



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

*Be sure to check out the high school web page for senior information: click on high school, then "Class of 2010 Information"*

**Please note that mandatory graduation rehearsal will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup>**

- March 5** Community Service Hours documentation is due
- March 31** March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline at the Avalanche to drop off photos for their senior graduation section.
- After Spring Break** Jostens will be here during lunches to distribute announcements. All graduation orders must be paid prior to picking them up. Checks should be made payable to Jostens.
- After Spring Break** Project Graduation forms available in high school main office
- May 19** **Honors Night** - 7:00 p.m. - Grayling High School
- May 20** **Senior Athletic Banquet** - 6:00 p.m. - Grayling High School
- May 20, 27 & 28** Project Graduation registration in GHS cafeteria during lunches. Contact Julie Calkins @ 348-5737 with any questions.
- May 26** **Senior Exams**  
Caps, gowns, and tassels distributed **during the last ½ hour of 5<sup>th</sup> hour class** in the cafeteria (If you are not here, you may pick up your cap and gown from Mrs. Lynch in the main office on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>)
- May 27** **Senior Exams**  
Senior locker clean out. All senior debts must be paid in full or items returned before receiving cap and gown
- May 28** Seniors' last day of school and last day for all requirements for graduation to be met (credit earned, documented 40 hours community service, paid all fines owed, returned all GHS uniforms, etc. and met attendance policy requirements). **Senior meeting at 2:30 p.m. in auditorium and senior send-off with class song last 5 minutes of day.**
- June 2** **Baccalaureate** - 7:00 p.m. - Grayling High School
- June 4** **Mandatory graduation rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. If you miss rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in commencement exercises.** Donuts at 9 a.m. and practice will begin at 9:30. **DO NOT BE LATE. We will have a guest speaker scheduled to speak to the entire senior class in the auditorium.**
- June 6** Seniors will need to be at the high school at 1 p.m.  
**Commencement - 2:00 p.m.**  
Project Graduation Departure - 8:30 p.m. - GHS
- June 7** Seniors return to GHS from Project Graduation - 4:30 a.m.

The following information is from the GHS student handbook.

## SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that seniors are taking full advantage of their senior year. Often times excessive absences lead to the student earning NC (No credit), and missing valuable classroom instruction.

### SENIOR ABSENCE POLICY

- 1) Students with **more than two No Credits (NC)** at the end of the second and third trimester combined and thereafter due to attendance, **will not participate in commencement exercises.**
- OR**
- 2) Beginning after the second official count day of the school year, students that **excuse themselves**, have **unexcused absences**, or that the **parent excuses** the student excessively for one or more classes for reasons not covered in the attendance policy (usually, because the student does not need that class to graduate) will face the following:
    - A. After a referral to the office, the student will meet with his or her counselor to review the policy, and the procedures that will be followed if the absences continue.
    - B. The next referral, the student will meet with administration and parent will be notified of the consequences of a reoccurrence.
    - C. After the third referral for the class, the student will meet with parents and administration, and the student will be removed from the classroom and given a No Credit (NC) at the end of the trimester. An NC is figured into the student's GPA as an E.
    - D. Once this happens for more than two course subjects/classes, the student will NOT participate in commencement exercises.
    - E. Dropping a CTE class at Kirtland equals three No Credits (NC).

**Special Note: An excused absence is when the student signs out in the office and leaves with parental permission or as according to the 18 year old sign out policy.**

**“Skipping” is an unexcused absence. It occurs when students are out of any class or lunch period and are not excused. The consequences for skipping will be in addition to the senior absence policy and are listed in the hand book.**

### 18 YEAR OLD SIGN OUT POLICY

- All students must meet with administration to learn the rights associated with signing himself or herself out of school.
- Students that are 18 must follow the same guidelines as a parent when it comes to providing doctor slips, etc.
- Students are NOT allowed to sign out for lunch.

# **Grayling High School**

## **What You Need to Do to Graduate on Time**

### **Class of 2010**

#### **1. SENIOR HONORS NIGHT**

Senior Honors Night will be held on **Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.** at Grayling High School. Dressy attire is appropriate (dresses for girls and a suit or sweater, tie and dress slacks for boys.) Caps and gowns are not worn for this event.

Each senior being honored, and his or her parents, will receive a special letter of invitation. However, this event is open to the public so relatives, friends, classmates and community members are also invited to attend. There is no special seating arrangement and refreshments will be served immediately following the program.

#### **2. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**

The last day of school for graduating seniors is **Friday, May 28, 2010**. By this date, **ANY SENIOR who has NOT FULFILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS** for graduation (e.g. credits earned, documented 40 hours of community service, paid all fines owed, returned all Grayling High School property, [uniforms, etc.] or met attendance policy requirements) **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT.**

#### **3. SENIOR DEBTS**

All book fees, charged materials, lost school property, fines, etc., must be paid before graduating seniors receive caps and gowns. Please see that such responsibilities are taken care of prior to **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **4. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation requirements include **25 credit hours and 40 hours of community service**. **March 5<sup>th</sup>** was the target date for the documentation of community service hours due in the Media Center.

## 5. **ATTENDANCE**

As graduation nears for the Class of 2010, the importance of attendance in the learning process becomes more critical. Excessive absences will ultimately result in the student's failure to earn credit. On a student's ninth (9) absence during a given trimester, the student will be required to achieve at least a C- on the final exam to have his or her grade calculated for that trimester. (For example, if a student was earning a grade of an A or a D in the course/class, and the student earns a C- or better on the exam, he or she will receive the letter grade of A or D for that course/class.) If the student does not attain a C- on the exam, he or she will receive NO CREDIT (NC) in the course/class. Upon the student's 13<sup>th</sup> absence from the class during a given trimester, they will not receive credit in the course/class and an NC will be issued.

Students who fulfill all requirements for graduation **after** May 28, 2010 (e.g. earn credits, provide documentation of 40 hours of community service, pay all fines owed, return all G.H.S. property and meet attendance policy requirements by attending make-up time) will graduate and receive their diploma **BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT**.

Students who have been approved for early graduation have waived their right to apply for local scholarships and participate in graduation ceremonies.

## 6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCESSORIES**

Jostens will deliver senior announcements and accessories after spring break. All orders must be paid prior to picking them up. Checks should be made payable to Jostens.

## 7. **NINTH SEMESTER TRANSCRIPTS**

If a senior needs a final transcript sent to a college, please see Teresa Bonamie in the Counseling Office.

## 8. **MISC. CLASS OF 2010 INFORMATION**

Class colors: turquoise, fuchsia, and silver; class song: "Time Of Your Life" by David Cook; class flower: white orchid; class motto: "Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever." ~ *unknown author*