

Graduation Attire

It is expected that gentlemen will wear white shirts and ties as well as dark slacks, socks, and shoes whenever gowns are worn. Jeans, khakis, and sandals are not permitted. Likewise, ladies should wear white dresses and white shoes. No flip-flops, tennis shoes or floppy sandals. In keeping with the dignity of these ceremonies, only approved school-awarded regalia such as honor cords may be worn with the cap and gown. Those students who do not follow the dress code as specified will not be allowed to participate in the Senior Honors Assembly, Baccalaureate, or Commencement.

Tassels

Students with a GPA of 3.5 and above will receive a gold tassel in their gown package. If they also want a red/white tassel, the student may purchase one for \$8 on April 29th and 30th during cap and gown distribution. Checks should be made payable to Jostens.

Tickets

Each graduate will receive four (4) Baccalaureate tickets and ten (10) Commencement tickets. However, no tickets will be released until all obligations have been cleared (this includes books, uniforms, café account, fundraising, etc.). A limited number of extra graduation tickets may be requested in the main office. A parent note is required to request these tickets.

Parking

Each student will receive two (2) parking passes, and only cars with these Godwin parking passes will be permitted in the Siegel Center decks; there will be no paid parking available in the decks. A limited number of additional parking passes may be available for purchase at the time of ticket distribution for \$5. There is handicapped parking and seating at the Siegel Center.

Pictures

The picture taken of your child as he/she receives his/her diploma will be made available online at www.lifetouchevents.com. A password will be mailed to graduates.



Mills E. Godwin High School Senior Calendar

Class of 2009

March 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! The culmination of thirteen years' hard work and dedication will be realized for you and your senior on June 9, 2009. In preparation for graduation and the senior events preceding it, there are a few items of which you should be aware. Prior to graduation, you are invited to attend two memorable ceremonies designed to honor and recognize seniors.

The first of these ceremonies is the senior awards assembly which will be held on May 29, at 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. It is at this time the governor's medallions and department awards will be bestowed. Student attendance to this ceremony is *mandatory*, and the senior group picture will follow on the football field.

Baccalaureate, the second celebratory gathering for seniors and their parents, will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 3:30 p.m. Setting the tone for graduation, this event will focus on the music and memories of the senior class. While attendance to this event is not mandatory, it is expected; the PTSA along with many students and parents have worked tirelessly to make the 2009 Baccalaureate unforgettable.

Finally, commencement will take place at the Siegel Center on June 9, at 7:00 p.m. In preparation, please be aware of the following Siegel Center policies:

- Only those with tickets will be admitted; this includes infants and small children.
- Noisemakers such as stadium horns, bells and whistles are prohibited.
- Packages, attaché cases, and very large purses will not be allowed into the facility.
- Please be aware of mandatory security screening at the Siegel Center entrance. With this in mind, please arrive in plenty of time; the doors will open no earlier than 6:00 p.m.
- The fire department will not permit standing or sitting in the aisles or concourse of the Siegel Center. A professional photographer will be on hand to take a picture of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma.

We anticipate a safe, orderly, and dignified ceremony, and we appreciate your efforts to assist us in this significant endeavor. We sincerely hope to make this graduation ceremony worthy of the time and efforts of the last thirteen years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Bishop

Assistant Principal, Class of 2009

Date	Event	Time	Place	Dress
April 29-30	Distribution of caps/gowns/announcements	During all lunches	commons	
May 4-15	A.P Testing			
May 16	Prom		GHS gym	formal
May 19-22	SOL Testing Window	TBA		
May 26	Physics Trip	All day	Busch Gardens	
May 27	Exam Exemption Notification			
May 27	Senior Slideshow	All periods	auditorium	
May 28	Assembly Practice **	Periods 1-3	auditorium	
May 29	Senior Awards Assembly**	9:30 a.m.	GHS gym	graduation attire
May 29	Business Exam	1:30 p.m.	TBA	
May 29	Senior Picnic	4:30 p.m.	TBA	casual
June 1	English	8:45-10:30	TBA	
Senior Exams*	Foreign Lang	11:00-12:40		
June 2	Government	8:45-10:30	TBA	
Senior Exams	Elective	11:00-12:40		
June 3	Math	8:45-10:30	TBA	
Senior Exams	Science	11:00-12:40		
June 4-5	Grad/Bacc. Ticket Distribution – obligations must be cleared before tickets are given to the student	11am-1p.m. & 3-4:00 p.m.	commons	
June 7	Baccalaureate	3:30 p.m. (arrive by 3:00)	GHS auditorium and gym	graduation attire: gowns (no cap)
June 9	Graduation Practice**	8:45 a.m. sharp!	GHS auditorium	casual, school appropriate attire
June 9	Commencement	7:00 p.m.	Siegel Center, VCU	Graduation attire: cap & gown

*June 4: Make-up exams

**Mandatory attendance