplishments by looking your very best. **Dress clothes and dress shoes are expected.**

Diploma Pick Up ~ Immediately following the Commencement Ceremony, students will line up in their designated area in the Practice Gym to pick up their actual diplomas.

Photos During Commencement Ceremony

For your convenience, <https://www.gradimages.com/> GradImages will record the moment students receive their diploma cover. You will receive a passport-sized, full-color proof in the mail approximately one week after the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase, and you will have the option of ordering from a variety of enlargement packages at very reasonable prices.