

Introduction

Commencement is a very meaningful event for the high school senior. It is a time when family, students, honored guests and faculty share in recognizing an important milestone.

While the majority of students acknowledge the importance of a dignified commencement ceremony, they may not fully understand the formal traditions of graduation exercises.

With this as the focus, this booklet has been compiled to assist the graduating senior and parents with the procedures and expectations associated with the overall commencement process.

We trust the enclosed calendar and specific details covering the final weeks of the school year will assist your efforts and further exemplify the high standards which have become part of these traditions over the years.

As for the ceremony, attention will be drawn to the individual and the completion of all requirements for graduation as established by the Board of Education of the Walnut Valley Unified School District and the State of California.

We look forward to joining you in this dignified and respectful celebration of your student's graduation.

DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011 SENIOR COMMENCEMENT BROCHURE

*Ad Victoriam per Unitatem -
To victory through unity"*



DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2011

Class Officers

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Ms. Catherine Real

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Mr. John Terry

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Expectations for Seniors

1 Month to go!

This next month will be filled with lots of emotion. In your final month of high school, be sure to make the most of everyday: enjoy the company of fellow students, teachers, and staff members; study to earn the best grades in your high school career; think about the decisions you make. We hope this time is filled with fond memories. To ensure this, please remember the following:

- Come to school each day, prepared for academic excellence.
- Continue to follow all school rules.
- Be responsible Brahmas
- Keep your parents proud.

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!

Dear Parents of the Class of 2011,

Graduation day is approaching all too rapidly. This is a time of joy, celebration, and achievement. As we anticipate the upcoming graduation activities, I want to share some thoughts and seek your assistance in making this an enjoyable and memorable event.

As graduation becomes imminent, our students experience a myriad of feelings that often result in joyful expression. Unfortunately, sometimes this expression can result in the form of a senior prank or vandalism. Please be assured that we are taking extra precautions to discourage such activity. Any pranks or vandalism can result in a student being removed from graduation activities, including the ceremony itself. If you get “wind” of any activities that could wind up in a prank or vandalism, please do all that you can to discourage your student from being involved. The most unpleasant duty I have as Principal is to remove a student from the graduation ceremony.

The ceremony itself is also an area of concern. In the past, a few students have tossed beach balls, tortillas, etc. around during their classmates’ speeches and activities. Such conduct is not only disrespectful to their classmates, it also places their teachers in the unenviable position of having to “police” the graduates in their last interaction together. If such activity occurs, I will stop the ceremony until dignity is restored. Again, I urge your assistance. Discourage your graduate from bringing any object that could disrupt the ceremony. Students will be subject to a “search” as they enter the gym. Contraband will be confiscated and issuance of a diploma will be delayed for any student who attempts to disrupt the ceremony.

I regret that there is a need to address this topic with you. However, it is critical that we communicate our expectations. With your help, our graduates will treat this occasion with the decorum it deserves. Thank you in advance for contributing to a great graduation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Real
Principal

Highlights of Senior Activities, Details of Specific Dates

Senior Finals – May 25 – May 26

Seniors are to attend all classes with regular schedule in effect.

THE LAST DAY FOR SENIORS IS THURSDAY 5/26

All School Awards Night – May 26

The All School Awards Night will be held in the Diamond Bar High School Gymnasium at 7:00 PM. This awards ceremony is by invitation only.

Senior Clearances – May 26th

All seniors need to check that ALL books are turned in by 5/26 and that any and all outstanding fines are paid. **NO SENIOR** will be permitted to participate in any of the Senior Week activities until all fines are cleared.

Senior Breakfast – May 27th (FRIDAY)

The senior breakfast will be held at 9:00 AM at the Phoenix Club (1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim CA 92806), and will kick off Senior Week activities. We hope the students will dress appropriately and according to dress code. Tickets on sale May 9 – May 20 in the store.

First Graduation Rehearsal – May 31 (Mandatory)

All Seniors need to meet in the gym at 8:00 AM for this first mandatory graduation rehearsal. Please make sure all books are turned in and fines are cleared before this day. Graduation caps and gowns will be given out after the rehearsal. **Late Cap/Gown Purchase \$60.00 Cash.** The rehearsal will last as long as necessary.

Senior Picnic – May 31

The picnic will begin right after the graduation rehearsal on the upper grass football field. It is going to be a great time, with lots of good food, entertainment and fun!

Final Graduation Rehearsal – June 1st (Mandatory)

Our final graduation rehearsal starts at 8:00 AM in the gym. Please wear your gowns to this rehearsal. The senior “Class of 2011” photo will be taken at the rehearsal. Order forms for the picture have been distributed to all seniors with Senior Newsletter. More order forms are available in the USB Room. Every senior will be given **3 free tickets** to graduation during the rehearsal. It should be over at approximately 11:30 AM.

COMMENCEMENT – June 2

Commencement exercises will begin promptly at **6:30 PM**. Admission is by ticket only. Seniors will be asked to arrive no later than 5:00 PM. **Students are to report to the gym and subject to search** and should be dressed in semi-formal attire. The graduation tassel is worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap. Only 2011 Graduates will be allowed in the Gym.

REPORT TO THE GYM- 5:00pm

Graduates should bring: Cap/Gown, Keys, I.D.

Graduates Should **NOT** bring: Cell Phone, Cameras, Electronic Devices, Purse, Handbag, Backpack.

DO NOT DECORATE CAP/GOWN

LADIES – DO NOT WEAR HIGH HEALED SHOES!!!!

