



"Bulldog Country"

Hemet High School

A California Distinguished School

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Dear Parents of Seniors:

Please note:

Congratulations! Your student is nearing the culmination of thirteen years of school. Graduation is May 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Ramona Bowl. Out of respect for the Ramona Bowl allowing us to host our graduation ceremony and to acknowledge the hard work of our graduates, we ask that during the ceremony our guests refrain from bringing in or using noisemakers (including air horns), silly string, blow-up objects, tortillas and anything else that may be thrown. We also ask that when presenters are speaking, they are given your respect and attention.

Friday, May 18th is the last regular school day for seniors. This will be a minimum day, and dismissal will be at 11:46 A.M. The attached senior letter from Al Fernandes, Activities Director, gives all of the information regarding checking out, senior activities, and graduation. I want to emphasize that any senior in violation of the senior contract will not be allowed to participate in senior end of year activities including the graduation ceremony. We are looking forward to sharing this accomplishment with all of our graduates and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Emily Shaw
Principal

DATE: April 2018
TO: Parents and Seniors of 2018 Graduating Class
FROM: Al Fernandes, Activity Director
SUBJECT: Senior Letter and Activity Schedule

I am sure the excitement is growing as graduation nears and you prepare for this occasion. The following information is very important. **READ IT CAREFULLY WITH YOUR SENIOR DAUGHTER OR SON.** (Una copia está disponible en la oficina de Hemet High. Por favor llámame a Keri para una copia en español.) **WE WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO ALL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES; SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR SENIOR UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION COMPLETELY. WE WILL NOT MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS!**

EVERYONE MUST HAVE A GRADUATION TICKET TO BE ADMITTED INTO THE RAMONA BOWL! The Graduation Ceremony starts at 6:00 PM. NO SAVING OF SEATS ALLOWED AFTER 5:45 PM! The Ramona Bowl does not allow seats to be saved and our security will ask individuals to make room for the crowd at graduation.

We will use a ticket system for families and friends of graduates. Four (4) tickets will be given to each senior on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Senior Dessert. Each **student or parent** will have their announcements mailed to them, and graduation tickets are available at the Senior Dessert. **An ID will be required for individuals picking up graduation tickets at Senior Dessert.** If a senior completed the FASFA then they will receive one additional graduation ticket, and if they completed a college application then they will receive an additional graduation ticket. Starting on Thursday, April 19th, each senior will be allowed to purchase two additional tickets in the ASB Office at lunch and after school for a nominal fee of \$5.00 each (the charge is needed to off-set the cost of graduation). Seniors will be allowed to purchase tickets until Wednesday, May 9th and then any tickets still available will be sold on a first come, first served basis on Thursday, May 10th in the ASB Office before school, at lunch and after school. A senior **may only** purchase a maximum of two additional tickets. We recommend enclosing tickets with announcements only for those who **you are certain** will attend the ceremony. If unable to attend the Senior Dessert, then tickets may be picked up in the ASB Office starting on Thursday, April 19th before school, at lunch or after school **ONLY**. A “FREE” shuttle bus service, for Graduation, from the Hemet High School Stadium and Community Christian Church will be offered to the Ramona Bowl starting at 4:00 PM.

Our graduation ceremony is designed to be a **dignified occasion**. Please dress appropriately. The following procedures and rules have been established to afford participating seniors, parents, family and friends the respect and attention they each deserve. Participation in graduation is a **PRIVILEGE**. The school reserves the right to take necessary steps to make sure this is an appropriate activity in keeping with the Education Code and Governing Board policy.

General Guidelines:

1. All school rules will be enforced at all activities. Any senior involved in any disruptive celebration activities at Hemet High School WILL NOT be allowed to walk for Graduation or any senior activity. The Hemet Unified School District Senior Contract will be followed for every senior.

2. If a senior cannot attend a mandatory practice or ceremony, a written request from the parent must be submitted to Dr. Shaw **no later** than Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Notification of approval or disapproval will be made in writing by Thursday, May 17, 2018.

