

Buchanan High School

Senior Activities Handbook

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Graduation Committee

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Buchanan Alma Mater

Standing tall in proud display of
Strength and loyalty
We are forging bonds of kinship
Bears, we'll always be.

We salute the Red and Blue
Our pride will never die
Hail to you, our Alma Mater
Hail Buchanan High

Roger Bergman and Key Poulan
August, 1994



Important Dates And Senior Events

April

Monday	4/24	Senior Meeting, Sober Grad Ticket Sales, Announcements Delivered
Wednesday	4/26	Grad Nite Bus Sign Ups, MPR **Pre-Paid Only**
Thursday	4/27	Athletic Scholarship Dinner
Saturday	4/29	Junior-Senior Prom – Holland Park West

May

Monday-Friday	5/1-12	AP Testing
Monday	5/8	Remaining Grad Nite packages available for purchase IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE \$190 ***CASH ONLY***
Friday	5/12	Last Day to Accept Checks from seniors
Wednesday	5/17	AVID Senior Celebration
Monday	5/22	Scholarship Award Night
Tuesday-Wednesday	5/23-24	Senior Finals
Thursday-Friday	5/25-26	Senior Finals Make-Ups
Friday	5/26	Senior White Card Day
Monday	5/29	Memorial Day, No School
Tuesday	5/30	Senior Farewell Assembly, Yearbook Distribution
Wednesday	5/31	Senior Activity TBA
Wednesday	5/31	CSF Banquet

June

Thursday	6/1	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #1, 8:00 am, REC CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION
Thursday	6/1	Grad Nite – Magic Mountain
Sunday	6/4	Baccalaureate 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm New Harvest Church 698 N. Minnewawa Ave., Clovis, CA 93611
Monday	6/5	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #2, 8:00 am, REC
Tuesday	6/6	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #3, 8:00 am, REC
Wednesday	6/7	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #4, 7:30 am, VMS Graduation / Report 6:00 pm to 100 building Sober Grad-John's Incredible Pizza 10:00 pm-4:00 am (no reentry)

Senior Guidelines

The graduation ceremony is a Class of 2017 activity and is not intended to draw attention to any one individual or group. Proper behavior is expected at all times. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with immediately. Any violation of these policies may result in exclusion from some, or all, senior activities. We are confident that the seniors will show the maturity and knowledge gained throughout their tenure at Buchanan High School to use good judgment. All Buchanan High and Clovis Unified School District codes will be enforced during all senior class activities. Students agree to refrain from disruptive behavior, including failure to remain seated at the appropriate times, shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, or committing offensive acts in accordance with Penal Code 626.

Student I.D. cards WILL NEED to be shown at all senior activities.

The principal/designee shall remove any student or others who are in violation of a rule relating to senior activities.

Financial Obligations

All financial obligations must be cleared before caps and gowns will be issued to students. Students may clear financial obligations before school, during lunch or after school with Mrs. Vuicich in the main administration office. Library and textbook obligations can be cleared in the library before school, during lunch or after school. [Library is temporarily located in room 309]

Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after May 12, 2017. Only cash, money orders, or certified checks will be accepted after May 15, 2017.

A finalized obligation list will be available in Deputy Principal Richard Sarkisian's office on May 26, 2017. Obligations must be cleared by 3:00 pm on June 1, 2017 in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Senior Guidelines

Final Exams

Senior finals will be on Tuesday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 24. To participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must meet all graduation requirements by Friday, May 26. No students will be added to the graduation ceremony after May 26.

Non-Graduation Notification Day (White Card Day)

Non-Graduation Notification Day is Friday, May 26. Seniors must have fulfilled all CUSD and State graduation requirements by this date to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students and their parents will be notified on Friday, May 26, if they do not meet graduation requirements.

Final Transcripts to Colleges

If students need a final transcript sent to their college, they need to see the Buchanan High Registrar, Mrs. Mallery, who is located in the main office. There is no charge for current students. Graduates (after June 7) will be charged \$2 per transcript after two free transcripts. If students need transcripts between June 22 and August 3, please contact Sandy Sanchez at the CUSD District office, 327-9370, for assistance.

