

DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT
Information



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.

Diamond Bar High School will be honoring our class of 2022 with an in-person Graduation Ceremony for all its students on May 26th, 2022.

Each student will be given 3 free graduation tickets for their guests to attend this event. Students will also be able to purchase additional tickets for \$15 each.

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 2022

Class Officers

President: Akash George
Vice President: Allen Wang
Secretary/Treasurer: Theodore Chen
Historian: Tennyson Juan
Social Chairperson: Carissa Wu

Class Advisors

Ms. Nancy Najera
Ms. Rosa Romero
Ms. Pat Wakefield

Grade Level Coordinators

Mrs. Jenna Brummett
Mr. Dave Desmond
Mr. Morgan Galeener
Mrs. Julie Salas

Principal

Dr. Reuben Jones

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Elizabeth Chang

Activities Director

Mrs. Janna Van Horn

Expectations for Seniors

In your final months 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:

- Finish strong, continue to strive for academic excellence.
- Continue to follow all school rules.
- Be responsible Brahmas.
- Keep your parents and family proud.

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!

Dear Parents of the Class of 2022,

As we approach the month of May, I am so excited to be addressing our “In-Person” Graduation Day! This is a momentous time of joy, celebration, recognition, 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.

On graduation day, our students experience a myriad of feelings that often result in joyful expression. As you know, our current California Health Department (CDPH) guidelines restrict our physical proximity and ways we can express this joy. These guidelines are fluid and changing on a regular basis. Thank you in advance for your support in following and reinforcing the CDPH requirements.

In addition, sometimes our student’s 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 will 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,

Reuben Jones
Principal

Highlights of Senior Activities, Details of Specific Dates

Senior Finals May 16 – May 20

Grad Nite at Disney California Adventure May 21, 2022 meet at school at 2:30 PM

Senior Breakfast May 23, 2022

Graduation Rehearsal #1– May 24 (Mandatory)

All Seniors need to meet in the gym at **8:00 AM** for this mandatory graduation rehearsal.

Graduation Rehearsal #2– May 25 (Mandatory)

All Seniors need to meet in the at **8:00 AM** for this mandatory graduation rehearsal.

Senior Picnic May 25, 2022 following Graduation practice

Please make sure all books are turned in and fines are cleared before this day.

Late Cap/Gown Purchase \$60.00 Cash. The rehearsal will last as long as necessary. Try on your gown before this date. If you have any issues with your cap and gown you will need to make sure that you take care of this by this date.

COMMENCEMENT – May 26

Commencement exercises will begin promptly at **7:00 PM**. Admission is by ticket only. Seniors will be asked to arrive no later than 5:30 PM. **Students are to report to the gym and will be subject to search.** Graduates should be dressed in semi-formal attire. The graduation tassel is worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap. Only 2021 Graduates will be allowed in the Gym.

✓ **REPORT TO THE GYM- 5:30pm**

Graduates should bring: Cap/Gown, I.D. Car Keys if they drive **Please bring I.D. to receive a diploma at the end of the ceremony.**

Graduates Should **NOT** bring: Cell Phone, Cameras, Electronic Devices,

Distribution of Diplomas – May 26

Diplomas may be picked up on the north/west side of the football field at the end of the commencement exercises. **Bring I.D.** to receive your diploma.

Graduation Tickets

Every senior will be given **3 free tickets** during one of the mandatory Graduation rehearsals. Additional tickets may be purchased in the Activities Office or at the event for \$15.

Transcript Requests

Seniors who need to send final transcripts to their college/university must do so through www.parchment.com. Final transcripts will not be sent until June 20, 2022. If you have any questions regarding this message, please contact the Registrar's office at 909-594-1405 ext. 33109.

NO SENIORS on Campus May 23 – May 26

No senior is to be on campus except for graduation rehearsal and any events specific to Senior Week. Seniors may be on campus after the school day ends at 3:00 pm to take care of official school business only.

Health Guidelines

Walnut Valley Unified School District is working alongside Diamond Bar High School to facilitate this event.

We are aware that there are still concerns about safety and the district and school will follow all the guidelines that are in place by the California Department of Health and our Los Angeles County Health Department.

We continue to monitor the ever-changing conditions surrounding the pandemic and we are actively working to maintain the highest safety standards for our students, staff and community.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many tickets can my family receive? *Three free* tickets will be given to each senior at the mandatory graduation rehearsal. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$15 in the Activities Office or at the door.

How long will the graduation last? Commencement ceremonies will start at 7:00 PM. and will conclude by approximately 8:30 PM. Doors will open at 5:30.

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

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 any time for the taking of pictures. We will have a photographer on site taking pictures of your grad.**

Where can the spectators park for the Commencement? Please park in the main lot at DBHS, Pathfinder Road and on Brea Canyon Road. We encourage guests not to park in the surrounding neighborhood because this can cause a lot of congestion. Additional parking off site and shuttles will be available, more details to come.

Will handicapped parking and seating be available? Yes, there will be handicapped parking designated on Brea Canyon Road. 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 5:30 PM with admission by ticket only. There will be one entry point for spectators from Brea Canyon Road.

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.

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.**

GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS AND HONORS Cord Policy-Students who complete eight consecutive semesters in a single athletics or performing arts curriculum are eligible to purchase a cord. **Sash Policy** - Students that meet the requirements set in place by approved school programs only are eligible for recognition at the end of the year awards. The approved programs include Pathways Academy, Brahma Tech Academy, California Scholarship Federation, and Class Committee. Leis and other gifts may be presented to students after the commencement ceremony. They will not be allowed during the graduation.

Calendar of Events

DATE EVENT & TIME

May 16-20 **Senior Finals**

May 17 **Senior Yearbook Distribution** 3:00 PM-4:00 pm

THE LAST DAY FOR SENIORS IS Friday 5/20/2022 Students will not be allowed on campus after this date unless it is for Senior related activities. Please make sure to take care of all school business before this date.

May 21, 2022 **Grad Nite at Disney California Adventure** meet at school at 2:30 PM with Bus Permission Form and School ID.

May 23, 2022 **Senior Breakfast** in the gym at **8:00 AM**

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May 25, 2022 **Senior Picnic** on the upper field following Graduation practice

May 26 **Commencement Ceremony** Report to gym 5:30 PM
Ceremony begins at 7:00 PM

Graduation Marquee Message- If you would like to put a “Congrats” message on the marquee for that special someone grab an envelope from the front office or the Activities Office in the USB room. The messages will cost \$25 cash and the messages will run from May 21 - May 27, 2022.

Expectations of the Audience at Commencement Exercises

Remain seated during the entire ceremony and until the program has been concluded.

Please arrive early. **Parking is always a challenge, allowing extra time.**

DBHS is a non-smoking facility.

Cooperate with ushers and supervisory faculty personnel.

Keep the railing in front of the audience clear.

Remember that admission is by ticket only.

Please do not bring any noise makers as it distracts from the graduates during the ceremony.

Mylar balloons will not be allowed. Metallic Mylar balloons may damage power lines above campus and cause power outages.

Audience members are not allowed on the field until the ceremony has concluded.

Please do not wear high heeled shoes as it will puncture the track and the field.

Thank you for your cooperation!