Distribution of Diplomas – June 2

Diplomas may be picked up on the north/west side of the football field at the end of the commencement exercises.

Grad Nite at Disneyland!! – June 2

All students who purchased tickets to Grad Night need to report to the gym at 9:30 PM and return 6am. Our buses will leave the parking lot promptly. \$100

Extra Graduation Tickets

Extra graduation tickets are being sold now, at Fave’s Place/Student Store. They are \$7.00 each. They can also be purchased at the gate at the commencement exercises.

Transcript Requests

Seniors must request a final “official” transcript from Mrs. Foy prior to THURSDAY 26th. Go to registrar’s office and complete a transcript request form with a stamped, addressed envelope.

NO SENIORS on Campus May 27- June 2

No senior is to be on campus except for graduation rehearsal in the gym and Walt Holmes Stadium. Seniors may be on campus after the school day ends at 3:00 to take care of official school business only.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many tickets can my family receive? *Three* tickets will be given to each senior at the second graduation rehearsal. Additional tickets may be purchased at Fave's Place/Student Store for \$7.00 each. Tickets will also be sold at the gate at graduation.

How long will the graduation last? Commencement ceremonies will start at 6:30 PM. and will conclude by approximately 8:00 PM.

Are seats reserved at Commencement? No. Individuals will be seated on a first come first serve basis. Please be sensitive regarding the saving of seats.

May we take pictures at Commencement? You are invited to take any general pictures of the ceremony from your seat. **Please do not attempt to enter the field at anytime for the taking of pictures. We will have a photographer on site taking pictures of your grad.**

Where can all of the spectators park for the Commencement? We encourage guests not to park in the surrounding neighborhood because this can cause a lot of congestion. Additional parking has been made available at South Pointe Middle School. Busses will take spectators to the stadium ramp on Brea Canyon from South Pointe Middle School. Signs will be posted indicating where the busses will pick-up and drop off. Bus pick-ups will begin at 5:00 PM and continue until 7:00 PM. Return trips to South Pointe Middle School will begin at the end of the ceremony departing from two locations on Brea Canyon; North of the Stadium driveway and South of the Gym driveway. The shuttle busses will continue to run until 9:00 PM.

Will handicapped parking and seating be available? Yes, there will be handicapped parking on the outside basketball courts. You will be assisted from this point to the appropriate seating.

What time may I enter the stadium for Commencement?. Both the home side and guest side of Holmes Memorial Stadium will be open for seating at 5:00 PM with admission by ticket only.

Where can parents and family meet their graduates after the commencement ceremony? Family and friends may meet with their graduates on the field following the ceremony. However, no guest will be permitted on the field for five minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony thus allowing the graduates an opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate each other. **NO GRADUATES OR GUESTS ARE TO WEAR HIGH HEELS AS THEY WILL PUNCTURE THE TRACK AND FIELD.**

May an individual videotape Commencement? Yes, but in the interest of others, please do not block the view of those around you. V & S Video is the only company that will be allowed on the field during the ceremony. They will get a close-up of each senior as they receive their diploma. These DVD's are on sale now, before and after school in the student store. It will include the entire graduation ceremony and highlights from the Senior Year. The DVD's are \$30.00 and will be shipped directly to your home. Please allow about 10 weeks after graduation.

What are students to wear under their gowns at Commencement? Attire for girls will include dresses or skirts and blouses and appropriate dress shoes. Dress for boys will include collared shirts, dress slacks and appropriate footwear (no sandals). . **NO GRADUATES OR GUESTS ARE TO WEAR HIGH HEELS AS THEY WILL PUNCTURE THE TRACK AND FIELD.**

Can I still purchase graduation announcements? Yes, there is a limited supply of extra announcements available for purchase. They are on sale now, at Fave's Place/Student Store for \$2.00 each. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis until we sell out.

Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT & TIME</u>
May 14	Junior Senior Prom (Aquarium of the Pacific)
May 24	Senior Yearbook Distribution 3:00 PM (Amphitheater)
May 25-26	Senior Finals *THE LAST DAY FOR SENIORS IS THURSDAY 5/26*
May 26	All School Awards Night 7:00 PM (Gym)
May 27	Senior Breakfast (FRIDAY) 9:00 AM (Phoenix Club)
May 31	First Graduation Rehearsal 8:00 AM (Gym) Cap and Gown Distribution
May 31	Senior Picnic (After Graduation Practice) Upper Grass Football Field
June 1	Second Graduation Rehearsal 8:00 AM (Gym) 3 “free” graduation tickets distributed
June 2	5:00 PM Line up in the Gymnasium 6:30 PM Graduation Ceremony 9:00 PM Grad Night at Disneyland (meet in the gym)

Expectations of the Audience at Commencement Exercises

1. Remain seated during the entire ceremony and until the program has been concluded.
2. Please arrive early. **Parking is always a problem, so allow extra time.**
3. Shuttle service at South Pointe middle school will be provided.
4. DBHS is a non-smoking facility.
5. Cooperate with ushers and supervisory faculty personnel.
6. Keep the railing in front of the audience clear.
7. Remember that admission is by ticket only.
8. Please do not bring any noise makers as it distracts from the graduates during the ceremony.
9. Audience members are not allowed on the field until the ceremony has concluded.
10. **PLEASE DO NOT WEAR HIGH HEELED SHOES AS IT WILL PUNCTURE THE TRACK AND FIELD.**

**Thank you for your cooperation,
and enjoy the ceremony.**