Dress Code

Dress code policies will be in effect for all activities. Each senior activity may have special dress code conditions. Please refer to the information included in the description of each activity for special dress codes. For any questions, regarding appropriate dress, please contact Deputy Principal Richard Sarkisian's office at 327-3073.

Senior Events

Senior Class Meeting

April 24, 2017

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Principal's Address
Happy Birthday
Senior Class Speakers Round 1
Once a Bear always a Bear
Meeting Break
Graduation Contracts
Grad Nite Announcements
Sober Grad Announcements
Continuing Your Excellence
Senior Class Speakers Round 2
Voting for Class Speaker
Meeting Break
Meeting Review
Dismissal and Distribution of Graduation
Announcements

Senior Events

Senior Farewell Assembly/Yearbook Dedication

The Senior Farewell Video will be shown and the Yearbook Dedication will be announced on Tuesday, May 30. Yearbook distribution for all seniors will take place after the Senior Farewell and Yearbook Assembly.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be held at 6:30 pm., Sunday, June 4 2017, at New Harvest Church, 698 N. Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis, CA. A dessert reception sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will follow the service for all those in attendance.

Committee members from the Senior Class and community members have sponsored and arranged this year's Baccalaureate Service. Decisions pertaining to the Baccalaureate Service are the responsibility of this committee. Graduating seniors, family members and friends of all faiths and denominations are invited to attend. Participation is entirely voluntary.

Baccalaureate Attire

Students' dress should be respectfully semi-formal for a church setting and following CUSD dress code (no shorts allowed).

Senior Events

Grad Nite – Magic Mountain

June 1, 2017, seniors will report to the West Gym at 3:00 pm. Buses depart at 4:00 pm for Magic Mountain. Students return June 2, 2017 at approximately 9:00am.

Bus sign-ups will be held on Wednesday, April 26 during the lunch hour in the MPR. Remaining Grad Nite packages will be on sale Monday, May 8, starting at lunch in the Activities Office for \$190 (**cash only**) **if space is available**. There will be NO refunds FOR ANY REASON, and NO bus changes.

Magic Mountain Dress Policy

ACCEPTABLE: Pants, shirt, sweater or jacket, and comfortable shoes are acceptable. CUSD Dress Code will also be enforced at all times. Denim is permissible as long as it is free of holes and fraying.

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Any clothing affiliated with a school, group, club, etc. (i.e., letterman jackets, school logos or name, etc.); Clothing not in good repair (torn/holes pants, shirts, etc.); Extremely revealing clothing, shorts, hats, all backpacks (including purse-sized backpacks, tote bags); Tobacco products, alcohol, drugs and weapons. All CUSD rules and policies are in effect.

Magic Mountain Security has the right to refuse access to anyone they deem not appropriately dressed for the event. If access is denied, the student will remain in the Chaperone/Security area for the entire event. Magic Mountain has the right to change their dress code at any time.

Food

We will have dinner at Magic Mountain. You may bring other food and drink items to eat that are **pre-packaged and SEALED**. (NO ZIP LOCKS, HOME WRAPPED or OPENED ITEMS). ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: gum, sunflower and pumpkin seeds, fresh fruit or anything in glass containers, and fountain sodas.

Senior Events

In Transit

Bus companies will not allow standing in the aisles - STATE LAW. There may be a wait on the bus when we arrive at Magic Mountain.

A Word About Shoplifting

Every Magic Mountain character is a potential security agent as are all uniformed police. They know all the tricks. Magic Mountain officials can and will turn you over to Valencia Police Department.

Sober Grad - Party All Night

The 2017 Sober Graduation Party, sponsored by BHS parents, will be held at John's Incredible Pizza from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am graduation night. All graduates attending must arrive at the event by midnight. A current BHS student ID card or driver's license must be presented to be admitted. Sober Grad is an event for graduated seniors only. No guests will be allowed. The CUSD Dress Code will not be enforced at John's Incredible Pizza during the Sober Grad celebration.