3. STUDENTS WITH UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FOR ANY MANDATORY PRACTICE OR REQUIRED CEREMONY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES, INCLUDING GRADUATION.
4. Only seniors meeting the minimum academic and citizenship qualifications of the HUSD and the State Department of Education for graduation will be permitted to participate in the Senior Awards Program and Commencement. (If you have any concerns about your student meeting the requirements, please call (951) 765-5150.
5. Seniors must clear all outstanding charges for textbooks, library items, athletic equipment (not returned), cafeteria, or money owed to clubs or school organizations. Cap and gown will not be issued until all charges are paid in full. **Hemet High School will accept payment in CASH ONLY after April 27, 2018!** All fines and charges must be paid **no later than** 11:46 AM, Friday, May 18, 2018! **ALL internet orders, for replacement textbooks, must be placed by May 4th.** ***Order confirmation will be required!**
6. College Enrollment Credit - If college credit is needed for high school graduation, a College Transcript or "work in progress" form in a sealed envelope with the college seal must be given to your counselor. Students using college credit for graduation must request that a transcript be sent to the high school by the records office of their college before a Hemet High School Diploma will be released. **YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY ONCE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED THIS FORM BUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WILL NOT BE AWARDED UNTIL OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION IS RECEIVED FROM THE COLLEGE.** Students using college credit for graduation must request that a transcript be sent to the high school by the records office of their college before a Hemet High School Diploma will be released.
7. Adult Education Credit - All adult education coursework/hours/finals must be completed by **THURSDAY, May 10, 2018,** to ensure that credits are posted to your official transcript. **YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.**
8. **BYU HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT** – All course work is due to BYU by Friday, April 20, 2018. Exams must be requested, taken and returned to BYU by Friday, April 27, 2018, to ensure that credits are posted to your official transcript. **YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.**
9. Friday, May 18, 2018 will be the last regular school day for seniors and is a minimum day. It is mandatory for students to complete a checkout form for every class on this day and clear all fines and charges by 11:46 AM on Friday, May 18, 2018.

****IMPORTANT DATES****

<p align="center"><u>Senior Dessert</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <u>April 18, 2018:</u> <u>Gym/Commons</u></p> <p align="center">*Highly Recommended</p>	<p>Senior Dessert – Seniors/Parents will pick up graduation tickets at the Senior Dessert, which will be held in the Commons and Gym of Hemet High School at <u>6:00 PM.</u> <u>PLEASE BRING SCHOOL ID.</u> Make sure you are present to pick up your materials. <u>PLEASE BRING A SMALL DESSERT TO FEED UP TO 8.</u> Grad Night Tickets will be available for purchase at \$55.00. \$60.00 night of Grad Night. <u>A drawing for extra graduation tickets will take place at 6:30 PM.</u> Grad Night personnel will have a limited supply of extra Graduation tickets for sale. <u>Limited Graduation Seating at \$10.00 per seat (Limit 3)</u></p>
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<p align="center">Friday January 5, 2018: <u>Counseling Office</u> **Required!</p>	<p>**Senior Contract (at hemethigh.com under Information) must be <u>signed by a parent/student and filed in the Counseling Office.</u> The Senior Contract <u>must</u> be returned to the Counseling Office by Friday, January 5, 2018, by 3:00 PM.</p>
<p align="center">Friday May 18, 2018: <u>Hemet High</u> <u>Minimum Day</u> <u>7:45-11:46 AM</u> **Required!</p>	<p>**Seniors will receive Checkout forms and packets from their first period class of the day on Friday, May 18th. The completed check-out packets will be turned in at the <u>Hemet High School Stadium</u> on Wednesday, May 23rd. Surveys could be completed on-line before May 18, 2018. This is a minimum day for all students. Return all <u>books, athletic equipment, school property,</u> and pay all fines due to the Cafeteria, Library and ASB by 11:46 AM, Friday, May 18, 2018. CASH ONLY! <u>NO BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23rd.</u> Students should check with the Cafeteria, Library and ASB Office to make sure they are clear of all charges! If necessary, Seniors may checkout at the Library and the ASB Office from 1-3:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2018. <u>NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED after April 27, 2018.</u></p>

