



Dear Seniors- These are your class of 2021 Senior Notes! This document contains important information regarding the end of your Senior year and graduation activities.

FINAL EXAMS

Finals are arranged by individual teachers. If you are in a mixed-grade class, ask your teacher when you can take your final. Seniors last day will be Wednesday May 26, 2021.

THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF BEFORE YOUR LAST DAY

1. Complete all coursework
2. Turn in all textbooks and library books after your finals are done. The last day to turn in your books will be Monday May 24 at 3:15 pm, so fines can be assessed for payment by Wednesday May 26.
3. Clean out your lockers and download items you need from your Z Drive and Google Drive. There is a \$5 inconvenience fee for all books found in lockers. There is a \$20 per hour fee to recover documents from your Z Drive or Google Drive after you graduate.
4. Pay fines and fees in the finance office. **Fines must be paid by 4 pm on Wednesday May 26th in order to receive your diploma at graduation.**
5. Turn in Senior Lot Parking Permit. You will get a temporary permit to use for the month of May to avoid getting a ticket.
6. Check to see if there is money on your lunch account. If so, there is a refund request form on the GFPS website for balances above \$10. Negative balances, or refunds under \$10, can be settled directly in the cafeteria.

RECORDS OFFICE/FINANCE INFORMATION

- **Transcripts:** These will be available on June 14th after grades in all classes have been stored. Mrs. Breuer will send your transcripts to the college you specified on your senior exit form. If you need a transcript sent to the NCAA or the NAIA, please indicate that on your senior exit form.
- **Immunization Records:** We mail home the original. Store it in a safe place with documents like your passport and your diploma.
- **Diplomas:** Your first one is free. Duplicates will cost \$40 and take 6-8 weeks for processing.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26: THE SENIOR CELEBRATION & SENIORS LAST DAY

Senior Celebration, a senior talent show celebrating the last hour of the last day, will start at approximately 1:15 pm in the Auditorium and will be for Seniors Only. Audition information will be on the announcements after Spring Break.

FRIDAY, MAY 28: SENIOR BREAKFAST-- 8:45-9:45 am CMR Auxiliary Gym

- Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased (with cash or check) in the commons during lunch May 10th-14th. Students who are unable to afford the cost of a breakfast ticket may see their AP for a scholarship voucher to use as payment when they sign up. We do not want the cost to prohibit any graduate from attending.
- The event includes a catered breakfast from Wheat Montana, awards in athletics, academics, and extra curriculars, teacher presentations, and door prizes.
- Students may sign up in “table pods of 6” if all students’ names and payments are provided at the time of sign up.

FRIDAY, MAY 28: MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL-- 10:30 am MT Expo Park

- **Please arrive no later than 10:15 AM. If you do not attend the rehearsal, you may not participate in the graduation ceremony.** Rehearsal will begin at 10:30 AM in the Pacific Steel and Recycling Arena. The only attendance exceptions are for school-related activities or for verified medical situations with a doctor’s note (communicate with your AP.)
- **Caps and gowns** are required attire for rehearsal; if you arrive without your cap and gown, you will need to go and get it or risk not participating in the rehearsal and the commencement exercises. Please try on your cap and gown before the week of graduation. If there is a problem with the fit, contact Jostens’ representative Jim Netz at 406-452-6390 or jim.netz.jr@jostens.com.
- **Beaded Mortarboards-** GFPS does allow beading on mortarboards (graduation caps) of our American Indian students. Beading of the cap will be done in a traditional manner by an older family or community member. Our CMR Academic Achievement Coach, Kylan Hallet can provide more detailed information on the beading. If you are planning on beading your cap, you or a family member should notify Mr. Parsons, the CMR Principal. Any student who has received an Eagle Feather during a ceremony is welcome to wear it on their cap or robe.

HONOR CORDS AND SASHES

GPA for honor cords and sashes is calculated through the 7th semester. If you qualify to wear an honor cord or sash, you will receive an informational postcard from Mrs. Lowry regarding the cost.

- Honor Cords- for students with cumulative GPAs of 3.5-3.749
- Honor Stoles- for students with cumulative GPAs of 3.75-4.0

MONDAY, MAY 31: GRADUATION CEREMONY-- 2:00 pm MT Expo Park

Each graduate will receive 15 guest wristbands for entrance to graduation. Family groups will be required to sit together. Mask protocols will follow GFPS guidelines at the time of the event.

- **1:30 pm-** Report to the Arena and take your assigned seat. Give purses, sunglasses, cell phones, etc. to family or friends for safe-keeping.
- **2:00 pm-** Procession begins.

MONDAY, MAY 31: GRADUATION PARTY-- 3:30-9:30 pm CMR Auditorium, Gym, and Cafe

- The graduation party, sponsored by Project Graduation, will immediately follow the graduation ceremony from 3:30-9:30 pm. The party will be at CMR and includes food, games, entertainment, and fabulous prizes including a car from Taylor's Automax!
- Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased (with cash or check) in the commons during lunch May 10th-14th. Students must attend for the entire event and be present to win prizes. Students who are unable to afford the cost of a graduation party ticket may see their AP for a scholarship voucher to use as payment when they sign up. We do not want the cost to prohibit any graduate from attending.
- Students will be placed in "pods of 20" for contact tracing and social distancing. Students can sign up to be in the same pod with friends, as long as all students' names and payments are provided at the time of sign up.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer; please look for a volunteer link on the CMR webpage beginning May 1st. Contact Trina Thayer at 781-5155 with any Graduation Party questions.

If you have any specific questions about Graduation activities please see Mrs. McGraw in the main office.

Thank you!

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