

## SENIOR END OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

### BOOKSTORE INFORMATION

1. All outstanding debts (lost locks, lost athletic equipment, damaged and lost textbooks, class fees, etc.) to the school must be paid to the by Friday, May 17th at 3:00 p.m. Beginning April 4th, a list of student debts can be seen in the Bookstore.

### GUIDANCE/COUNSELING INFORMATION

1. If you anticipate needing a particular counseling/guidance service (letters of recommendation, scholarship information, forms filled out, etc.), please make an appointment with your counselor. **Think at least two weeks ahead!**
2. You should know where you stand as far as credits needed to graduate. If in doubt please call Mrs. Celeste Taylor or your school counselor at 623-263-1330 to schedule an appointment.

Requests for transcripts can be made through this website: <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/35578217/account>

Transcripts required during the summer can be requested by calling Youngker High School, (623) 263-1330.

3. Please report any and all scholarships to the Guidance Office prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> so that we may honor you at the Senior Awards Program on May 7th.

### GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS

1. Senior Final Exam Schedule:
  - a. Monday, May 20th Periods 3/4 & 5 (REGULAR SCHOOL DAY)
  - b. Tuesday, May 21st Periods 1 and 2 (HALF DAY)
2. Seniors should not be on campus after completing final exams and checkout on May 21st
3. We WILL be having a graduation practice, May 22<sup>th</sup> at 8am, starting in the GYM. This is MANDATORY for you to be able to walk.
4. Seniors failing to complete graduation requirements and not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony will be notified on May 21st, by 3pm by their Guidance Counselor.

### GRADUATION CEREMONY

1. **Graduation is Friday, May 24th, at 7:30 p.m., Goodyear Ballpark. Processional will begin at 7:20 pm,** doors open at 6:30pm.
2. **Graduates are to report to the Goodyear Ballpark at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 24th.** Park to the SOUTH of the ballpark and enter from the South entrance of the stadium. **(see map)**
3. You will bring your cap and gown with you, in hand. No cell phones, purses, backpacks, cameras, food/drink, or any other articles will be allowed onto the field. Any and all personal items you have on your person, you will be asked to take back to your vehicle before entering the Ballpark. Dress code will be checked and then you will put your cap and gown on.
4. Graduates are not to chew gum, wear sunglasses, or wear/carry corsages and/or bouquets. Graduates are not to carry anything with them during the ceremony, except their diploma cover after receiving it.
5. The graduation ceremony is an important event in the lives of our students and their families; therefore, we want the ceremony to reflect the dignity of the occasion. No noisemakers, beach balls, silly string, or items that detract from the nature of the event are allowed in the stadium during the graduation ceremony. Balloons are forbidden due to the proximity of the airport.
6. Inappropriate behavior during graduation will result in the student being removed from the ceremony, possible police involvement, and the student receiving community service hours (minimum of 40) and possibly going in front of BUHSD

School Board to apologize. The student's diploma will be withheld until the service hours are completed fully and satisfactorily.

7. The only honor cords/tassels/NHS stoles/StuCo stoles allowed are those provided by Board Policy. **No other accessories (including leis, ceremonial jewelry, etc.) are permitted.**
8. Graduates are to be quiet and walk "tall and proud" during the processional.
9. The photography studio (Grads Photography) will take still pictures of each graduate as he/she receives the diploma cover and as the student exits the stage.
10. During the graduation ceremony, graduates will receive a diploma cover. Immediately after the ceremony, diplomas may be picked up as graduates exit the field. Only graduates and staff will be allowed on the field and in the entry area.
11. After graduation, you will exit to the third base side, and follow the warning track around the field to go pick up your diploma in the staging area outside of center field.

#### **CAP AND GOWN**

1. You have purchased your cap, gown, and tassel; therefore, they are yours to keep after the ceremony.
2. **Make sure you receive your cap, gown, and tassel on the delivery date, May 22nd immediately after Senior Graduation Practice.** Follow the directions to press your gown. No alterations to the cap or gown are permitted.
3. If you did NOT purchase a cap and gown, there MAY be extras that you can purchase on May 22nd for \$70 cash from the vendor.