****Mandatory Activities and Procedures**

<p align="center">Monday May 21, 2018 8:00 – 10:30 AM ** Mandatory</p>	<p>Mandatory Graduation practice and meeting at the Ramona Bowl at 8:00 AM – <u>BE ON TIME!</u> Do not bring any yearbooks, or check-out forms, but wear sunscreen and a hat for protection from the sun. You will practice walking into the bowl and find the seat you will have for the Graduation Ceremony.</p>
<p align="center">***Thursday May 24, 2018 8:30 – 11:30 AM</p> <p align="center">Grad-Night People will be at the Stadium to sell tickets to the Grad Night Celebration.</p> <p align="center">**Mandatory</p>	<p>Senior Check Out - Students will report to the <u>Hemet High School Stadium</u> at 8:30 AM for Senior Check Out. Completed check-out packets will be collected at that time. Report to the Concession Stand by 8:30 AM. All counselors, ASB and Library staff will be present. Bring cash if you still need to pay any charges! <u>NO BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE STADIUM.</u></p> <p><u>Caps and gowns will be distributed at the Home side of the stadium at completion of Senior Check out.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A completed Senior Future Plans survey must be completed on-line at the Hemet High School website under Information. B. The completed and signed Senior Contract (Found on-line) must be completed before checkout. This form is <u>due</u> in the Counseling Office by <u>Friday, January 5, 2018.</u> C. Seniors <u>are not</u> allowed on campus until after <u>2:46 PM</u>
<p align="center">Friday May 25, 2018 8:00 AM to 12 Noon **Mandatory</p>	<p>Friday, May 25th at 8:00 AM, Seniors <u>MUST BE IN CAP and GOWN!</u> Seniors will walk the halls/buildings of Hemet High School then board buses to tour the Middle Schools and/or Elementary Schools in the Hemet High School area. A signed permission slip is required – available at Senior Check-Out.</p>

**Tuesday
May 29, 2018:
HHS Stadium
11:00 AM to
12:30 PM**

****Mandatory if
Receiving an Award**

**Senior Awards at
6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 29th**

Seniors Report to the Stadium in
Cap/Gown by 5:00 PM

Seniors that received a notice that they will be receiving a Senior Award **MUST** attend a practice at 11:00 AM at the Hemet High School Stadium. Seniors NOT receiving an award may also participate in the Senior Awards but must attend the practice. Please bring your **cap or a hat** so we may practice removing and placing back on the cap during the flag presentation.

Seniors **are not** allowed on campus until after **2:46 PM**.

Wear your Cap and Gown to the Senior Awards

SENIOR AWARDS PROGRAM - 6:00 PM. - 8:00 PM –
Please write a Thank You note to the donor of the scholarship you receive!

Seniors report to the Stadium by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 29th. Guys should wear dark full-length pants and a light, neutral colored shirt with a collar. Shoes should be dark and comfortable for walking, with good traction. **Shorts, sandals and flip-flops ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** Girls should wear skirts, dresses, or dress pants. Dress shoes should be reasonably flat and comfortable for walking. **Sandals, flip-flops, and high heels are unacceptable, if not hazardous.** The audience is expected to remain for the *ENTIRE* ceremony out of respect for the achievements of *ALL* students. **REMAIN SEATED FOR ALL AWARDS.**

****Tuesday
May 29, 2018:
Ramona Bowl
8:00 AM to
Completion**

Grad-Night People will be at the Bowl to sell tickets to the Grad Night Celebration.

****Mandatory**

GRADUATION PRACTICE - 8:00 AM to COMPLETION. Report to the Ramona Bowl at 8:00 AM
NO YEARBOOKS, PLEASE! Guys should bring their Graduation Cap or a baseball cap for practice.

****WEDNESDAY**

May 30, 2018:

Ramona Bowl

A Graduation Ticket is Required to enter the Ceremony!

****Mandatory**

Gates at the Ramona Bowl will open at 4:00 PM

No reserving or saving seats after 5:45 PM– you may not tape an area off.

GRADUATION - 6:00 PM - Completion

Seniors report to Cast House by 5:00 PM. Guys should wear dark full-length pants and a light, neutral colored shirt with a collar. Shoes should be dark and comfortable for walking, with good traction. **Shorts, brightly colored tennis shoes, sandals and flip-flops ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** Girls should wear skirts, dresses, or dress pants. Dress shoes should be reasonably flat and comfortable for walking. **Sandals, flip-flops, and high heels are unacceptable, if not hazardous.** Students will be searched to prevent noisemakers, beach balls, silly string, or any other type of contraband from disrupting the ceremonies.

PARENTS - This is a dress-up affair. Please dress appropriately. We have made arrangements with Lauren Studios for a professional photographer to record the moment each student is awarded his/her diploma. The full-color proofs of these photos will be mailed at no charge to your home approximately one week after graduation. Enlargements will be available to you at a reasonable price. This service will enable all students to have a photograph of their graduation. We feel that you will be satisfied with the high quality of the resulting photograph.

Families are expected to remain in their seats, enjoy the ceremony, and limit picture taking to before and after the presentation of diplomas. Please observe the rule of **no noisemakers** during the ceremony. Allow everyone in the Bowl the opportunity to hear the entire ceremony without interference. **Graduates or members of the audience who misbehave will be escorted out of the ceremony.**

No Ice Chests Allowed into the Ramona Bowl!

