

Elk Grove High School

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Senior Reminders

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MISSED THE ANNUAL SENIOR CLASS MEETING TO DISCUSS GRADUATION (and other important events). QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE MAIN OFFICE.

Senior Activities Calendar

Each Senior should receive a custom-made calendar of events in May and June. Many important events are highlighted. Keep this calendar handy for the rest of the year.

Obligations (i.e. lost books, library fines, etc.)

An “obligation” is a debt owed to the school. Your obligations have followed you since Freshman year. If you have been receiving mail from us, you know what you owe. You must satisfy your obligations to get your cap & gown. If you are not sure what you owe see Ms. Holda in the Main Office. If you believe you have already satisfied your obligation, but we continue to send you reminders, you must bring in a note from the teacher or coach who originally listed the obligation.

Cap & Gown Distribution

You can get your cap & gown on Thursday, May 22nd, during lunch periods in the pool hallway (by the Dance Room). You must have completed all Senior Surveys, and your obligations must be satisfied. If you can't get your cap & gown on Thursday come to the Main Office.

Caring for your Cap & Gown...

As soon as you get your cap & gown home try it on. Hang it up. Do not iron it. If you do you will ruin it. The Mortar Board is “one size fits all” and during the ceremony you will suspend your tassel on the right side.

NHS Members may exchange the green/gold tassel for a solid gold one or you may buy one for \$4.00. See Ms. Holda in the Main Office.

If you received a tassel from another organization connected to EGHS you may wear it at Graduation if you would like to.

Senior Breakfast & Senior Bar-B-Que

The Senior Breakfast is on Friday, May 30th. It is off campus at the Itasca Country Club and proper attire is required. Tickets are being sold by the Senior Class Board. Price is \$15.00 (I think...). Attending the Senior Breakfast is OPTIONAL. No tickets are sold at the door. You must plan ahead and purchase your ticket during the designated times.

See Mr. Furman or a member of the Senior Class Board with questions.

The Senior Bar-B-Que is after Graduation Rehearsal. It is held in the stadium, on campus, and it too is OPTIONAL.

Last day to request extra tickets to Graduation

Every Senior gets four (4) “regular” tickets for Graduation. The “regular” tickets are valid whether the ceremony is indoors or outdoors. Don’t lose your tickets or give them away to a friend. We do not offer replacements. You will receive your tickets at Graduation Rehearsal.

You may request additional tickets, however, there are limits, and if the ceremony is indoors, only tickets labeled “INDOOR CEREMONY” will be honored. If the ceremony is indoors you must inform family members holding “OUTDOOR CEREMONY ONLY” tickets that they will not be allowed into the school on Graduation Day. Elk Grove Village Police and the School Administration supervise the entrances and your family will not be permitted to enter the building without the proper ticket.

The last day to request extra Graduation tickets is Friday May 23rd. This is very important and we do not offer exceptions!! Contact the Library at EGHS to secure extra tickets.

A comment about handicapped seating...

Think ahead!! Are any of your family members handicapped? Can your grandparents climb the bleachers in the stadium or gym? You may exchange some of your “regular” Graduation tickets for handicapped seating by contacting the Library. An able-bodied person **MUST** accompany the handicapped individual at all times.

Small children need a ticket

Everyone needs a ticket...even small children who will likely sit on an adult's lap during the ceremony.

Senior Awards Thursday, May 29th.....9:10 am

The Senior Awards Assembly is on thursday at the start of the school day. By now, if you will be receiving a medallion, you should have received a letter in the mail informing you that you are an award winner.

Award Winners: There will be a 15 minute rehearsal on Wednesday, May 28th at 3:30 pm in the gym. This rehearsal is very important. See Mr. Stiff if there is a problem attending the rehearsal.

All Seniors should wear their gown to the assembly Thursday morning. No one needs their cap for the assembly, and girls do not have to wear the collar that comes with the gown.

Seniors may sit anywhere in the chairs on the Main Floor unless you are an award winner. Award winners will sit in the front rows (more info at rehearsal).

Graduation Rehearsal Friday, May 30th.....9:45 am

Graduation Rehearsal begins with group pictures of students who are in the Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors groups based on GPA. If you think you might be among these students arrive by 9:45 am and listen for your name to be called.

Graduation Rehearsalis MANDATORY. If you do not attend rehearsal you will not be permitted to participate in Graduation on Sunday. Sit in assigned seat. You can identify your seat assignment starting May 20th by looking at the chart in the Student Services window. Remember: you will get your tickets to graduation at rehearsal.

Assigned Seats: Your assigned seat consists of three components:

Line - Row - Seat

It's important to know all three before you come to rehearsal.

Graduation Day Sunday, June 1st.....1:00 pm

Arrive at school on Sunday by 12:00 noon and get in line when you arrive. Boys should wear nice pants, a collared shirt, tie, socks and dress shoes. Girls should wear a dress, a skirt, or dress slacks with a nice blouse and low heel shoes. Spiked heels will make walking in the stadium grass extremely difficult. Wear flat shoes.

If you are not dressed properly you will be sent home to change clothes or prohibited from participation.

On Graduation Day you may only wear additional items given to you by the school. Do not decorate your cap & gown. You may wear medallions that have been given to you by the school. No flowers may be worn.

The graduation ceremony is a privilege. It is our gift to you...our way of honoring your success. You choose to participate. You must follow our instructions. If you cannot cooperate, you will not be permitted to participate.

Things you do not need on Graduation Day...

cell phone	camera
purse	jewelry
balloons	flowers
food	

Graduation is a formal event. Dress properly and act accordingly.

When you cross the stage during the ceremony you will receive your DIPLOMA COVER. You will receive your diploma and your immunization records in the fieldhouse after the Graduation ceremony is over. When the ceremony has concluded look for your Guidance Counselor in the Fieldhouse to receive your diploma.

Misbehavior during Graduation will be confronted. Don't risk embarrassment or disruption of the ceremony. If you misbehave you will not receive your diploma until Monday when you and your parents meet with the school administration to discuss your misbehavior.

Don't just be the Class of 2008...Be the "class" of Elk Grove High School!

GOOD NEWS! Cards

Before you leave EGHS consider filling out one or more Good News cards and telling a favorite staff member how you feel. You may obtain cards in the Main Office. Fill them out and return them to the Main Office so we can deliver them.

Indoor Ceremony or Outdoor Ceremony?

We will not decide whether the ceremony is indoors or outdoors until Sunday morning. You will know by checking one or more of the following around 10:00 am...

The school marquee

The school website

The signs posted at Door #1 and Door #7 at the school

The Main Switchboard Phone Number : (847) 718-4400

FINAL THOUGHTS....

Every year someone is surprised to learn that the school administration did not think their practical joke was funny, or that they and their friends were “just goofing around”.

This is not the time of year, or the school event(s), where “look at me” behavior is tolerated. If you goof around or cannot follow the rules you will be confronted and it may mean that you are not permitted to participate in Graduation.

Don't risk it. Your family is proud of you...we are proud of you...and each of us want to see you graduate with all the honor and glory each of you deserve. Remember that the ceremony is not yours. It's our ceremony, and it's for you and each of your classmates. Actions that attempt to make it your ceremony will not be tolerated.

Congratulations! See you soon!

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