

WE ARE SENIORS!

Coming Up Soon!

Written in the Stars

IHS Senior Prom 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz, CA

Guest passes are now available at the bank. We will not be selling a guest ticket without a completed guest pass. Get those done early if you're planning on taking a non-IHS student! Guest tickets are \$115.

Ticket Sales

Due to difficulties with the move to the Student Union, the ticket tiers have been adjusted:

February 26-March 15: \$85 per ticket

March 18-March 28: \$100 per ticket

April 8-April 10: \$115 per ticket

All prom attendees are required to take the bus to prom. More information can be found [here](#).

Keep checking in for weekly updates!

Ongoing Senior Activities

Event	Details
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Senior Activities Newsletter

Class of 2024 - Activities

Senior Year

Make it a Year to Remember, SIXERS!



Engage and Stay Connected

This is all The final year of your high school experience; and, it's gonna fly by! Your time management skills will be tested to the max this semester, so be sure to stay up to date and FOLLOW your Instagram Accounts!

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Order a Yearbook!

Purchasing a yearbook earlier guarantees a better price. Right now, promotional pricing is \$65 (until 9/15). Students and parents/guardians can order a yearbook at the A-06 School Bank (cash, credit, or check), or visit www.yearbookordercenter.com (code 6072). We do not order extras. Don't delay!

Save the Dates!

- Senior Sunrise (8/14)
- Welcome Back Dance (8/25)
- Graduation Kit Sales (10/23 - 27)
- Homecoming Game (10/13)
- Homecoming Dance (10/14)
- ASB Talent Show (1/12)
- Senior Portraits Deadline (2/23)
- IHS Multicultural Rally (3/1)
- Sodas Dance (3/1)
- BOTC Week (3/25-28)
- Senior Prom in Santa Cruz (4/13)
- Senior Honor Night (5/1)
- Wrap it Up Dance (5/3)
- Senior Picnic & Pool Party (5/28)
- Graduation Ceremony (5/29)



Lasting Impressions...

Senior Year is the last chance to experience it all - soak it in! Bring your spirit to the Varsity home games. Go all in for Battle of the Classes (BOTC) Week. Participate in the creation and execution of a club event. Attend a cultural event, such as Filipino Cultural Night, La Noche Latina, or indulge yourself at Schitzelfest. Make an entrance at a school dance. Dress silly for spirit weeks! Support the arts at the Fall Drama (Puffs), the Spring Musical (Mean Girls), I-Dance, or any of our many concerts and showcases! Do something profound, beautiful, courageous, unique, genuine, joyous, thrilling, memorable!

Professional Senior Graduation Portraits

These are the formal pictures often sent to relatives and passed out to friends and staff, during the graduating year. If seniors sit for a courtesy yearbook photo, then it will be shared and published in a special, senior section of the yearbook! Students can also pay a "sitting fee," which ensures a professional photoshoot in formal gown, grad attire, and outfits of your choosing. There is no pressure to purchase photos. Act fast to secure a reservation and plan for travel to your private photo shoot. February 23rd is the studio deadline for photos. Schedule your reservation early in the year (NOW!) to avoid any stress. Call Now and Forever at (408) 354-8660, or scan the QR.



Senior Prom Night!

Venue: Santa Cruz Coconut Grove Ballroom

In November, the Senior Class Office will run a promotional price of \$85/person, for two weeks only! Ticket prices will gradually increase. Guest tickets, including IHS underclassmen guests, are set at \$130.

Purchasing a ticket includes chartered bus transportation to the venue. The prom will include finger food/ dessert buffets, dj and dancing, a variety of photo booths, and 2-hours of private access to the Boardwalk's Arcade and Laser Tag. Although bus transportation is preferred, if desired, families may arrange for chartered transportation or drop-off (a waiver will be required). Students will not enter the event until 7pm and will have some time to dine at a variety of nearby restaurants in Santa Cruz (at the Wharf or in Downtown SC), walk the Boardwalk, and/or take photos on the beach. Prom is a formal event - your senior class officers will be providing plenty of information, including promotional deals for renting tuxedos gllhs.co2024. Leftover Prom funds will be allocated to the End-of-Year Senior Picnic and Graduation.

Graduation Kits, Apparel, & Accessories

Independence High School partners with, our vendor, Herff Jones for all graduation kits, apparel, jewelry, diploma cases, and more. In late October, seniors will attend a graduation presentation, delivered by Herff Jones, via their Government/Economics Classes. During the same week, a temporary store will be set up for students and parents/guardians to make purchases (cash and credit). Ordering early ensures the lowest price and eliminates delivery fees. The only required item for graduation is the Graduation Kit, which contains a cap, gown, and tassel. IHS provides two color options; traditionally, students identifying as female wear the white option and students identifying as male wear blue. Regardless of tradition, students may select ANY color gown they desire to wear.

The Class of 2024 will graduate at the IHS Football Stadium on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 6pm. No tickets are required for attendees.



Stay Up To Date & On Your Game

Every Monday, Principal Berg emails a Newsletter to all students and their parents/ guardians. (There is also a link at the top of your Canvas Dashboard and at independence.susdaz.org)

Within the Principal's Newsletter is a special section for Seniors. Be sure to click-on the SENIOR LINK - to view all specific senior info (counselor meetings, FAFSA assistance, senior activities, college application workshops, college presentations, and more).

If you have a question that needs answering, be sure to always check the Senior Link in the newsletter.

Make Your Senior Portrait Reservation

Senior Portraits will be taken at Now and Forever Studios in Los Gatos. Act fast to secure a reservation and plan for travel to the event.

Senior Portraits are the formal pictures that are often sent to relatives and passed out to friends and staff during the graduating year. Senior portraits are optional and include a formal and a graduation photo - all graduate attire will be provided by the photographer. There is no pressure to purchase photos. If students sit for a photo, then the studio will provide IHS with a copy to publish in the yearbook. Seniors may also pay a small "sitting fee" to engage in their own personal photoshoot, including wardrobe changes.

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS!

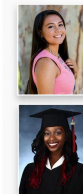
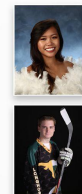
Visit our website to make your appointment today!

Go to: **NF-Studios.com**

• NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS is your official senior portrait photographer.

• ALL SENIORS, Class of 2024, must be photographed before your school deadline to be pictured in your yearbook. Deadline is set by your school

• To appear in your school's yearbook, you must be photographed by NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS.



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Yearbooks and Yearbook Ads

Yearbook Promo Deal! (Ends 9/15)

Right now, yearbook reservations/orders are \$65. Students and parents/guardians can order a yearbook at the school bank (A-06), or visit www.yearbookordercenter.com (enter code 6072) to purchase online (there is a \$4.99 processing fee for online purchasing).

For further information, please review the [Yearbook Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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Ongoing Events from Counseling

For detailed information on college applications, timelines, financial aid, and more please visit the [IHS Counseling Website for Seniors!](#)

Event	Details
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Night • Financial aid application will open December 31, 2023 • Financial Aid Resources ○ G.12 Financial Aid Presentation ○ Launch of the 2024-25 FAFSA Form ○ Financial Aid Overview ○ How To Complete the FAFSA: Step by Step ○ Financial Aid FAQ: English Spanish Vietnamese