#### **APPROPRIATE DRESS**

1. Students will come to graduation with cap and gown in hand. **All clothing must complement the approved academic regalia. Any clothing that draws attention to the individual and/or away from the assembled class is not acceptable.**
2. Students may wear a dress or dress slacks. Those that choose to wear a dress, it must not show below the lower hem of the gown. Those that choose to wear dress slacks, must also wear a dress shirts with a collar (tie optional). Student must wear dress shoes or dress boots- no flip flops, tennis shoes or sandals will be allowed. Highly recommend no spike hills, we will be in the grass and dirt, you WILL sink.
3. **Students arriving for graduation in casual attire (jeans, t-shirts, capris, shorts, sandals, flip flops, tennis shoes, etc.) will not be permitted to participate.**
4. The graduation gown must be worn fully zipped closed as instructed once you have passed check in.
5. The cap (called a "mortar board") should be placed squarely on your head, not tilted back. Be careful of your hairstyle. Girls wear the cap throughout the graduation ceremony, whereas boys will wear the cap except during the National Anthem. **DO NOT ALTER OR DECORATE THE CAP IN ANY WAY!**
6. The tassel is worn on the **RIGHT** side of the cap until it is announced to change the tassel by moving it to the **LEFT** side of the cap.
7. The administration will answer any questions regarding appropriate attire for graduation. Make sure you check in advance if you have any doubts.

#### **GRADUATE PARKING (see map)**

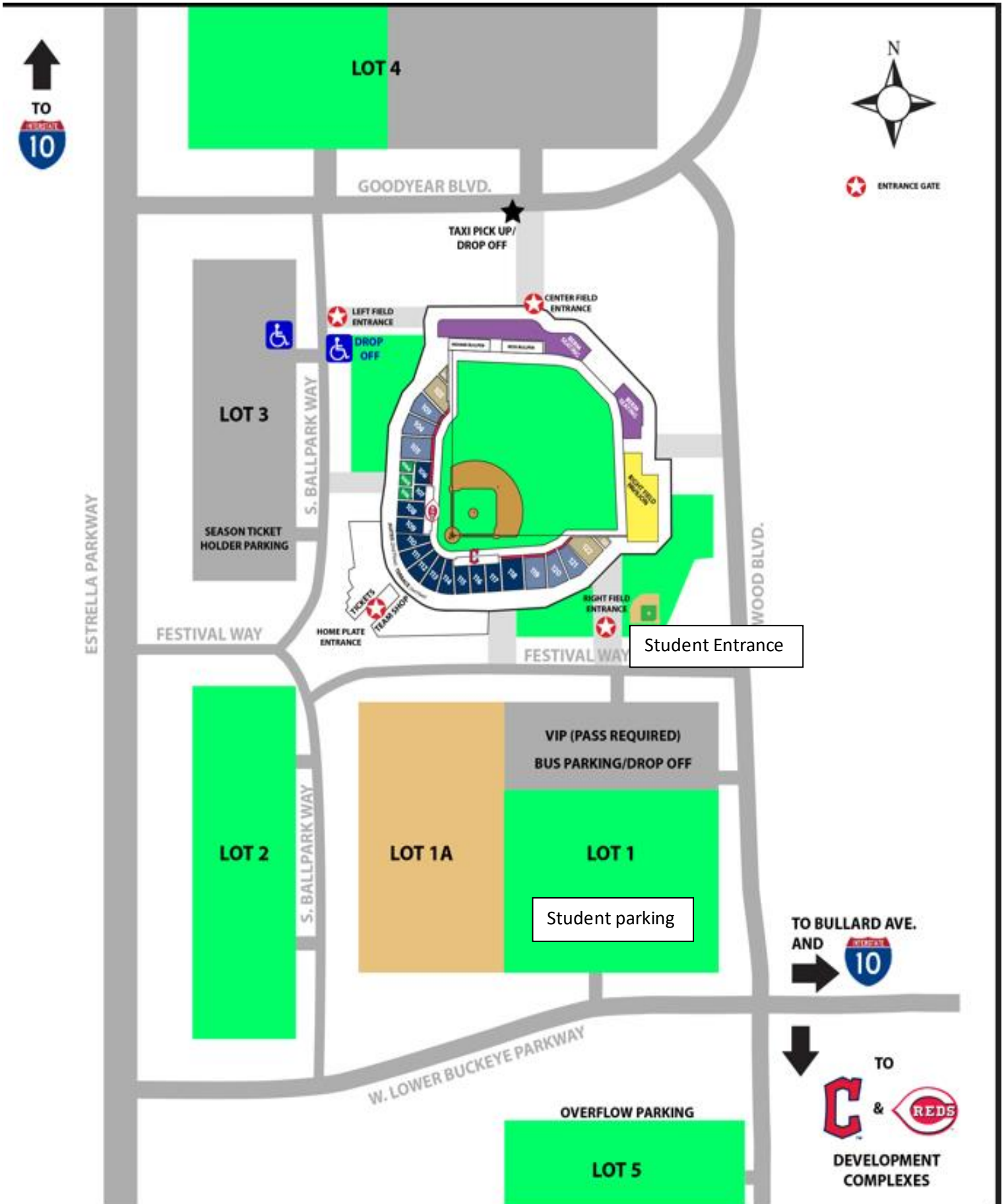
#### **FAMILY AND GUESTS AT GRADUATION**

1. When arriving at the ballpark, those in attendance need to follow the signs and park where directed by ballpark staff.
2. The Goodyear Ballpark will open their gates at 6:30 pm. for family and guests to enter.

3. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. No tickets will be needed
4. All bags will be checked prior to entry. Bags may not exceed 16"x16"x8".
5. **All Goodyear Ballpark rules will be enforced.** One factory-sealed plastic water bottle (non-carbonated and colorless water) not exceeding 1 liter per guest is permitted. Things not permitted in the ballpark include: food and beverages (other than water bottle described and baby formula/food for an infant), firearms or deadly weapons, noisemaking devices or laser pens, action sport equipment (such as skateboards, roller blades, scooters, bicycles, skate shoes), alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco, umbrellas and lawn chairs, commercial cameras or video recording devices, tripods, animals and pets (except for certified service dogs for guests with disabilities), obscene or indecent clothing, seat cushions with metal frames, and balloons (especially with the proximity to the airport). There is no smoking within the ballpark and no trespassing on the field at any time. Foul, abusive language or obscene gestures will not be tolerated and guests will refrain from displays of affection inappropriate in a public setting.
6. No noisemakers, beach balls, silly string, balloons, huge bouquets, or any items that detract from the dignified nature of the event or block the view of others seated in the stadium are allowed.
7. At no time before, during, or after the ceremony are family, friends, and guests allowed on the field.
8. Concessions will be open for guests (not graduates).

#### **EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

1. **Students still owing fees will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and will not receive their diploma until all debts are satisfied in full.**
2. Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory. However, in order to be excused, you must make arrangements in advance with the Principal.
3. Students must satisfy any discipline consequences, e.g. Detentions, Saturday School, behavior agreements, and/or attendance agreements. If these are not completed satisfactorily, students will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
4. **Remember that graduation is a serious occasion, and no disruptive behavior will be tolerated: That is any behavior which distracts from the ceremony. SEE COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.**
5. No one from the audience will be allowed on the field at any time. After the ceremony, graduates may meet family and friends in the right field pavilions.
6. **Senior Ditch Day:** The Buckeye Union High School District **DOES NOT** sponsor or support a senior ditch day. Any student participating in this type of activity will be considered truant and subject to disciplinary consequences.
7. **Senior Trips:** The Buckeye Union High School District **DOES NOT** sponsor or support a senior trip of any kind.
8. **Senior Pranks:** The Buckeye Union High School District **DOES NOT** tolerate negative and irresponsible behavior which disrupts the educational process and/or defaces the campus or any school property. Any student participating in such an activity will lose the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony, face disciplinary consequences at YHS, and charges may be filed with the Buckeye Police Department. **He or she will not walk at graduation**



**2024 COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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I, (print) \_\_\_\_\_ a member of the Youngker High School Senior Class of 2024, concur that the Commencement Ceremony scheduled for May 24, 2024, should reflect the standards of the community and of Youngker High School. I acknowledge that the community and the Buckeye Union High School District #201 expect this Commencement Ceremony to be dignified. I am aware that my participation in the Commencement Ceremony is a privilege and that my being graduated by Youngker High School does not depend upon my participation in the Commencement Ceremony.

If I qualify to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, I will follow the Commencement dress code and obey all school rules, Governing Board policies, and the applicable Arizona state laws. I agree and pledge that my personal conduct/dress will be appropriate, above reproach, and will befit both the Ceremony and the expectations of the community as outlined in the graduation information packet. Further, I pledge that I will neither support nor tolerate inappropriate behavior in my fellow graduates.

**Inappropriate behavior is that which calls undue attention to one student (or students) while detracting attention from another.**

***Should my personal conduct/dress be judged inappropriate prior to the start of the Commencement Ceremony, I will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. For inappropriate conduct/dress during the Commencement Ceremony, I may be removed from the ceremony and/or will be assigned community service hours (minimum of 40 hours). My transcripts and diploma will be withheld until the community service is performed fully and satisfactorily.***

A violation of any rule set forth in the graduation information packet may result in serious consequences. By signing this agreement, I and my parents are acknowledging that we have read, understand and agree to abide by the conditions set forth in this packet. Please return one signed agreement to the Mrs. Martinez by the stated deadline of May 3rd, 2024.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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