

SENIOR 2016

GOLDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2016

Senior Activities—Standards of Conduct

During the next few months, there are many activities, celebrations and honors awaiting our GV seniors and their families. This newsletter has been prepared, especially for you, to assist you as you plan and budget for these important events. We encourage students to participate in as many activities as possible – for it will be over all too soon.

This senior year will be a lasting memory for each senior for many years to come. You are reminded to adherence to school regulations and rules. Students who receive less than a 2.0 GPA and accrue more than 10 tardies and/or truancies may lose their ability to participate in any and all senior activities during 4th quarter. You should maintain regular attendance, keep up your grades, and approach

each event in a respectful and courteous manner, using common sense and ensuring the safety of all involved.

A student possessing any controlled substance or being under the influence at any senior event will be suspended from school and may be excluded from subsequent activities, including the graduation ceremony.

Students who vandalize, participate, or pull “senior pranks” involving Golden Valley facilities or property will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony or any other graduation activities.



All seniors must be in good academic and behavior standing in order to participate in the activities included in this newsletter. Please make sure you are in class on time with at least a 2.0 each quarter.

KEY REMINDERS:

- *All debts to the school (library, Saturday Schools, and financial) must be cleared by Friday, May 13 for students to participate in graduation and Grad Night*
- *Official transcripts can be ordered through the registrar's office. They are free if they are ordered before graduation.*
- *Graduation Leis may be ordered through the ASB office for \$20—this is the only adornment students can wear during graduation. Must be ordered by May 2.*
- **If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Leite, Tricia Histed, or Vincent Wheeler in the ASB office for more information.**

Participating in the Graduation Ceremony

Student performances during graduation is always one of the highlights. Seniors are invited to audition for one of the speaker or musicians spots.

Anyone interested in auditioning needs to pick-up a form from the ASB

office and return it to the ASB office by March 25. Your audition time will be sent to you by April 1, 2016. The date for auditioning for speaker or musician will be held April 13 and 14, 2016.

In addition, seniors can nominate a staff member to be the keynote speaker at graduation. Please nominate a candidate by March 25th. Seniors will then vote online in April for their choice speaker.

PROM: "A Night In The Hills"

Date: **Saturday April 30th**
 Time: **Check in Starts 5:30 pm**
Bus leaves at 6:15 pm
 Place: **Noor**

Cost:

	Single	Couple
March 14-18	\$125/\$135	\$250
March 21—29	\$135/\$145	\$270

We are taking coach buses this year to Noor in Pasadena. All parties must arrive at Golden Valley no later than **5:30 pm**. All students are required to ride the bus to the

venue. The last day to buy a prom ticket is Tuesday March 29. Students and their guests must have completed prom bids and ID's to get a ticket. Tickets will be sold during brunch and lunch only! All school debt must be paid prior to purchasing a prom ticket and students need to have not lost their privileges.

Students that have purchased a senior package need to turn in their contract by Tuesday, March 29. After that date, the ticket will be forfeited.



Senior Sunset and Yearbook Signing Party

Date: **Monday, May 16th**
 Time: **6:00 pm to 8:00pm**
 Place: **Patio in front of the large gym**
 Cost: **We are hoping to provide dinner for this event free of charge**

Join your classmates in watching the sun set on your senior year at Golden Valley. Enjoy a BBQ,

music and fun times with friends. You'll have an early opportunity to sign yearbooks, take pictures and make the most of every last



moment. **Golden Valley Seniors Only.**

Only seniors who have purchased yearbooks in advance will be able to pick them up on this date. If you wait until the end of the year, you will not be able to get your yearbook until the following week and there is no guarantee there will be extras available.

Grad Night with Disney!!!

Date: **Wednesday, May 25**
 Time: **Depart GVHS at 12:00 PM. Arrive back to GVHS at approximately 4:00 AM**
 Place: **Disneyland's Grad Night Celebration**

Tickets on sale: **May 2- 18**
 Price: **\$125 w/ASB, \$135 w/out**

Disneyland has an exciting Grad Night planned for us. Students will be able to enjoy all the fun and excitement of both parks up until 11:00 pm. At 11:00 pm all seniors will enter California Adventure for a private party to enjoy the thrills of the park, a special showing of "World of Color" and dance the rest of the night away.

Only students who have not lost privileges will be allowed to attend this event!!!

All students will need to sign a Graduation Celebration contract in order to attend.

Students are required to go to and from the event on the buses (luxury coach buses). They may **NOT** drive separately.

Only GVHS graduating seniors that are in good academic and behavior standing may attend the Grad Night Celebration. There will be no outside guests or underclassmen allowed.

DISNEY
GRAD NITE

Senior Awards Night

Date: **Tuesday, May 17th**

Time: **6:30 PM**

Place: **GVHS Amphitheater**



This evening provides us with an opportunity for seniors and their families to recognize academic excellence, recipients of college scholarships, community service, and various other achievements. Outside agencies, universities, military and faculty will be on hand

to make presentations.

