

# SMHS Graduation - CLASS OF 2023

## (Q&As)

- **When is Graduation?**

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in our Stadium.

- **What time should Graduates arrive on the day of Graduation?**

Students need to report to the outdoor basketball courts (*behind the gym*) by 4:30 PM.

- **What time will the gates open up for parent/guardian/family seating in the Stadium?**

4:30 PM.

- **How will we know which side our students walk in from?**

Each year it rotates, but for this year's Class of 2023:

*Home Stands Seats:* Last Names: (A - TBD)

*Visitor Stands Seats:* Last Names:(TBD - Z)

*(\*\* Visitor/Home Alpha assignments will be solidified in May and posted on our website. Make sure to enter the correct gate for your seating!*

- **How long is the Graduation Ceremony?**

Typically 1 ½ hrs. Give yourself time to celebrate on the field after the ceremony and traffic for dinner reservations.

- **Gown Colors?**

Our gowns are Blue unless a student has a GPA of 3.75 and above. The GPA is determined by the end of the second progress report of the second semester of the Senior year. If the student has a GPA of 3.75 or higher, based on the Honorary Distinction as stated above, then the student will wear a Silver gown. This is determined by the counseling office. Weighted grades do count. Mr. Dawson will email all students if they qualify in April.

- **Gown Pick-up?**

Gowns will be available for students to pick up on June 5th after 11 am. Graduates must pick up their own gowns in the Gym.

- **Handicap Seating /Parking?**

Yes, it is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis in our front lot adjacent to the SMHS Theater.

- **How many tickets will each student get?**

4 Tickets

- **When will they get their tickets?**

June 6<sup>th</sup> at their **mandatory** graduation practice, only students can pick up their tickets.

- **Kids ages 2 and under?**

Do not need a ticket to get into the stadium.

- **Parking for Graduation?**

Because of our limited parking, we secure The Rock Church parking lot across the street. We also suggest carpooling or using Uber/Lyft.

- **How can I get more tickets?**

Due to the size of our stadium, we are limited to 4 tickets per student. PTO offers VIP/Auction and Raffle seating options. (*\*\*This is a fundraiser run through PTO and is in addition to the 4 tickets provided by the school. These seats are located on the track.*)

- **No balloons or big signs are allowed into the Stadium!**

Balloons, umbrellas, signs, and air horns/noise makers will be left at the entrance gate and not allowed in (i.e. *anything that would obstruct the view of others*)

- **Are Leis allowed?**

After the ceremony only, and must be held during the ceremony by parents or guests. Pre-Order a Lei by calling D & M Wholesale and they will need to be picked up at D & M Wholesale. (Pre-Order deadline is May 20, 2023)

- **Can we decorate our caps?**

We do not allow students to wear decorated caps during the ceremony. However, students can purchase a 2nd cap or create a cap “top” out of cardboard, etc. for pictures before or after the ceremony.

- **Photographer on the field?**

There will be a photographer vendor on the field taking up-close pictures of students receiving diplomas. Students will fill out a card prior to graduation for photograph proofs that will be emailed and may be purchased.

- **Will the ceremony be live-streamed online? Can I come and watch it from the SMHS theater?**

Yes. Yes - more information to come at the end of May regarding securing tickets for the theater live stream.

- **What is the appropriate dress attire for Graduates?**

Dresses, skirts, pants/slacks, dress shirts, closed-toe shoes, and low sandals are all acceptable. (*Shorts, jeans, flip flops, and heels higher than 1" are not acceptable.*) If graduates wear heels higher than 1" they will be required to wear flat shoes provided by the school. All graduates must wear a cap and gown.

- **What height of shoes can girls have?**

No heels higher than 1". If graduates wear heels higher than 1" they will be required to wear flat shoes provided by the school.

- **Can Graduates wear sneakers?**

Dress-shoes are preferred, but Vans or nice tennis shoes are acceptable.

- **If I am eligible for a graduation sash or cord (*i.e. CSF, NHS, Honorable Contributions, AVID, Seal of Biliteracy, etc.*) how do I get this?**

Your program/club advisor will be sharing information regarding how you can access the sashes/cords earned prior to graduation. All sashes and cords students plan on wearing during the ceremony must be preapproved by SMHS Administration.

***We are looking forward to a strong finish and honoring our Class of 2023 Graduates in June!!***