

# Claremont High School

## *An International Baccalaureate World School*

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### *Dear Claremont High School Senior Parents/Caregivers/Guardians:*

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! Each family with a graduating senior will receive five tickets for graduation. These tickets will be for seats located on the field. Any other guests you invite may sit in the bleachers. Students will receive their tickets during senior check out on Wednesday, June 14. The students will begin the processional at 5:45 PM and graduation will begin at 6:00 PM. The ceremony will be broadcast via social media. We will distribute the link as soon as it is available.

- Each graduate receives 5 guest tickets for field seating during Senior Check Out on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- If more than 5 guests are attending the ceremony, they may sit in the bleacher areas located on the north and south sides of the athletic field.
- If a member of your group requires use of a wheelchair, they may either sit in the designated wheelchair areas in the north bleachers or you may give them one of the five tickets your graduate receives, so they may sit on the field.
- If children wish to sit on the field, they must have a ticket, as seating is limited.
- Claremont High School requires that guests remain seated during the ceremony, so that everyone can view the ceremony.
- **Umbrellas are prohibited when the ceremony begins** as they block the view of those in attendance. If you bring balloons, please leave them in your vehicle so they do not block the view of those around you.
- Guests should remain in their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony. Graduates will not be allowed to exit the ceremony early.
- The ceremony will be broadcast virtually.

*The ceremony should conclude no later than 7:45 PM. Traditionally, when the ceremony has ended, spectators come onto the field to take photos of the graduates and socialize. Then many students pick up their diploma after the ceremony concludes, although this is not required. Students can stop by the office to pick up their diploma any day during the summer. If your family plans on having a dinner celebration at a restaurant after the ceremony, plan on it being a late dinner.*

***Please review the following information with your senior carefully:***

- **Senior check out** is ***Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.*** Students are not allowed to be in line before 5:30 a.m. Numbers are handed out at 6:00 a.m. Parents cannot check out for their student.
- **Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal:** ***Thursday, June 15th, 2023, at 9:00 AM*** on the athletic field at Claremont High School. AVID and IB students must bring their gowns to rehearsal. All other students are NOT to bring caps and gowns to the rehearsal.
- **Graduation ceremonies:** ***Thursday, June 15th, 2023,*** on the athletic field at Claremont High School – The graduation procession will begin at **5:45 PM** and the ceremony will begin at **6:00 PM. Gates will open at 4:30 PM** at the top of the ramp to the athletic fields for all seating. Seating is on a first-come basis.
- **Parking: General parking is limited.** Therefore, it is strongly suggested that family and guests carpool to the ceremonies and arrive well before the ceremony begins. General parking is available in the main CHS student parking lot, and at Taylor Hall. **Please park only in marked stalls. Claremont Police will cite for parking in non-parking areas.**
- **Handicap parking:** Available on the **CHS outdoor basketball** courts located on the west side of the gymnasium, as well as the first row of parking spaces in the student parking lot facing the gymnasiums (**Handicap placards must be visible to enter**). Please adhere to all traffic and parking rules. The Claremont Police Department will enforce all parking and traffic rules. Wheelchair access will be available on the back side of the north bleachers, at the ramp behind the music room, and at both field entrances. If a guest comes in a wheelchair but wants to sit in regular seating during the ceremony, the wheelchair should be placed in a location that does not block the aisles.

**Appropriate attire:** Graduation attire is an expression of the school community as we celebrate the students' transition to adulthood. Students are required to wear the designated cap and gown, no exceptions. The expectation is during the ceremony students will wear their gowns zippered, along with their caps. *Due to the soft base of the artificial turf, high heels are not recommended.*

Students may also wear religious, ceremonial or cultural adornments as long as they do not interfere with the graduation ceremony. Examples would include decorating the cap with the initials of post-graduation plans or cultural symbols traditionally worn at graduation ceremonies. Students with unacceptable messages/symbols may be required to purchase new caps or gowns if the adornments are determined to be inconsistent with the purpose of graduation.

- **Check-in procedures:** Seniors should arrive at **5:00 PM carrying only a cap and gown**. Check-in will be in the east gym. Each student will be checked to ensure the guidelines outlined in this letter are being met. **After check-in**, students must remain in the assembly area until the graduation ceremonies begin. Students **inappropriately dressed or under the influence** of alcohol or drugs **will not be allowed to participate in or attend** the graduation ceremony. Purses, bouquets, bags, and other handheld items are **not allowed** and should be left with family members.

- **Behavior: Audience or student behavior that detracts** from the ceremony **will not be tolerated**. **No aircraft or drones** should be contracted to fly near the graduation, for both safety and noise control. To ensure that graduation runs smoothly, and all graduates' names can be heard during the ceremony, **AIR GUNS** and other noisemakers are **NOT** permitted.

- **Pranks:** Pranks of any kind are prohibited, and consequences can be very serious. These can range from loss of participation in graduation to arrest. The Claremont Police Department has been advised that the **high school campus is off limits to students on Tuesday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 14th, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM**. Special security has also been employed to secure the campus.

- **Photos:** Grad Images will be the official photographer that will take a photo of your student receiving their diploma. Proofs will be mailed or emailed to parents, provided they have authorized the release of information provided by them during the final checkout.

- **Seating:** We request that **guests remain seated** during the ceremony, so that all guests have a view of the ceremony. We ask that **no balloons** be brought to the field and bleachers, as they block the view of those in attendance. Lastly, we ask that all guests remain in their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony and not block the aisles.

- **Diplomas:** Students will **pick up diplomas** on the East side of the theater (loading dock) at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. Students will **see their counselor** at the tables to pick up their diploma.

- **Lining up:** For the **safety of all students, no one is allowed to be on campus** or to be by the lineup area **until 1:45 p.m.** School is dismissed at 1:24 p.m. and the campus must be cleared of students. Please note that there are no saving spots in line; everyone must be present.

We look forward to sharing this very special occasion with you and your senior to make it a memorable event. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Andrea Deligio, Assistant Principal at [adeligio@cusd.claremont.edu](mailto:adeligio@cusd.claremont.edu) or (909) 624-9053 ext. 30406.

Sincerely,



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