The cost of the All Night Sober Grad Party is \$40 per person. Included will be food (all you can eat), entertainment, use of the facilities the entire evening, and prizes, prizes, prizes! Tickets can be purchased during your senior meeting on April 24th. An early bird raffle prize will be drawn on April 24th. Tickets will also be sold periodically out of Room 104 and by tables outside the Activities office during lunch for the remainder of the year, as well as at graduation practices. Listen to the announcements for specific dates the Sober Grad Parent Volunteers will be on campus selling tickets. Tickets the night of the event will be available for purchase at John's Incredible Pizza for \$50.

Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after May 12th. Only cash, money orders, or certified checks will be accepted after May 15th.

Graduation Rehearsal

****ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY****

Thursday, June 1, 8:00 am. Graduation Rehearsal #1

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am.
Cap & Gown distribution to follow.

Monday, June 5, 8:00 am. Graduation Rehearsal #2

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am.

Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 am. Graduation Rehearsal #3

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 am. Graduation Rehearsal #4

Seniors report to Veterans Memorial Stadium 7:30 am SHARP wearing graduation gowns but not caps. This rehearsal will include an overview of the graduation ceremony, practice by the senior class through the entire program, and procedures to be followed graduation night.

Graduation Guests

Handicapped Seating

Seating for wheelchairs is available on the ground level, as well as in the upper stadium. Courtesy golf cart shuttles are also available from the Minnewawa Avenue parking lot and the softball parking lot on Nees Avenue.

Guest Guidelines

The stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm for all guests. Buchanan High School's graduation ceremony will be regarded as an event which celebrates the accomplishments of an entire class. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation in supporting our efforts by displaying common courtesy and appropriate behavior in the stands. We ask that you do not cause undue distraction during the ceremony. The following ARE NOT permitted in the stadium: AIR HORNS, SIGNS, NOISE MAKERS, BALLOONS, and ICE CHESTS.

Graduation Attire

The graduation ceremony presents the Class of 2017 to the parents, faculty, invited guests, and the Buchanan community. The graduation ceremony is a celebration of our students' scholastic achievement.

- Students must wear semi-formal/formal attire. This includes suit and tie, slacks with shirt and tie, dresses, dress pants/skirts with blouse, etc.
- A collar will accompany graduation gowns for females.
- Students must wear dress shoes. NO athletic shoes, Birkenstocks, flip-flop type sandals, or combat boots.
- Caps will be worn flat on the head with the point aimed straight ahead.
- Tassels will be worn on the right side of the cap.
- NO CELL PHONES, WALLETS, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED.

DO NOT WEAR CAPS AND GOWNS, COLLARS AND TASSELS. BRING THEM WITH YOU AND YOU WILL PUT THEM ON IN YOUR ROOM!

The only acceptable accessories to the standard cap and gown are the CSF Life Gold Cord, National Honor Society Sash, Buchanan Symbol of Academic Distinction Medallion, International Thespian Society Honor Scholar, AVID, or the Green Energy Academy cords.



Graduation Ceremony

1. **Participation in Graduation Ceremony:** Students enrolled at Buchanan High School may participate in the graduation ceremony if District proficiency, State requirements, and course of study graduation requirements have been met at Buchanan by the end of the senior year.
2. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, each participant and his/her parent or guardian must sign a contract agreeing to abide by the specified code of dress and behavior for the ceremony. This signed contract must be on file at the school.
3. A written statement will be provided in the program and an oral announcement will be made outlining appropriate audience behavior and expectations.
4. Before being admitted to the ceremony, each participant will be visually checked for appropriate dress and inappropriate items such as beach balls, frisbees, noise makers, cell phones, etc., or other items inappropriate to the occasion. Students will jeopardize their involvement in the graduation ceremony if they attempt to bring in any such objects.
5. The school Principal/designee shall remove or cause to be removed from the ceremony and/or premises students or others who are in violation of an appropriate law (Penal Code 626), or in violation of a rule relating to graduation exercises.
6. The school Principal has the right and the authority to suspend the graduation ceremony prior to its beginning or during the ceremony if, in her judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, the school, or the District.
7. Students who throw their caps or disrupt the service in any way will face appropriate consequences and will not receive their diploma that night.

