



HIGH SCHOOL

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May 8, 2018

Dear GAHS Seniors,

We look forward to celebrating together as the GAHS Class of 2018 graduates on Saturday, June 2. Commencement is a special time and it is important that you carefully follow these instructions. Please report promptly to all the sessions you are required to attend for final exams and graduation exercises. **Attendance is mandatory for the rehearsals on Thursday and Friday if you plan to participate in Commencement.** Make certain that you take care of all obligations to the school prior to Commencement. It is your responsibility to return all textbooks, library books, athletic equipment, and pay any debts owed to the school. Any senior who is more than one course short of the credit requirement for graduation will not be permitted to participate in Commencement.

Graduation is a time to celebrate, but also a time to remember all the classroom experiences and special relationships that have developed over the years. To recognize this significant accomplishment, all graduates are invited to participate in the annual Senior Walk through campus, weather permitting, on Wednesday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. Graduates will wear their caps and gowns as they walk in a processional through each school building on campus. It is a time of reflection and remembrance for the graduates, while also serving as an inspiration to all students.

Please pay close attention to the following schedule of activities:

FINAL EXAM AND COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 25	Test periods 1/2 Test periods 5/6	School day ends at 2:20 pm
Tuesday, May 29	Test periods 3/4 Test periods 7/8	School day ends at 2:20 pm <i>(Last day for seniors)</i>
Wednesday, May 30	9:00 am: Senior Walk – Seniors report to the HS Auditorium to receive their cap & gown and additional instructions - seniors will not attend regular classes if all final exams have been completed <i>(exchange for attending rehearsal on Thursday)</i>	
Thursday, May 31	10:30 am: Baccalaureate/Commencement rehearsal <i>(mandatory)</i> Report to the High School Auditorium Last day for underclassmen – seniors will not attend classes <i>(exchange for attending rehearsal on Friday)</i> 7:00 pm: Baccalaureate Service in the HS Auditorium Report to the HS Gymnasium at 6:15 pm	

(turn over, please)

Friday, June 1

9:00 am: Commencement rehearsal (*mandatory*)

Begin in the HS Auditorium and end on Kaley Field

Senior luncheon immediately following rehearsal, sponsored by the GAHS National Honor Society, Class of 2018, and area businesses

**Saturday, June 2
Graduation Day!**

9:00 am: Students report to the Primary School

10:00 am: Commencement Exercises on Kaley Field

(*In case of inclement weather, tickets for auditorium seating will be distributed to students during rehearsal on Friday*)

Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies are your opportunity to display a sense of pride, not only in your alma mater, but also in your accomplishments and hard work during the past thirteen years. Your appearance and behavior is an effective way to convey this to the observing public, relatives, faculty and friends. Jeans and sneakers are not acceptable dress. Please follow the recommended guidelines for attire:

LADIES

Street-length dress, dress shoes (flats)

No spiked heels will be permitted on the track/turf field

GENTLEMEN

Dress shirts and pants, neckties preferred

Dark socks and dress shoes

****Please note: To preserve the track and turf at Kaley Field, we request that all friends and family members entering the field after graduation refrain from wearing shoes with spiked heels.***

Your Commencement is a special time. It is a solemn occasion. You and your guests should conduct yourselves with the proper decorum. Do not do anything that would dishonor you, your classmates, or your school. I look forward to celebrating this important benchmark in your life.

Sincerely,

Edward K. Rife

Edward K. Rife, Ed. D.
Principal

***“Graduation is a time of completion,
of finishing, of an ending; however,
it is also a time of celebration of achievement
and a beginning for the new graduate.”***

~ Catherine Pulsifer