

**End of Year Message- Seniors and Families- Clas of 2026**  
**Senior Events - Last Two Weeks!**

Believe it or not...GRADUATION is right around the corner, and we are all getting excited to CELEBRATE our Seniors' accomplishments! To ensure we close our Senior year successfully, please review the following expectations and the "Senior Event" flyer that outlines the activities scheduled during the last two weeks of school.

Senior grades are submitted and posted on May 22, 2026. Although Seniors are eligible to attend classes through May 29, 2026, Seniors will be expected to attend scheduled check out, practices and events in lieu of scheduled classes. During non-scheduled "Senior" activity times, Seniors on campus must continue to follow their normal schedule. Roaming halls, loitering with friends and/or visiting unscheduled classrooms is unacceptable. These behaviors cause disruptions and safety concerns on campus and will lead to disciplinary referrals that could impact participation in graduation. Bottom line, Seniors: Only enter campus to attend scheduled activities or classes! Please DO NOT show up uninvited and risk graduation participation!

Senior Check Out is MANDATORY and scheduled for Tuesday, May 26. Plan to attend during your scheduled time (see flyer). During this time, plan to be "cleared" for graduation. Staff will complete a "grad check" for graduation requirements (credits, GPA, assessments), and will ensure no money is owed to Media, Athletics, ROTC or Band. If cleared, Seniors will receive their Graduation Cap/Gown at this time. If not cleared, students should plan to stay in school to complete the needed coursework or make arrangements to pay for owed items. Participation in our Graduation Ceremony is contingent on being "Checked Off" at this Check Out.

Graduation Practices will be held on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28. These practices are MANDATORY and required for participation in the Graduation Ceremony. Students who DO NOT attend will NOT be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Behavior and dress code expectations must be upheld.

To celebrate our Seniors, we have scheduled a Senior Breakfast, "Senior Sunset" and Senior Field Day. We have also incorporated a "Senior Spirit Week – Dress up Theme" to create excitement. Although these events are voluntary, we expect all Seniors on campus to participate in these events. Seniors may only attend scheduled classes outside of these time periods. (See flyer or GHS website for additional information)

The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 8:00 am at the Yuengling Center in Tampa. Seniors MUST arrive at 7:00 am to be ready to process out at 8:00 am. Remember that personal regalia (extra cords/stoles or decorations) are NOT permitted in the ceremony. Also ensure "Mortarboard Decorations" are appropriate. There is no limit to the number of guests attending the ceremony, but there is a parking fee. (see GHS website for Graduation Guidelines)

As your Assistant Principal, it has been a true honor to support you and witness your growth throughout your high school journey. Watching you develop into the young adults you are today has brought me immense pride and joy. So many doors have opened for you, and I am confident that even greater opportunities lie ahead. Thank you for allowing me to mentor and guide you along the way.

Most importantly, thank you for inspiring me with hope for the positive impact each of you will make in our communities and in the world.

Mrs. Hilda Martin

Proud Assistant Principal of the Class of 2026