



# GHS Class of 2020 Graduation



To the Class of 2020:

The Gulfport School District wishes to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions you have made throughout the years. To that end, Gulfport High School is proud to announce our alternative plan for our GHS Graduation. We will be showcasing the Class of 2020 in a traditional graduation ceremony that you will be able to enjoy with your family and friends. While this school year is one we will never forget, the students of the Class of 2020 will be remembered for years to come for all they have accomplished over the last 12 years as well as for the way they overcame obstacles during this historic time.

During the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, each senior and up to four family members (parents and/or legal guardians only) will report to the Ray Bishop Auditorium. Each senior will have a cap and gown picture taken by a professional photographer. The GSD will purchase an 8x10 for you as a token of appreciation for all you have accomplished. You will then make your way to the stage and take the traditional walk across the stage to receive your diploma. We will have video cameras set up, and we will capture the moment each student walks across the stage and receives their diploma. Each senior will have a scheduled time to come get their diploma and their picture taken.

We will record each segment from our traditional graduation. This will include the Marine JROTC Pledge of Allegiance, performance by a few members of the GHS Choir, recognition of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, speeches from the Valedictorian and the Senior Class President, Senior Video, Presentation of the Class, and our Senior Student Message will conclude the ceremony. Each segment will be professionally edited and put together in order to showcase each of our seniors in a traditional ceremony. This video will be aired on AdmiralNation.com on May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., which was the original graduation date. You will be able to watch your own graduation for the first time in the presence of your family, and it will also be available to the Gulfport community and any out of town family members. While this process will take many hours and your family's cooperation, we feel we will be able to celebrate this significant accomplishment in your educational journey in an exciting new way and still be able to keep the traditional GHS ceremony. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!!

Gulfport High School Administration

# Senior Graduation Details

- All Seniors will pick up caps and gowns from the main entrance of the high school on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Your appointment day and time for your ceremony will be given to you when you pick up your cap and gown. Cap and gown rental cost is \$45.
- On your scheduled day/time of the ceremony, you will pull into the main entrance and our assistants will be in the parking lot to show you where to park.
- You will stay in the car until an assistant lets you know when to come into the building. All students should already be dressed in their cap and gown. You will get your picture taken by our photographer and then enter the Ray Bishop Auditorium to receive your diploma. After you cross the stage, you will turn in your cap and gown. At this time you will leave the campus.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> you will receive your graduation program and your picture in the mail.
- May 27, 2020 - Graduation Night!!! We air the whole ceremony on AdmiralNation.com at 7:00!!!

## Timeline

April 27<sup>th</sup> – \*\*Cap and Gown Pickup will be from 8:00am - 3:00pm – Rental is \$45 (You can pay by check or cash) Seniors will receive their Class of 2020 yard sign! Turn in last assignments/lessons to GHS. If a senior has not met all graduation requirements, they will not receive their cap and gown at this time.

May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> – Taping of the GHS Graduation – Students will arrive during their scheduled times ONLY – Gown will be turned in upon end of session and diploma will be handed out.

May 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> – 8x10 Graduation picture and Graduation Program will be delivered to your home by postal mail.

May 27<sup>th</sup> - We will air the professional version of the Graduation Ceremony on AdmiralNation.com at 7:00 p.m.

\*\*You will have your cap and gown from April 27<sup>th</sup> until the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. We suggest you take all family pictures in your cap and gown before your individual session. After you receive your diploma, you will turn your gown in, you will be able to keep your cap and tassel.

See email from Mrs. Husley on cap and gown guidelines for proper dress when you wear your cap and gown for the actual ceremony session.

Please email Mr. Lindsey or Mrs. Husley with any questions!