

# GRADUATION INFORMATION 2024

## Lake Havasu High School

Thursday, May 23, 2024 - 7:30 pm

Gates open at 6:00pm

Graduation is fast approaching, and I know many of you have questions. This informational letter will hopefully provide you with answers to most of your questions. Please read this letter carefully and keep it for reference.

### **OBLIGATIONS**

Students are required to fulfill **ALL** disciplinary and/or financial obligations *prior* to graduation, or their diplomas will be withheld, and they cannot participate in the ceremony. Obligations include serving detention hours owed, returning all school property to our school or school you may have transferred from. For example, books, athletic equipment, borrowed standardized clothing, paying book fines, library fines, and paying fees, etc.

### **SENIOR FINALS**

Final exams for seniors will be during the week of May 13-17. Seniors who do not pass a required course will be notified by May 20 that they will not graduate, nor will they be able to walk at graduation.

### **COURSE COMPLETION THROUGH MCC OR AN ONLINE INSTITUTION**

All course work and final exams from online classes must be completed by May 10. Students taking online classes or classes at MCC must request that an official transcript be sent to the high school by May 10. In addition to requesting an official transcript, students taking spring classes at MCC must print out an unofficial transcript from their "myMohave" account and submit it to their counselor. All grades from online classes (including any from MCC) must be posted by May 17 for a student to participate in graduation ceremonies.

### **CTE SHINING KNIGHT AWARDS**

Celebrates Senior CTE students who excel in their programs. Ceremony will be on Monday, May 6 at 6:00pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

### **EVENING OF EXCELLENCE**

Recognizes seniors who receive community scholarships, merit scholarships, out of state & athletic scholarships and joining the Military. If you would like to be recognized for out of state & athletic scholarships, contact the Career Center at 928-854-5408. Ceremony will be on Monday, May 13 at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

### **BACCALAUREATE**

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational religious service that is a traditional part of graduation. The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm. Information from the Baccalaureate committee will be mailed separately. Caps and gowns must be worn. Graduates are asked to gather in the hallway of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at the west side by 6:45pm. There will be a processional into the PAC by the graduating class. Parents and guests should be seated in the PAC. Everyone is invited to attend; tickets are not required and a reception will follow. Baccalaureate is sponsored by the Lake Havasu Ministerial Association & Christian Youth Workers Round Table.

### **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

Practice sessions will be on Tuesday, May 21, and Wednesday, May 22. **We will start promptly at 7:30 am** on the football field. Practice should not last more than two hours; however, it could last up to 3 hours. Plan accordingly to be available for the entire practice. **Graduating seniors must attend both practices. If you have a conflict, see Mrs. Miller in the administration office as soon as possible.** Students should wear comfortable clothing; sunglasses and a cap are suggested, and shoes are required.

### **TICKETS FOR GRADUATION**

All tickets for the graduation ceremony will be distributed to the graduates during practice on Wednesday, May 22. Each graduate will be granted five tickets for the graduation ceremony. If you would like to request additional tickets (Up to

5) the request form is located in the LHHS Newsletter and/or the LHHS Administration Office. The request form will need to be filled out and turned into the Administration Office no later than Friday, May 3, 2024. Please note: Airlines (such as Delta) consider children at the age of 2 as individuals who need separate seating arrangements. With this in mind children 2 years of age and up will require a Graduation ticket. Children under the age of 2 will not require a Graduation ticket and must lap sit.

### **SENIOR BREAKFAST**

Wednesday morning, May 22, 2024, immediately following practice, all senior class members are invited to breakfast in the Football Field Parking Lot.

### **CAPS & GOWNS**

Caps and gowns are the property of the students. The gown should be removed from the plastic bag upon receipt and placed on a hanger to allow the folds to fall out. Stubborn creases may be pressed out on a low heat/iron setting on the wrong side of the fabric using a pressing cloth. Caps should not be decorated or altered in any way for the ceremony aside from the direction of HB2705.

Caps are worn on the head so that the mortarboard is leveled with the crown's long point to the back. Graduates should wear with the front point worn down on the forehead. Girls are advised to check their hairstyle before graduation night to make sure that the cap looks right. The cap should NOT be worn on the back of the head. The tassel is worn to the RIGHT. Tassels should never be pinned or sewn but allowed to hang naturally. When the graduate has crossed the stage during the ceremony, the tassel is moved to the LEFT side.

