



April 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you have all the information you and your family will need to enjoy a distinguished graduation ceremony at Saguaro High School. Included in this letter is information about the Saguaro Commencement Ceremony, details to be addressed prior to graduation, expectations surrounding the event, and information about the Senior Trip. Senior students have also received information regarding graduation and the Senior Trip. If you have questions as graduation approaches, please contact my Assistant, Jennifer Holliday at (480) 484-7105.

Saguaro Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2023
Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7:45PM
Saguaro High School Stadium

On Friday, May 19th, students will be able to pick-up their caps and gowns following their Senior Breakfast (more information to come) or following their last class if they are not attending Senior Breakfast on the 19th. Students will return to Saguaro and pick-up their cap and gown in room 211 between 10:45 AM and 12:45 PM. Students should park in the north lot to access room 211. Items not picked-up by 12:45 PM will become available for pick-up later in the Saguaro office. If there are any outstanding fines on the student account, they will not be able to get their cap and gown until their fines/fess have been paid. Please go to the following link to see if you have any current outstanding fines <https://az-scottsdale.intouchrecepting.com/> When each student picks-up their cap and gown, they will also receive four (4) commencement ceremony tickets. We will be offering additional tickets for sale in the bookstore for \$10 per ticket. All attendees who are over the age of two (2) will need to have a valid ticket for the ceremony. Tickets will be sold starting on Monday, May 8th in the bookstore. All sales will be cash only. In the event of rain or severe weather conditions, the ceremony will be moved indoors. Each student will receive two (2) rain tickets which will provide entry if the ceremony must be moved.

On May 24th, graduates must arrive at Saguaro by 6:45 PM for graduation check-in and will be assigned to a designated preparation location on campus. The list of room assignments will be posted that night on the admin office window. Student arrival at 6:45 PM is very important to assure a successful ceremony. Upon check-in at their designated location, graduates will be provided additional information regarding the ceremony protocol. In an effort to recognize student achievement with integrity, students should dress appropriate to the occasion. Proper attire examples include dress slacks, collared dress shirt, tie recommended, a dress, and dress shoes or sandals. **Shoes must be flats (this includes guests that want to come on the field afterwards).** Heels are not permitted on the field as the heels sink into the turf and may cause injury. **Graduation caps must remain undecorated.** All school policies and student expectations are in effect for the evening and students are reminded to conduct themselves in a dignified manner. Any student disrupting or distracting from the ceremony will be removed.

Seating for individuals with a disability is available on a first-come first-served basis with a ticket to graduation. One guest may accompany each individual with a disability in the seating area. Parking for an individual with a disability, in a vehicle with a placard or license plate, will be available in the lot located at the south of the main stadium.

Guests should be seated in the stadium seating area prior to the processional, which will begin promptly at 7:45 PM. **Gates will open at 6:45 PM.** Water will be available for purchase prior to the ceremony. No containers and/or open bottles will be allowed into the stadium. SUSD enforces a clear bag policy at all large group events. Please use the link to view the full policy. [2022_08_04-Bag-Policy_02.jpg \(1024x1584\) \(sUSD.org\)](#) Guests are reminded that commencement is a distinguished ceremony. Horns, noisemakers, balloons, and other distracting items are not appropriate for the occasion and will not be permitted in the stadium. Guests may be permitted on the field after the conclusion of the ceremony. Please cross the track only at the designated crossings.

We have arranged for a professional photographer to take an individual photo of each student as they receive their diploma. You may view and purchase photos online at www.dorianstudio.com, using the Passcode that Dorian Studios will email to each student/family beforehand. Portraits will be available to view/purchase within seven days from the date of the event. If you have any questions, you may contact Dorian Customer Support at 1-800-826-3535 or at www.dorianstudio.com/support.

Diplomas will be released to students after the Graduation ceremony has concluded. Please find Senior Trip information at the end of this letter.

All academic requirements and financial obligations must be satisfied prior to graduation. Fees, textbooks, library books, uniforms, elevator keys, and all school property must be returned/reconciled in the bookstore prior to the ceremony to allow participation.

Please let us know if your student does not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony.

May your family have an enjoyable evening and memorable graduation.

Sincerely,
Dan Milligan

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Seniors – Graduation Trip 2023 Registration & Pricing!

Join us for an unforgettable trip to celebrate your graduation!

Registration Opens March 20, 2023. Price based on registration dates.

- Early bird discount pricing available 3/20/23-3/26/23: \$220
- Regular price 3/27/23-4/21/23: \$235
- Late Registration (space permitting only) 4/22/23 or later*: \$250

*Registrations beginning 4/22/23 may not be able to attend – please register early to confirm your spot!

Highlights:

- Destination: Universal Studios Hollywood!
- Date: May 25-26, 2023
- Depart SHS on Thursday, 5/25/23 at 8 am (the day AFTER Graduation)
- Attend Universal Studios Grad Nite Party from 4 pm to 2 am
- Return to SHS on Friday 5/26/23 at approximately 10 am

THANK YOU!
2022-23 Saguaro PTO

Contact us with questions at:
presidents@saguaropto.org

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

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(Includes Seniors)

Monday, May 22, 2023

Period: 0 6:45 AM - 7:40 AM
Period: 1 7:45 AM - 9:29 AM
Period: 2 9:36 AM - 11:20 AM
LUNCH FOR TEACHERS
11:25 AM-12:40 PM
Period: 6 (Seniors Only) 12:45 - 2:20 PM

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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NO SENIOR FINALS

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