The dress code for boys is a collared shirt and dress pants. Girls may wear nice slacks or a dress. This is a distinguished event in which our seniors are honored by the school and community for their excellence. Please treat it as a formal event by acting and dressing accordingly. All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

All seniors getting an award or recognition will receive an invitation a couple weeks before the event.

Make Your Mark



You're about to graduate, why not share it? Did you get into your dream school?

Excited to share with your friends and family where you will be

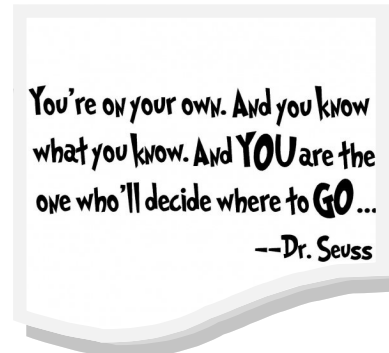
headed in the future? Buy your personalized Class of 2015 banner once you get your letter of acceptance. Order forms will be available on-line and in the ASB office. Cost will be \$50 for a personalized vinyl banner. (hung at GVHS until graduation). Contact Mrs. Leite, Mrs. Histed, or Mr. Wheeler for details.

Final Exams and Graduation Requirements

As there are a number of graduation events planned in the days leading up to graduation, all seniors need to arrange to take finals before their last day of school on **Friday, May 20**.

All requirements must be met before Golden Valley High School can certify a graduate.

Seniors failing to meet graduation credit and/or course requirements cannot participate in the graduation ceremony. Final determination will be made by Friday, May 20th. Parents will be notified by counselors of any seniors failing classes who will not be graduating.



Cap and Gown Meeting (MANDATORY)

Date: **Wednesday, May 25**

Time: **8:00 – 10:00 AM**

Place: **GVHS Main Gym**

At this mandatory meeting caps and gowns will be distributed and graduation ceremony will be reviewed. Also the class panorama photo and orders will be taken. It is important to be on time and ready to go at 8:00 am.



If you have not ordered your cap and gown yet, please see Mr. Wheeler to find out how to order. Prices have already increased and they will continue to increase throughout the semester. If you wait to purchase your cap and gown at this meeting, you will not be guaranteed the correct size.

Event	Date/Time/ Location
Senior Class Meeting (MANDATORY)	Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 8:30 am Big Gym
Nominations for staff keynote address speaker	March 14-25th ASB Office
Sign up for music and speaking auditions	March 14-25th ASB Office
Graduation Music Auditions	Wednesday, April 13th
Graduation Speaker Auditions	Thursday, April 14th
Progress Reports	Friday, April 29th
Prom	Saturday, April 30th Check in at 5:30 pm at Golden Valley. Students taking a bus for Prom.
AP Testing	May 2nd—12th
Senior Sunset / Yearbook Signing Party	Monday, May 16th 6:00-8 :00pm
Senior Awards	Tuesday, May 17th 6:30 pm
Last Day of Classes for Seniors	Friday, May 20th
Cap and Gown Meeting in the Main Gym	Wednesday, May 25th 8:00-10:00 AM
Graduation Celebration Disneyland	Friday, May 25th 12:00 pm leave GV 4:00 am return
Graduation Practice (MANDATORY)	Tuesday, May 31st 6:45-9:00 AM
Graduation at COC	Tuesday, May 31st 7:00 PM (Seniors report at 6:00pm)

Graduation Practice and Tickets

Date: **Tuesday, May 31**
Time: **6:45 – 9:00 AM**
Place: **College of the Canyons Stadium**

Participation in practice is **MANDATORY** in order to participate in the actual graduation ceremony. When students arrive at College of the Canyons in Valencia, they will go directly to their assigned row and seat (information about seating will be provided at the senior meeting the Wednesday before practice (5/25).

Students need to provide their own transportation to COC in Valencia. Any students that are late may not be allowed to participate in

the graduation ceremony that night. **Students need to arrive by 6:45 AM to be in their seats for the start of practice at 7:00 AM.**

All students will receive **10 tickets** to the graduation ceremony as this is the standard throughout the district. Tickets will be distributed at the graduation practice.

If students need more than 10 tickets, they should ask their classmates that may not be using all of their

tickets.

If someone in your family needs handicapped seating, please submit a request to Mr. Nelson by Thursday, May 19 so appropriate seating can be provided. We will allow one escort to accompany the handicapped person in the handicapped seating area.



Date: **Tuesday May 31, 2016**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Place: **College of the Canyons Stadium**

All graduates are to report to the COC Gym at 6:00 PM. Girls are reminded to wear nice dresses or skirts and blouses (try to avoid spiked heels as they will get caught in the turf). Girls should leave their purses with their parents. Boys should wear collared shirts with ties and slacks. Boys should also wear shoes with dark socks. Graduates may not wear sunglasses. Graduates will not be allowed to carry presents, flowers or cameras during the ceremony. Graduates cannot adorn their caps or gowns with any items. Graduation Leis may be ordered through the ASB office for \$20—this is the only adornment students can wear during graduation. Must be ordered by May 2.

Parents and guests are asked to be in their seats by 6:30 PM. Recording by the graduates will be played prior to the beginning of the ceremony at 7:00 PM.

Admission is by ticket only.