### **HONOR CORDS, MEDALLIONS, and EXTERIOR DECORATION**

Only school-issued honor cords or medallions may be worn as a decoration outside the gowns aside from HB2705, Military, and Mayoral Youth Leadership. *No flowers, leis, etc., may be worn.*

### **COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE**

Graduating seniors are required to dress appropriately – **no flip-flop sandals, spiked high-heeled shoes, tee shirts, cut-offs, or shorts.** Appropriate dress for male graduates at Baccalaureate and Graduation is dress slacks, a light-colored shirt (necktie optional), dark socks, and dress shoes. Appropriate dress for female graduates at Baccalaureate and Graduation is dress, skirt, or slacks and blouse, and dress shoes. Walking across the field in high heels is difficult (spiked high heels are not allowed). **Students not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. The gown must be carried to the ceremony and put on upon arrival at the main gym.** Plan ahead – place gown, cap, and tassel together to prevent forgetting part of it. Parking for seniors will be in the lot north of the school by the main gym. Seniors should plan to be in the main gym no later than 7 pm. ***Only graduates will be admitted in the main gym.*** The entire graduation program will take approximately one and one-half hours. The gym will be locked after graduation, so seniors should not leave personal belongings in the gym.

### **SEATING AND PARKING FOR GUESTS**

Seating will be limited to guests with tickets. This includes children 2 years of age and up. Children under the age of 2 will not require a ticket and must lap sit. Lake Havasu City Police Officers and faculty members will be at the gate to allow entry for all ticket holders. **No ice chests, coolers, horn blowers, noise makers or obstruction items, such as balloons and signs** are permitted on the premises for this occasion. Water will be available. Parking is available in the student lot east of the school, the faculty lot behind the cafeteria (limited), and in the parking lot adjacent to the football field.

### **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY RULES**

Use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, non-prescription drugs, or narcotics on school grounds or at school activities is the reason for removing anyone from the area (Arizona Revised Statute #4-244). Lake Havasu City Police Officers will be present before and during the Commencement Ceremony. They will aid administrators and staff members in making sure there are no infractions of this rule. **If any student is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she will be turned over to police officers and will not be allowed to go through graduation ceremonies; charges will also be filed.** Lake Havasu High School is a smoke-free campus; parents and guests must also refrain from smoking while on any part of the campus, including e-cigarettes/vape.

## COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Graduation is a formal event. All guests present are asked to cooperate during the ceremony with the dignified behavior that is due to such a memorable occasion. Hornblowers or noisemakers will not be permitted into the facility. Please keep in mind that when your graduate's name is read aloud and the noise you make may drown out the following graduate's name being read. Obstruction items, such as, balloons and signs will not be permitted as they block the view of people in the same area. In addition, entry to the ceremony must be by way of the front gates on Palo Verde S. **Guests should not cross the bridge before or during the ceremony. This will not be an entrance or an exit for the event.**

## PICTURE TAKING

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with LifeTouch Photography to record the moment as the senior receives his/her diploma. Pictures can be purchased online through LifeTouch. There is no obligation to purchase. This service will enable each student to have a photograph of graduation if desired. Family members and friends should remain in their seats and enjoy the ceremony. After the ceremony, parents will be invited to come onto the field to take photographs. No spectators are allowed in the graduates' area of the field.

## DIPLOMAS

When the graduate crosses the stage, he/she will receive a diploma cover. Counselors will hand out the actual diploma as the student is walking back to his/her seat. **Students misbehaving during the ceremony will not receive their diplomas and must meet with an administrator. Again, obligations must be fulfilled for a senior to receive a diploma or walk in the ceremony.**

## IN CASE OF RAIN

If it is raining on the day of graduation, notification will come from the school and ask that you only act on information from the school's messaging system.

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Several parents of seniors** signed the media release form requesting that their student's picture and/or name *not appear* in the media. If you are such a parent and now wish to have your senior's picture appear in the local newspapers as graduation approaches, you must contact the Counseling Office at 854-5327 as soon as possible.

Graduation is a memorable time, and we believe that all parents want it to be a happy and dignified occasion. Please call my office at 854-5318 if you have specific questions about the 2024 graduation.

Sincerely,

*Scott Becker*

Scott Becker, Principal  
Lake Havasu High School