

Grayling High School

What You Need to Do to Graduate on Time

Class of 2012

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCESSORIES**

Jostens will deliver graduation accessories on April 12. After this date, orders can be picked up from Mrs. Shepherd in the Main Office. The deadline to pay Jostens by check was March 1. Payment can be made with money order, cash or by calling the Josten's office with a credit/debit card.

2. **NEWSPAPER SENIOR SECTION**

The *Crawford County Avalanche* publishes a special graduation section in June to spotlight the 2012 GHS graduating seniors. All inquiries should be directed to the *Avalanche* at 348-6811. To make this section, the *Avalanche* needs your senior photo with a short editorial on your plans after graduating. There is no charge to be included. Forms are available in the main office and were included with report cards in March. The short form and picture must be **returned to the *Avalanche*** by April 13. Please help make this special section a complete highlight of our GHS seniors by completing and returning the form by the deadline.

3. **CAPS, GOWNS AND TASSELS (GREEN & WHITE)**

Caps, gowns and tassels will be distributed during **the last 20 minutes of the day** in the hallway next to the cafeteria on **Tuesday, May 22, 2012**. All outstanding fines must be paid prior to picking up your cap and gown. When you receive your cap and gown, be sure to try them on to see that they fit properly. If they do not, see Mrs. Shepherd in the Main Office. For best appearance, it is suggested you read the directions printed on the package regarding the wearing and care of your cap and gown. Since you will be wearing them for both Baccalaureate and Commencement, keep them looking clean so they will be presentable.

Caps should be worn flat on the head **with tassels worn on the right side of the cap**. At the end of the graduation ceremony all students, **in unison**, will place their tassels on the left hand side of the cap. Caps and gowns do not have to be returned and may be kept by the graduate. Since we always use the same color and style of cap and gown, they may be utilized by another graduate in a future year.

4. **SENIOR HONORS NIGHT**

Senior Honors Night will be held on **Wednesday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m.** in the GHS Joseph Stripe Auditorium. 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 have received 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.

5. **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

The Baccalaureate service will be held on **Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m.** in the GHS Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Baccalaureate is coordinated by area churches to benefit our graduating seniors. All inquiries should be directed to the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Baccalaureate services will be handled by Kelly Gallagher, Grayling Free Methodist Church Youth Pastor, and are open to the public.

Seniors should arrive no later than **5:45 p.m.** Boys and girls should report immediately to Room C328 (the choir room). Since there is no scheduled rehearsal for this event, it is imperative that you are on time so that you can hear the instructions. Appropriate dress is required (dresses for girls and shirt, tie and dress slacks for boys.) Girls should avoid wearing high-heeled shoes to eliminate the possibility of tripping or catching them on their robes. **Remember to bring caps and gowns along with any other honor accessories.**

6. COMMENCEMENT

Commencement will be held on **Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m.** at the GHS Football Stadium and is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. A **REQUIRED** rehearsal for graduating seniors will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 1. Seniors must attend this rehearsal in order to walk at Commencement!** Starting at 9:00 a.m., in the cafeteria, donuts will be served to all seniors.

Seniors should arrive no later than **1:15 p.m.** on Sunday afternoon. Boys report immediately to Room C328 (Choir-Ross) and girls to Room C312 (Szymoniak). It is imperative that you are on time so that the exact lineup is established for the correct issuing of diplomas.

Appropriate dress is required (dresses for girls and shirt, tie and dress slacks for boys.) Girls should avoid wearing high-heeled shoes to eliminate the possibility of tripping on the platform steps or catching them on their robes. Remember to bring caps and gowns along with any other academic honor accessories.

It is important that parents, relatives, or friends not interfere with the ceremony by coming down amongst the graduates during the service for the purpose of taking pictures. Upon request, school officials will be happy to remain and pose for close-up pictures of diploma presentations immediately following the service.

