

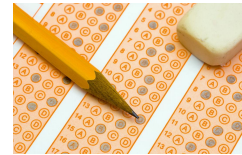
## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION CLASS OF 2023



**CAPS and GOWNS:** Caps and gowns will be distributed during the graduation practice on Thursday, May 25th at 9:00 am. Caps and gowns will only be ordered for students who have paid their cap and gown fee as indicated on the Power School fee statements. Any students who have not yet taken care of this must contact the bookstore as soon as possible.

**END OF SCHOOL:** The last day of attendance for seniors is Monday, May 15.

**SENIOR EXAMS:** **May 10 - 12** (regular day schedule)



**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** Bloom School District 206 Board of Education policy requires that **ALL** financial obligations be cleared in order for seniors to participate in the graduation exercises. The deadline for payment of any outstanding financial obligations is **Friday, May 12**. Also, please note that only cash, money order, credit card, or certified check will be accepted to pay student fees.

**MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:** Each graduate **MUST** have a parent or guardian attend a virtual graduation meeting on either **Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm, or Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 am**. At this parent meeting, the administration will go over the specific details of this event, where to park, what doors to enter, what time to arrive and other important information.

**MANDATORY STUDENT REHEARSAL:** To be certain that the line of march, seating arrangement, and the diploma awarding ceremony are clearly understood and orderly, a mandatory rehearsal for students will take place on **Thursday, May 25, 2023**. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 9:00 a.m. at which time all students are to be present in the Bloom High School Field House. Late arrivals (after 9 a.m. will not be allowed to participate). All seniors are expected to be attentive and cooperative during this activity to ensure a successful graduation ceremony. Students who are disruptive risk disciplinary action including possible exclusion from the graduation ceremony. **Seniors who do not attend the rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Caps and gowns will be distributed at this time.

**COMMENCEMENT:** The commencement ceremony is **Sunday, May 28, at 3:00pm** on Sarff Field (or the Bloom Trail McGee Fieldhouse if there is inclement weather). Graduates must be present, dressed appropriately, in cap and gown and ready one hour before the ceremony begins. Graduates are expected to leave **ALL** personal belongings including purses and cell phones at home, or with their parents. There will be no food or drink allowed in the ceremony area. Late students will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

ALL graduation requirements must be met in order for seniors to participate in the graduation ceremony. These requirements include the accumulation of the proper amount of credits, payment of outstanding fees, completion of all final exams. Fees can be paid using the following link <https://sd206.revtrak.net/>. Additionally, any negative or inappropriate behavior in the weeks

leading up to the ceremony or during the ceremony itself, may jeopardize the students' privilege of walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. This includes, but is not limited to, student suspensions for major disciplinary infractions. Bloom seniors are role models for our learning community and, as such, are expected to behave like responsible young adults. **Additionally, students who behave inappropriately during the ceremony will have their diploma withheld and will be required to complete community service before receiving their diplomas.**

**APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:**

All students are advised to dress professionally for this important occasion. Corsages are NOT permitted. Gym shoes and flip flops are not acceptable. Girls are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes,—there is a long procession, as well as stairs, to and from the stage. High heels are not permissible on the turf, we recommend flats or wedge shoes. Students may not decorate their caps or wear sunglasses.

**TICKETS FOR COMMENCEMENT:** The graduate will receive four tickets for the ceremony, 2 blue tickets and 2 white tickets. In the event of inclement weather, students will only be able to have two guests who will use the two royal blue tickets. No guests will be admitted to this ceremony without a ticket—no exceptions will be made. Students cannot give unused tickets to other graduates as they will be numbered for each specific student use. Masks are optional. There is no food or drink allowed in the ceremony area.

**DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION:** Due to the large number of graduates, students will receive an empty diploma cover when they walk across the stage. Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the ceremony in an area behind Sarff Field. Only graduates will come to the designated area and must leave as soon as they receive their diploma. Students who are disruptive or inappropriate during the graduation ceremony, **WILL NOT** be given their diploma until the matter has been resolved with the administration after graduation. **This resolution will include completing community service hours before receiving their diploma.**

**SUMMARY OF SENIOR DATES**

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| <b>March 14</b>      | <b>Senior Interviews</b>   |
| <b>March 16</b>      | <b>Senior Interviews</b>   |
| <b>April 28</b>      | <b>Prom, 7pm - Georgio's Banquets</b>  |
| <b>May 1</b>         | <b>Decision Day</b>  |
| <b>May 1-12</b>      | <b>AP Exams</b>  |
| <b>May 9</b>         | <b>Last Day for correspondence and/or credit recovery course credits</b>   |
| <b>May 9-11</b>      | <b><u>Senior Final Exam Schedule (Regular Bell Schedule)*</u><br/> <b>May 9            Period 6/7/8 &amp; 9</b><br/> <b>May 10          Periods 3 &amp; 4/5/6</b><br/> <b>May 11          Periods 1 &amp; 2</b><br/> <b>*Students are expected to attend all periods</b></b> |
| <b>May 12 and 15</b> | <b>Senior Clearance through English Classes- (return textbooks, chromebooks, etc.)<br/> <b>May 12 Periods 3 through 9</b></b>  |

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|               | <b>May 15 Periods 1 and 2</b>  |
| <b>May 10</b> | <b>Mandatory Virtual Parent Meeting, 6pm (Option 1)</b>  |
| <b>May 11</b> | <b>Mandatory Virtual Parent Meeting, 10am (Option 2)</b>   |
| <b>May 11</b> | <b>Senior Awards, 6:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>May 12</b> | <b>Deadline for payment of any outstanding financial obligations</b>   |
| <b>May 15</b> | <b>Seniors' Last Day, Senior Picnic—1:05 pm dismissal (No transportation). Seniors report to Periods 1, 2, &amp; 3. They will be released to the auditorium via intercom. The Senior Slide Show and Picnic form 10:30 a.m. until 1p.m.</b> |
| <b>May 25</b> | <b>Doors Open at 8:30 a.m. and Doors close at 9:00 a.m. Mandatory Graduation Practice Fieldhouse</b>   |
| <b>May 28</b> | <b>Commencement 3:00 pm (Sarff Field)<br/>Graduates report at 2:00 p.m.</b>  |