Dear Parents/Guardians of Seniors, Class of 2019:

Below you will find important upcoming dates and reminders:

**February 28th:** Last day to pay $150 for senior dues. Dues will increase to $175 after this date. Dues cover cap, gown, tassel, graduation (rental of the arena), diploma, diploma cover, senior t-shirt, senior picnic, locker boards, senior breakfasts, and other senior events. Please pay dues at www.gabalfour.com.

**February 27th and March 14th:** On Wednesday, February 27th Magic Moment Photography will be at school from 2:30pm-5pm and again Thursday, March 14th from 2:30pm – 5pm to allow students to have optional Cap and Gown pictures taken. These are optional and students can sign up for a time at the front lobby desk. Payment is due at the time of the sitting. Packages run from $35 to $299. Magic Moment will send home a flier through LA classes with more information.

**March 14th:** Have questions? Senior parent meeting in Grayson Tech Lecture Hall at 6PM to go over senior events and graduation protocol. This is an optional meeting for parents to help answer any questions you might have about upcoming events.

**March 21st:** Senior Breakfast, Auxiliary Gym, 6:30 – 7:15 am (give out locker boards)

**April 9th:** Deadline to turn in senior letters (see back)

**April 13th:** Prom is at the Georgia Aquarium this year. Please see Joanna Root (Joanna_Root@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) or Cheryl Miles (Cheryl_Miles@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) if you have any questions. Senior dues do NOT cover prom. You must purchase a $65 prom ticket (per person) to attend prom. Prom tickets are available on mypaymentsplus.com and at school the week before prom (cash only if purchasing at school). Please visit www.ghsprom.weebly.com for more information.

**April 19th – April 26th:** Senior Week: Dress up days will be announced later.

**April 19th:** Senior picnic on football field during 5th and 6th period. Senior letters and yard signs will be distributed. Parent volunteers are needed for this event. **If you can volunteer, please email Jenny_Beck@gwinnett.k12.ga.us**

**April 22nd:** Locker Board night 5:00 – 7:30pm. Please ask your senior for his/her locker number and combination (if you would like to leave anything in the locker). Seniors who share a locker or without a locker will hang their boards on the art bulletin boards. Please securely attach strong magnets (with hot glue, if possible) to your locker board **BEFORE** you get to the school. Instructions will be given out with boards at breakfast on March 21st

**April 25th:** Spring Awards Night – Invitations will be mailed home to students receiving awards on this night.

**April 30th:** Senior dinner in commons area from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. You must purchase a $5 ticket by April 18th to attend. You must bring your ticket and picture ID to dinner. The catered dinner is casual dress and for seniors only. There are GREAT door prizes and if you purchased a yearbook they will be distributed at this event.
May 5th: Baccalaureate service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2:00pm. This is an optional ceremony for graduating seniors to celebrate their accomplishments. Seniors should arrive at the church by 1:30 and should dress in their cap and gowns. No tickets are needed for this event – family and friends are welcome to attend.

May 14th – Senior breakfast in Auxiliary gym from 6:50 – 7:15am. Graduation tickets will be handed out at this breakfast. **Seniors must have paid dues to pick up tickets, present current photo ID, and sign for tickets.**

**Other Important Information:**

- Graduation: We will release the date as soon as the Board of Education gives us the date. We apologize for any inconvenience, and will publish and make announcements as soon as we know the date and time.
- Parents who wish to volunteer to help with senior events should email Jenny_Beck@gwinnett.k12.ga.us. We will need help at the picnic and sorting senior letters.
- Senior Letters: This is when you ask family, friends, and any other significant people in the child’s life to write them a letter about how proud they are of them, etc. The number of letters does not matter. You will need to gather the letters and bring them to the school (front office) or mail them to the school to the attention of Angel Greene. Make sure that the senior’s name is clearly marked on the outside of every envelope. Please note, this is for letters only. No packages, money, or anything of monetary value should be sent. If there is a VERY special letter for your student, you might want to keep it and present to the student at home. Each year some letters will get misplaced or lost by accident.

  School Address: Grayson High School
  Attention: Angel Greene for: (senior’s name)
  50 Hope Hollow Road
  Loganville, GA 30052

- In order for your child to participate in the graduation ceremony, they MUST be in attendance at graduation practice (time TBA). By practice, all senior dues and all outstanding school fees (parking, library, textbooks, etc.) must have been paid.
- Tickets: We will give each senior (who has paid dues) the same amount of graduation tickets. We hope to give out 12 per senior. If your family does not need all the tickets please share with other seniors’ families. Tickets will be given out at the senior breakfast in May. Seniors will need to show a photo ID and sign for their tickets. If a senior cannot attend the breakfast, they may pick up their tickets before or after school from Mrs. Beck. If you have a large family or many family friends, please consider holding a graduation party to celebrate with these extended loved ones or please feel free to invite them to our Baccalaureate service on May 6th.
Notes for seniors about graduation: Be aware of traffic and how it will affect your travel time. The only items seniors may bring into the arena are cap, gown, and one car key. If other items are brought in, they will be collected and can be picked up at the school during the week of following graduation. This includes cell phones. We recommend leaving all other belongings at home or in your car to save you the time of having to retrieve them from school at a later date. Before graduation, you should remove your cap and gown and hang it up (most of the wrinkles will fall out). Only use a cool iron if necessary. The students’ attire at graduation is very important. All gowns will be green. They must have on appropriate dress shoes – this can include dressy sandals, but no flip flops. We strongly recommend comfortable dress shoes as you will be standing in the tunnels of the Arena for over an hour. The boys must wear khaki or dark dress pants (no jeans), a dress shirt, and appropriate dress shoes. No tennis shoes or tennis shoe like apparel will be allowed for boys or girls. All students will walk into the Arena with cap and gown in hand so that clothing can be checked. Students will recess out of the arena. People attending graduation are asked to WAIT in their seats and not block the aisles until the graduates have recessed out. It is strongly recommended that families arrange a meeting place outside the arena for after graduation. This will save a tremendous amount of time in trying to find each other. If there is an issue with behavior during the ceremony from students or attendees, then they will be escorted out of the arena. Also, remember to write your name inside your graduation cap. Caps can NOT be decorated for the ceremony.

If you have any questions, please email Jenny_Beck@gwinnett.k12.ga.us or Angelita_Greene@gwinnett.k12.ga.us or call 770-554-1071.