****WEDNESDAY**

**May 30, 2018
After Graduation in the Cast House**

****Mandatory**

Caps and Gowns must be turned in at the Cast House of the Ramona Bowl on Wednesday, May 30th after Graduation. (You may keep caps and tassels only, unless you have purchased a part of the gown assembly.) **Diplomas will be issued when you turn in your cap, gown and stole.** *(If you need College credit for graduation, your diploma will be held in the counseling office until we receive a final transcript.)*

**ALCOHOL
AND
DRUGS**

The State law is very specific regarding alcohol and drugs. Any senior with alcohol on his or her breath or under the influence of drugs will be removed from the line and will not be allowed to participate in any senior activity. (This applies to practices as well as the ceremonies. If not “walking” due to alcohol/drugs, the student will not be allowed to attend “Grad-Night”.) Members of the audience will also be turned away if they appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

BEHAVIOR

All school rules will be enforced at all activities. *Any senior involved in any disruptive celebration activities at Hemet High School **WILL NOT** be allowed to walk for Graduation or any senior activity.* Any behavior that is not dignified and courteous will result in removal from the event and all of the remaining senior events. Students found in possession of prohibited items (noisemakers, beach balls, silly string, etc.) before or during the ceremony may be removed from Graduation and subsequent activities.

Non - Mandatory Activities and their Procedures

<p>PROM Saturday May 12, 2018</p>	<p>The Prom will be held at “March Museum” from 7:00-11 PM. “Come and Travel the World @ PROM” is the theme chosen by the Class of 2019 to honor the Class of 2018. Tickets are available in the ASB Office - with prices going up each week as the Prom gets closer. “Lauren Studios” will be taking pictures for Prom. Pricelists are in the ASB Office. Any questions please contact the ASB Office.</p>
<p>Underclass Awards Monday, May 21, 2018</p>	<p>Grades 9, 10 and 11 will be honored in the Hemet High Football Stadium from 6:00 - 8:30 PM.</p>
<p>SENIOR Breakfast Hemet High Stadium 8:30 am – 12 noon FASFA Movie Temeku Theater 8:00 am – 12:00 noon Tuesday, May 22, 2018</p>	<p>On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM will be a Senior Breakfast. Breakfast Burritos, Oatmeal with Fruit, and Coffee will be provided. Cost of the event is \$5.00 if a ticket is purchased in the ASB Office by Friday, May 18, 2018. Cost at the door is \$10.00 – supplies are limited! This is an opportunity to sign Yearbooks. Students who <u>completed their FAFSA by May 11</u> will have the opportunity to attend a FREE movie at the Temeku Theatre in Temecula on Tuesday, May 22. Busses will depart Hemet High School at 8:00 AM and return by Noon. Permission slips are required and can be picked up from either the Career Center or the Counseling Office. <u>Permission slip deadline is Friday, May 18.</u> Movie title will be chosen by students who have submitted permission slips. Seniors are not allowed on campus</p>
<p>SENIOR Barbecue/Fun Day Hemet High Stadium Wednesday May 23, 2018</p>	<p>8:30 AM to 12 noon in Hemet. Cost is \$7.00 per senior if purchased by Friday,, May 18, 2018-Tickets available in the ASB Office. If purchased at the event the cost is \$10.00. This is an opportunity to enjoy a barbecue, games, activities, celebration’s, sign yearbooks, and say senior good-byes. Seniors are not allowed on campus until after 2:46 PM. Bring a bathing suit, a towel, and sunscreen.</p>
<p>GRAD-NIGHT PARTY Hemet High School Wednesday, May 30th May 30, 2018</p>	<p>Hemet High School Ted Smith Senior Gym - Wednesday, May 30, 2018 **Check-in will be from 9:00 - 12:00 Midnight** **The party ends at 4:00 AM** **Tickets are on sale in the ASB Office** **Cost is \$55.00** \$60.00 at the Door!</p>
<p>YEARBOOK Distribution Begins May 14th</p>	<p>Distribution of Yearbooks will be to Seniors Only on Monday, May 14th during lunch and after school to only the seniors who Pre-Ordered their Yearbooks From Room 168. Tuesday would be to any Senior who Pre-Ordered or purchased a yearbook from ASB Window. Sales and Distribution would stop at first bell so students are not late to class. The price for seniors will be \$75 CASH ONLY. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we would be open for sales and distribution in the morning, both lunches and after school.</p>