Graduation Ceremony

The stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm for the general public to enter. ALL SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE 100 building BY 6:00 pm. Only graduating seniors and faculty sponsors will be allowed in this area. The only item students should have in their possession is their car key on a single key chain. Students will jeopardize their involvement in the graduation ceremony if they attempt to bring in any other objects. Bobby pins, safety pins, extra tassels and collars will be provided.

Graduates are to report to their assigned area or room where they will pick up their "row" assignment and their name card from their faculty sponsor. The name card is to be given to the reader during the ceremony. Students will be directed to line up in pairs at 6:30 pm. The class will walk from the 100 building to the stadium at 7:00 pm. The processional will begin at 7:30 pm sharp. Throughout the course of the processional no contact will be allowed with anyone other than fellow graduates and supervising staff.

After the Ceremony: Finding Your Family & Diplomas

Following the ceremony, the recessional will be led directly to the field behind the visitor stadium seating. Students may remain in this area where their families will be waiting. Families locate graduates by the row numbers which are posted around the field. After approximately 30 minutes, an announcement will be made to clear the field area. At that time, students must report to their assigned table (located in the field house) to turn in their cap and gown and receive their actual diploma.

Graduation Photographs

All pictures taken during the ceremony must be taken from the designated photo area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Graduation Video

Graduation videos will be available for purchase from Phillip Bergman for \$20.00. The order forms will be made available to seniors at all graduation rehearsals and at graduation.

Graduation Leis

Floral leis will be sold at graduation by the Buchanan Foundation for \$20.00. Leis will be white orchids, and proceeds will benefit the Buchanan Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Graduation Ceremony Contract

Buchanan High School, graduating seniors, and the parents/guardians of students who have successfully completed graduation requirements are jointly interested in a dignified and meaningful graduation ceremony. Therefore, these three parties enter into this contract. This contract shall be signed and a copy filed at the school before the student will be issued a cap and gown for the purpose of participating in the graduation ceremony. Furthermore, a student not having a signed copy of this contract on file with the school will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. If students choose not to participate in the graduation ceremony, they may pick up their diplomas in the main office on the day following the graduation ceremony.

Buchanan High School agrees to provide a site and appropriate facilities for the ceremony and to provide the legal and traditional procedures required of such occasions. In addition, Buchanan High School agrees to take those steps deemed necessary to maintain order and dignity at the proceedings up to, and including exclusion of any student from participation in the activity before or during the event when the exclusion is necessary to maintain proper decorum. Reasons for denying participation in or receipt of the diploma at the graduation ceremony to an eligible student include, but are not limited to:

1. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or another substance which appears to alter a person's behavior and/or inhibit the person's judgment, or being in violation of any C.U.S.D. Governing Board policies or California Education Code provisions.
2. Possessing beach balls, frisbees, noise makers, cell phones, etc., or other items inappropriate to the occasion.
3. Disruptive behavior, including failure to remain seated at the appropriate times; shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, committing offensive acts, or throwing of caps.

Students agree to dress in a manner which will not be disruptive or divert attention from the ceremony, and shall, if requested by an appropriate school official, agree to a visual inspection to insure appropriate dress and an absence of inappropriate items. Caps and gowns shall be without any personal or group adornment, except for District approved cords, sashes, tassels and pins. Following the ceremony graduates must check in with their caps and gowns to receive their diploma.

In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents/guardians shall instruct and encourage their student to adhere to the letter and spirit of the requirements listed here, and shall pledge to support Buchanan High School in its enforcement of these and other regulations regarding behavior during the graduation ceremony.

Senior Contract

It is understood that any participant breaking this contractual agreement will be denied participation in the graduation ceremony, or be removed from the ceremony, and will not receive a diploma that evening. In order to obtain the diploma a meeting must be scheduled with school administration at a later date. In addition, possible consequences may be assigned. The Principal will suspend the graduation ceremony immediately if, in her judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, guests, the school, or the District.

Name of Graduating Senior (Please Print)

Counselor

Signature of Graduating Senior

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Graduating Senior

Date



**ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN
THIS PAGE TO MR. SARKISIAN'S OFFICE BY
April 28, 2017**