



SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR INFORMATION

STUDENT DEBTS

Seniors who have not cleared all financial obligations, (like books, athletic uniforms, etc.), will **not** participate in Senior Activities (including Prom). If you have questions about the financial obligations, see:

- Ms. Tapley in the library for textbooks and library fines,
- Ms. Hasegawa in the Music Dept for music fines, and
- Ms. Ybarra in the Activities Office.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

If you are interested in being one of our three student speakers at Graduation, follow this link for [Class of 2023 Senior Student Speaker Auditions](#). The deadline to accept audition requests is Friday, May 26 at noon. Auditions for speakers will be held on Tuesday, May 30th and will be by invitation only.

SENIOR PRANKS

Saratoga High School will have security on campus for the weeks prior to graduation. It is important that no student is on campus or in the parking lot after 10:00 pm for any reason. **By directive of the Governing Board, students who participate in a prank during their senior year will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony and Grad Night. Stay home and be safe.**

SENIOR "CUT DAY"

Senior Cut Day is an unofficial, not school-sponsored day in which students decide on their own to not attend school. The school does not encourage student participation and the absence will be "unexcused."

PROM - Saturday, May 20th

This year's Prom is at Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz from 7-11 PM on Saturday, May 20th. Be at the school at **5:45pm** to check in at the Large Gym. Please bring your Student ID for check-in. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, May 12th at 3:00pm or when 510 tickets have been sold, whichever comes first.

SENIOR FIELD DAY - Monday, June 5th

Seniors come to school at 9:00 AM and report to the McAfee Center for a short class meeting. We will then head to the lower field and pool deck for some fun, games, and raffle prizes. Bring a swimsuit and towel! You will be excused at noon. **Families!! We would like to provide the senior class with some drinks and snacks for this event. If you're able to donate, please sign up [HERE](#).** Items can be dropped off at the Student Center between 8:00-9:00am on Monday, June 5th.

SENIOR CELEBRATION BBQ - Tuesday, June 6th

Join us for a Senior BBQ on Tuesday, June 6th from 10am-1pm at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino. Tickets are \$10 each and include a BBQ Lunch, Drinks, and Dessert. Purchase tickets [HERE](#). Transportation is on your own. We look forward to celebrating with you!

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT - Tuesday, June 6th

The Senior Awards Night will take place on Tuesday, June 6th from 6:00-7:30pm in the McAfee Theater. **Due to limited seating in the McAfee, Senior Awards Night is an invitation-only event.** Seniors who will be honored will receive an invitation to attend the awards night ceremony. Specific



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information regarding Senior Awards will be included in your invitation.

SENIOR LIFE SKILLS DAY - Wednesday, June 7th

Students meet in the QUAD at 9:00am to check in for Senior Life Skills Day. We will be dividing the class into groups and will host various workshops in the morning until 11:45am. See schedule [HERE](#).

GRADUATION PRACTICE - Thursday, June 8th

- Practice: Be on the football field promptly by 9:00 am. We plan to be done by noon. We only have **one** rehearsal so attendance is **mandatory**. All participants **must** be present to hear instructions and for names to be announced correctly. Grad Night t-shirts, which are required for entrance into Grad Night, will be handed out after practice ends at the snack shack. Reminders: Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

GRADUATION - Thursday, June 8th, 6:00pm

- Graduation begins at 6:00pm at the Benny Pierce Stadium. Seating is first-come, first-serve. The stadium will be open at 5pm. Once the graduates recess, they will go to the Student Center to return their loaner gown, gather their personal belongings, pick up their diploma, and will meet their families in the parking lot.
- Cap and Gown Pick-up and Drop-off: Cap and gowns can be picked up in the Activities Office. The **LOANER GOWNS** need to be returned to Mrs. Ybarra **IMMEDIATELY** following the ceremony outside the Student Center. After returning the gown, the graduate may collect his or her diploma in the same location.
- Cap and Gown Reminders: Gowns will need pressing before they are worn. Gowns are designed to be worn with a collared shirt, tie, long pants, and dress shoes or with a dress without high necklines. Suits or sports coats should not be worn under the gown. Casual dress shoes should be worn. Flip flops are **NOT** acceptable. Avoid wearing very high heels, as the ramp is steep, and heels tend to sink into the turf. Caps: Bobby pins are needed to secure the caps because it is often windy during graduation. **Loaner gowns need to be returned to Ms. Ybarra outside the Student Center immediately after the graduation ceremony.**
- Graduation Leis: The Junior Class sells "Graduation Leis" as a fundraiser. The last day to purchase a lei is Friday, May 12th at 4:00pm by going to <https://shs.myschoolcentral.com>. Graduation leis will be distributed by the Junior Class officers to the student's assigned room prior to graduation.

GRAD NIGHT - Thursday, June 8th

- Grad Night Entrance Tickets: **The entrance ticket to Grad Night will be the grad night t-shirt.** It will be distributed at the end of practice (earlier in the morning at 10:00am) from the snack shack in the Sports Plaza. Grad Night check-in is between 10:00 - 10:30 pm. No one will be allowed in after 10:30 pm. No one will be allowed to leave until 6:00 am when grad night ends, unless prearranged with your parent(s) prior to grad night. Email Saratogahighgraduation@gmail.com with your request by Wednesday, May 31st.
- Memory Boards: Each family will get a poster board from the Grad Night Committee which is 24 x 30 inches. Extra boards are in the SHS office to pick-up. Finished memory boards should be dropped off on Tuesday, June 6th (12-2pm or 4-6pm no later!) in the Large Gym Lobby/Parking Lane. If you absolutely



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can not make the June 6th drop off, late boards will be accepted in the LargeGym on Wednesday, June 7th from 9:00-10:00 AM. The boards will be prominently displayed during Grad Night for the students to view. After Grad Night, students can pick up boards from the large gym before they leave. The Grad Night Committee or School Staff will not be responsible for any memory board left after this time.

- Food at Grad Night - we will be having dinner starting at 10:00 PM. There will be plenty of other snacks and drinks throughout the evening.
- Grad Night Tips: You will be going through a security check. Bring a jacket or a blanket, wear comfortable closed toe shoes, and wear your Grad Night t-shirt. Do not bring any bags, backpacks, or purses. Do not bring food or beverages. **Under no circumstances will students be permitted to bring empty water bottles or other beverage containers into Grad Night.** You can store your jacket and phone at the coat check.
- Rules: Masks are encouraged at Grad Night. All school policies still apply. There is ZERO TOLERANCE for carrying, distributing, or being under the influence of alcohol or any other substance. The Santa Clara County Sheriffs and/or your parents will be called and you will be removed from Grad Night.