

Geneseo High School - Senior Reminders and Important Dates

The following is a list of reminders and important dates to use for planning purposes.

You and your student(s) may also want to check our daily Announcements on the high school website. These announcements are updated daily and can be viewed by the public.

<https://www.geneseoschools.org/o/hs>

Monday, April 17 – Final Submission for Silver Cord

This year seniors needed 100 volunteer hours during their high school career to qualify to wear the silver cord at graduation.

Tuesday, April 18 – Cap & Gown Distribution

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the GHS Main Lobby

Note: Please call our Herff Jones Rep, Merredyth McManus, at (563) 505-1250 today if you have not ordered your cap, gown, & tassel yet. Reminder if you are planning to use a sibling or friend's cap & gown you would still need to order a '23 tassel.

Wednesday, May 3 – Local Scholarship Awards Program

7:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall

The students who are awarded scholarships will be notified by April 21st.

Friday, May 12 - Last Regular Day of Senior Attendance

Friday, May 12 - Senior Checkout Day

Each year, seniors go through the process we refer to as Senior Checkout, when seniors turn in all textbooks and any other school materials, including padlocks, parking tags, etc. Teachers and office staff members sign off to verify that all books have been returned, and any Skyward fees, library fines, outstanding lunch balances, and other amounts owed have been paid. Guidance Counselors gather senior signatures that allow us to send transcripts to designated colleges and universities. The Assistant Principals' office verifies that any outstanding discipline has been served, and the School Nurse returns any stored medical items to students.

On Wednesday, May 10, seniors will receive their official checkout form in their first period class and are to have teachers sign off on the form during classes on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday. Seniors are then to report to the main gym at the end of their school day Friday to complete the final steps of Senior Checkout and to turn in their checkout form.

This final part of Senior Checkout will begin at 1:20 p.m. for students who have early release after 5th period. Staff will be available in the main gym until 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

Seniors who are unable to complete checkout on May 12 due to athletic contests or other absence or because they are taking final exams, should see individual teachers and the office staff for checkout before school on Monday, May 15. Specific details and instructions will be provided to students on their checkout sheets. All obligations, including checkout, must be met by May 15 at 3:00 p.m. for a senior to be eligible to participate in graduation practice and graduation.

Parents can assist their senior with Senior Checkout by logging in to the parent side of Family Access to make sure all Skyward fees and lunch balances have been paid.

Saturday, May 13 – Prom for Juniors and Seniors

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Quad City Botanical Gardens

Tickets will be \$10 and on sale April 25, April 27, and May 2 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the GHS Main Lobby. Guest verification forms are due by April 18.

Monday, May 15 - Senior Final Exams

8:00 a.m. – Noon

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Seniors who are required to take final exams will do so in the GHS library on May 15. If a student starts a final exam in the morning, he/she must finish that exam by noon. Likewise, if he/she starts a final exam in the afternoon, it must be finished by 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. - All Senior Obligations Due

All obligations, including Skyward fees, cafeteria balances, books, materials, discipline served, and the signed checkout form, etc. are due by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15. All obligations must be met in order for a student to participate in the graduation practice on May 19. Practice is mandatory for students to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. - MANDATORY Graduation Practice

GHS Main Gym

Please note that a student must be in good standing to participate in graduation practice. This means all obligations have been met, including Skyward fees, cafeteria balances, books, materials, discipline served, etc. The deadline for meeting obligations is Monday, May 15. **Seniors must be in attendance at graduation practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. - Graduation

GHS Outside Stadium

(Rain or inclement weather - date will still be Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. The location will be the GHS Main Gym)

At graduation practice we will give each graduate eight (8) tickets to use for guest admission on graduation day. Tickets are only needed for entry if the ceremony is held indoors.

Graduation Day

1:00 p.m. Parade - Fareway Parking Lot. It is not mandatory, but it will happen rain or shine.

- 12:30 p.m. Seniors can start arriving at the Fareway Parking Lot. We ask only the cars in the parade pull into the Fareway Parking Lot. The parade line up will not be alphabetical.

- 1:00 p.m. The parade will begin. The students will travel past each of the elementary buildings, St. Malachys and the Middle School before ending at the High School. This will be a symbolic representation of their educational career. We ask that each graduate only have one vehicle in the parade. Parents or family members may travel in the vehicle or the graduate may drive if they wish. The parade route is also attached to let family and friends know. You can ride in the back of pick-up trucks. We ask for safety reasons you do not ride on the tailgate. Students are allowed to decorate their vehicles.

2:15 p.m. Guests begin entry in the Stadium. Bring your own chairs if you wish.

2:15 p.m. Seniors report to the GHS Main Gym

3:00 p.m. Ceremony begins

Graduation Day Reminders:

Graduate Arrival Time

Please note: students should arrive at the **GHS Main Gym** by 2:15 p.m. on graduation day and be prepared for the call to line up. Parents will go directly into the stadium.

Seniors' Dress Code Reminders (what to wear with your cap & gown)

Graduates are to wear:

- Dress shirt, dress pants, dress, or skirt
- Appropriate shoes (no flip-flops or tennis shoes)

Caps & Gowns

Students have purchased their caps and gowns; therefore, caps and gowns will not be collected after the ceremony. No decorations or adornments, other than the pre-approved honor accessories, will be allowed with or on the cap & gown. If your student has earned honor accessories, they will be passed out during the school day. A date will be decided once the accessories are delivered to the school.

Senior Baby Pictures:

Graduation for the Class of 2023 is almost here! Your child may be 18 but you can still picture them as a 1 year old learning to walk, a 3 year old swimming on vacation, or a 4 year old playing dress up. A special part of the graduation process is pulling out old pictures you can display at their graduation party. As you are pulling out pictures, we would like you to share a picture with us to display on our TV screens in the hallway. We would like to have a slideshow of baby pictures for the class of 2023 as a fun way to celebrate how far they have come. The pictures on the screens will not have a name listed with them, it will just be baby pictures in random order. Please read the directions below if you are interested in sending a picture.

Directions:

- Choose only 1 photo, we can only post 1 photo per Senior.
- Photos should be somewhere from newborn – 5 years old. We are looking for pictures before they entered Kindergarten.
- Please include the student's name somewhere in the email.
- Email 1 photo to Kris VanVooren kvanvooren@geneseoschools.org
- Photos are due by Friday, April 21. **No photos will be accepted after the deadline.**

Parade Route

