

San Juan Hills High School

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Graduation 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We proudly take this opportunity to invite you to our 2022 graduation ceremony at San Juan Hills High School. The commencement ceremony to honor our graduates will take place in The Badlands Stadium at San Juan Hills High School on Thursday, June 2, 2022. The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00 PM and last approximately 1 ½ hours. The San Juan Hills staff is excited about this event and would like to send our graduates on their way with a spirited, yet dignified, graduation ceremony. Our goal is to provide an outstanding commencement event that will remain with our graduating seniors and their families as a positive memory.

The production of an outstanding event requires precise organization and the total support of students, parents, and guests. As a family, please review the following guidelines and responsibilities.

Student information:

Tickets: Each graduate will receive five (5) tickets for free. All tickets, including extra tickets purchased by graduates will be distributed to SJHHS seniors on Tuesday, May 31st at our cap & gown distribution event held in our Stadium after school from 1:15pm to 2:00pm. All tickets have been accounted for at this time.

Student Schedule: A mandatory graduation rehearsal will be held starting promptly at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 2nd. Seniors will check in at the main gym and ***must*** be present in order to walk in the ceremony. **Students must be on time** for the graduation rehearsal (9:00 am) and the final ceremony (3:00pm).

Student Parking: Students are **asked** to arrive at graduation with their guests if possible as only one parking pass will be given per graduate. Students/guests will park in the main student parking lot and will need to present their parking pass in order to park. This includes handicap parking. Graduates will then proceed to the Main Gym at 3:00pm prior to the 4:00pm ceremony for the processional lineup while parents may find their seats in the Stadium. ***Students MUST be on time.***

Student Appropriate Attire/Behavior: Distribution of previously purchased caps and gowns will take place on Tuesday, May 31st, from 1:15pm to 2:00pm in the Stadium. Valedictorians will be able to exchange their blue gown for a white one at this time if it has not already been exchanged for them. We recommend our students to dress in a collared shirt, tie, nice pants, sun dress, or a blouse and nice pants. Jeans, shorts, hats and flip-flop sandals are inappropriate and unacceptable for a dignified ceremony. Cell phones, cameras, flowers/leis, purses, water bottles and any other items are not permitted on the field during the graduation ceremony. Cap and gowns may **NOT** be altered in any way, **including decorations on the caps.**

Student Footwear: Students **CANNOT wear high-heeled** shoes during the ceremony; the heel of such shoes easily sinks into the artificial turf of the field and is a tripping hazard. Security will check student footwear prior to students entering the field. Students wearing high heeled shoes will be asked to remove their shoes. These can be picked up after the ceremony. Wedge shoes with flat soles, along with any flat soled shoes are

recommended. Our suggestion is to please wear comfortable flat shoes during the ceremony and change into your footwear of choice following the ceremony.

Student Etiquette: Graduates will enter the stadium in an orderly manner and will remain seated during most of the ceremony. Our goal is to allow each and every graduate his or her moment in the spotlight. It is expected that graduates refrain from talking to other classmates during the presentation of diplomas. Noisy or visual distractions such as **noise-makers, signs, fireworks, beach balls, or other distractions take the focus away from our graduates and are not allowed in the stadium.** Students violating graduation policies will be removed to a restricted area and released to a parent following the ceremony. In such situations, the diploma will be withheld pending a parent /administrator conference.

Diplomas: As each senior's name is called, they will receive a diploma cover. Following the ceremony, the actual diploma inserts will be distributed at the grass athletic field in the back of the stadium. Graduates that will not be participating in the ceremony may pick-up their diplomas from their counselors on Friday, June 3rd at the Attendance Windows from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call the office first to verify they will be available during the time you wish to come.

Outstanding Fines: Any student with outstanding fines (library, athletic, or activities) will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercise. Students with any outstanding debt will be able to take care of this debt on or before May 31st, prior to picking up their cap and gown.

Parent/Visitor Information:

Seating: Seating in the stadium is available on a first-come, first-served basis to ticketed guests in the bleachers as well as seating on the track for handicap access. The stadium gates will open at 3:00pm for all ticketed guests. There will be no lining up to enter the stadium prior as we are trying to end our school day for our underclassmen.

Handicapped Seating: Please respect the roped-off handicapped sections. Please note that the ceremony will be taking place outdoors, in early June, and the weather will likely be very hot and in direct sunlight. Please plan accordingly.

Parent/Visitor Field Access: Parents and guests are not allowed on the stadium field at any time before, during or after the ceremony. Following the ceremony, graduates will proceed to the grass athletic field in back of the stadium to pick up their diploma inserts. Parents and guests will meet the graduates in front of the stadium/gym.

Parking: Due to our large graduating class, only one (1) parking permit will be given per family to park on campus. This includes handicapped parking. If guests require additional modes of transportation, there will be shuttles running from Ladera Ranch Middle School and Escencia School beginning at 2:30. There is also Uber/Lyft drop off and pick up at the baseball field parking lot.

Live Stream Viewing: The graduation ceremony will be live streamed allowing for family and guests at home to see the graduation in its entirety. The link for live streaming will be posted on the school website prior to June 2nd.

We know that as parents/guardians of graduating seniors you appreciate and support the need for a dignified approach to this very special celebration. It is truly a special time to recognize our high school graduates and we look forward to our community coming together in a positive way.

If you have any questions regarding graduation or need more information, please contact our Activities Director, Brooke Valderrama , bkvalderrama@capousd.org.

Thank you,

Dr. Manoj Mahindrakar
Principal
San Juan Hills High School