In the event of inclement weather, commencement exercises will be held in the GHS gymnasium at 2 p.m. Limited seating is available, and seniors would be issued ten to twelve tickets apiece for the ceremony (depending upon the total number of graduates). **If adverse weather conditions are in the forecast for June 3, a decision for the location of graduation will be made at the end of the day on May 30.** It takes an entire day to set up the graduation area in order for it to be ready for rehearsal on Friday morning.

7. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The last day of school for graduating seniors is **Friday, May 25. 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.** A senior meeting will take place in the auditorium and the senior video will be shown. The senior send-off with the class song will take place the last 15 minutes of the day.

8. LOCKER CLEAN OUT

Locker clean out will be held during the last 10 minutes of class on **Thursday, May 24**. All lockers must be totally cleaned out and all books returned to the proper teachers. Library books should be returned to the Media Center.

9. **NON-GRADUATING SENIORS**

The last day of school for all seniors is Friday, May 25. Any senior who has not met the graduation requirement will need to meet with their counselor, alternative ed, and administration on May 29, at 9 a.m., in the auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to create a plan of success for earning your diploma. **This meeting is mandatory for all non-graduating seniors.**

10. **PROJECT GRADUATION PARTY**

Project Graduation is coordinated by parent volunteers for the benefit of GHS graduating seniors. All inquiries should be directed to Yvonne Schreiber at 745-4949. The **registration deadline** for the Project Graduation all night lock-in party is **May 25**. Registration forms will be collected during lunches in the GHS cafeteria on **May 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25**. Forms will be available in the main office after spring break. A signed parent/guardian consent form must be completed. If you do not register before May 25, then you will not be allowed to attend. The cost is **\$40.00** and **checks should be made payable to Project Graduation**. Students will meet in front of the high school at **9:00 p.m. on June 3**, and they will be bussed to the party location. They will return back to the high school by bus between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. on June 4. Please note that times are tentative. Students should remember to dress appropriately. Dress is casual but neat, no pajamas or sweats. Any parent/guardian needing to get in touch with their graduate during Project Graduation, can call Yvonne Schreiber at 745-4949. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED!**

11. **ATTENDANCE**

As graduation nears for the Class of 2012, 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 13th absence from the class during a given trimester, they will not receive credit in the course/class and an NC will be issued. Students with **more than two No Credits (NC)** at the end of the second and third trimester **combined** due to attendance, **will not participate in commencement exercises.**

Attendance appeals for seniors must be submitted by May 25.

Students who fulfill all requirements for graduation **after** May 25, 2012 (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) 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.

12. **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation requirements include **27 credit hours and 40 hours of community service**. **March 2** was the target date for the documentation of community service hours due in the Media Center.

13. 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 Tuesday, May, 22nd**.

14. GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Project Graduation will be sponsoring a **professional** photographer to take pictures of graduates as they receive their diploma. Pictures will be given to students at the Project Graduation party.

15. WALK LIST

Seniors should sign up for a partner to walk with for graduation the first week of May. Seniors who do not sign up to walk with someone by May 11 will be assigned someone. In the event that a student signs up to walk with someone and their partner is no longer graduating or walking, the student must contact Sharon Shepherd prior to the end of the day on May 29 to make other walking arrangements.

16. DISCIPLINE / SENIOR PRANKS

Seniors who violate the student code of conduct will be subject to the discipline procedures of the GHS Student Code of Conduct up to and including not walking during commencement. Likewise, senior pranks are prohibited. Students who violate this rule may also risk not walking during commencement.

17. FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

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

18. MISC. CLASS OF 2012 INFORMATION

Class colors: purple, lime green and silver; **class song:** "Tattoos On This Town" by Jason Aldean; **class flower:** gerber daisy; **class motto:** "The world isn't ending; we're just taking it over." ~ **unknown author**

Congratulations! As a representative of Grayling High School, you personify the tradition of academic excellence. You have also provided quality leadership toward the continued development of our program that will serve as an example for the rest of the student body. May your achievements serve you in the fulfillment of your future success and happiness.