



Santa Monica High School

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May 3, 2024

Dear Samohi Senior Families,

With just over a month before our commencement ceremony, our excitement is building around honoring and recognizing the Class of 2024. Here are some updates and reminders regarding our commencement ceremony.

GRADUATION

The commencement ceremony will occur on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Memorial Greek Theatre. The gates to campus will open at 4:30 PM. Seniors must report to their assigned classroom in the Innovation or Discovery Building no later than 4:45 PM. The procession of the Seniors will begin at 5:15 PM. To allow for the procession of the Seniors, all campus gates will be closed between 5:15 and 5:30 PM. The graduation ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM and is expected to end around 7:00 PM.

Tickets

Each Senior will be provided **THREE** guest tickets for the graduation ceremony. Any guest over the age of two will need a ticket to enter the ceremony.

Each Senior will have the opportunity to purchase up to **TWO** additional guest ticket(s) **beginning May 20th**. Additional tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase until **4 PM on Wednesday, May 29th**. The additional ticket(s) can be purchased with a credit card through the [Vikings Webstore](#) (with additional processing fee) or Seniors can purchase with cash, in person at the Vikes Inn during lunch/after school. Diploma covers (\$20) must also be purchased by this time. Tickets (and diploma covers) will be distributed during cap and gown pick up on Friday, June 7th. All transactions, online or in-person, must be completed by 4 PM on Wednesday, May 29th.

If additional tickets are available, they will be sold immediately following graduation rehearsal Monday, June 10th, for \$20 cash, one at a time, until supplies run out.

Seating

The audience seating for graduation will be open seating in the Greek. There will be handicapped seating available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The ceremony begins at 5:30PM, gates open for ticketed guests at 4:30PM.

As in keeping with previous procedures, all big items that will take up space and block the view of others are restricted from the Greek. If you have a stroller or other large item (for example a balloon arrangement, large floral arrangement, poster, etc.), you will be asked to check the item with staff members located in the Cafeteria. You will need to return immediately after the ceremony to retrieve your items.

Senior Attire

Seniors should come to graduation with only their Samohi ID and their cap and gown over their arm. Only honor stoles and medallions received from the school for culminating senior events are allowed to be worn. All other items, including leis, will be left in the classroom and Seniors will need to pick them up immediately after the ceremony from the Cafeteria.

SENIOR FINALS AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, June 5th, is the last day for Seniors to report to their classes. Additional Senior activities will take place Thursday, June 6 – graduation day Tuesday, June 11th. Each day there is an activity for your Senior to complete and check in at the school. Here is an overview of the last two weeks:

Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Weds., June 5	Thursday, June 6	Friday, June 7
SENIOR FINALS (Regular AM-6 schedule) 7:20AM – 3:31PM			Senior “Clear Your Obligations” Day Starting at 9AM	Senior Celebration and Cap & Gown (and ticket) Pick Up Starting at 9AM
World Language English	Social Studies Math	Science CTE / VAPA		

Monday, June 10	Tuesday, June 11	Wednesday, June 12
Graduation Rehearsal Seniors report at 2PM	Graduation Seniors Report at 4:30PM	End of Grad Nite & Diploma pick up

For more complete schedule information, check the Samohi Website

Wednesday, June 12th will be a minimum day. Seniors that have not yet picked up their diplomas after Grd Nite may come in any time on Wednesday. Otherwise, graduates can make an appointment with the records office to sign for the diploma. Parents or other family members may not pick up diplomas.

Cap, Gown and Ticket Pick Up

Seniors will attend the Senior Celebration on Friday and also pick up their Cap and Gown and ticket envelope. They should have their Samohi ID with them.


Once it has been confirmed that the Senior has cleared all of their obligations (financial, textbook, Chromebook, and Senior Exit Surveys), each will receive their cap and gown as well as an envelope with all guest tickets and parking validation. On the day of Graduation, there will be a station for Will Call tickets at the 4th Street Gate if you need to leave tickets there.

Rehearsal

Seniors are required to attend Graduation Rehearsal on Monday, June 10th. Seniors will need to report to their assigned classroom in the Innovation and Discovery Building no later than 2:00 PM for rehearsal. The assigned classrooms will be posted at the 7th and Michigan Gate. Rehearsal is anticipated to take about one and a half to two hours.

We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2024 with you.

Sincerely,


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 Senior Class Sponsor