

## Graduation Information 2024

### May 28—Graduation Meeting & Walk Through-MANDATORY

Seniors will meet in the auditorium to review graduation procedures, walk through graduation, and receive final report cards. This will begin at 9:30 am. Students may begin arriving to the auditorium at 9:00 am so that you can pick up your ticket from counselors to know where to sit. Keep this ticket! Seniors should not be roaming campus. Upon the completion of this meeting, seniors will need to leave campus. Be mindful that this is a mandatory meeting.

### May 29--Graduation day:

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal** (graduation practice) for graduation is **at 9:00am at the MS Coast**

**Coliseum.** Students need to **begin arriving at 8:30am**. We will meet in the conference hall connected to the coliseum first. Students will enter from the west side (see map). You will use the ticket from Tuesday to find your seat. There will be staff available to assist with this. There are some final forms you will need to fill out prior to practice beginning.

**Come fully dressed in your cap and gown**, wear the shoes you will be wearing at graduation to make sure you can walk in them. Graduation photos will be taken immediately following dress rehearsal at the coliseum. Price and packet information will be available closer to graduation. Do not plan to leave before 11:30am.

Students need to return to the Coliseum **by 6:00 pm**. You will enter and wait back in the seating where we originally met for practice. A map is attached to show entrance location for seniors.

Do not bring your purse, extra bags, extra shoes.... Anything!!!! You will not be allowed to bring anything out with you during the procession!

Graduation begins promptly at 7:00pm. Late arrivals **will not** be allowed on the coliseum floor after graduates are seated.

### Dress Code:

**Males**-Wear a white collared shirt and dark colored tie (no bow ties), dark slacks, dark socks, and dark dress shoes (NO sandals or tennis shoes allowed). Absolutely **no jeans** are allowed.

**Females**-Wear a dress or a blouse and skirt or black dress pants. Dresses should be white or pastel colored, and the shoes should be white, beige, tan, clear, or nude with a **low heel**. Low heels are strongly suggested, as you will be going up and down stairs, as well as standing for long periods of time. Be sure to attach your white collar to your robe. Bring plenty of hairpins to secure your cap during dress rehearsal and for graduation itself.

### Non-Negotiables:

**You may NOT decorate your cap at all.**

Cell Phones are **NOT** allowed on the graduation floor.

You may **NOT** wear any other sash or cord unless it is given by Gulfport High School.

If you have earned the right to wear the Honors sash (orange) or the Distinction sash (white) and wish to keep it after graduation, you may purchase your sash for \$20.00. This will be done when you pick up your diploma beginning on Thursday.

Every student will need to return to GHS beginning the day after graduation to pick up their diploma and purchase any sash if awarded one.

Please learn the GHS Alma Mater—you have to sing it during graduation.

### ***Alma Mater***

***On the Coast of Mississippi  
By the sunny sea,  
Gulfport High School stands proudly,  
Here's a health to thee.  
We love thee dearly, Gulfport High,  
And glory in thy fame.  
We will ever give allegiance  
To the ADMIRAL name.***

If you have any question regarding graduation, don't assume! ASK!