INTRODUCTION:

School for Seniors does not officially end until the Commencement Exercise concludes in May 2025. The final days of Senior's secondary education will be very busy, and important. It will also provide the opportunity to participate in many exciting events. Seniors will be completing course work, taking exams, participating in plays or art displays, etc. The importance of all this suggests a need for summarizing vital responsibilities and activities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Satisfactorily completing all Great Hearts, State of Arizona graduation requirements and participating in the commencement rehearsal are prerequisites for participating in the Commencement Ceremony. Additionally, students must have an exit interview with their college counselor and supply all scholarship information and confirm matriculation school and at this time we will pass out their cap and gowns. A few days before the ceremony, students are charged with the responsibility of inspecting, and returning all equipment, supplies and books which belong to the school. Lockers will be cleaned, and all personal belongings removed from the campus.

COMMENCEMENT EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students and parents/guardian cooperation in making this year's Commencement Ceremony a successful endeavor is expected and appreciated. The administration, faculty and staff have given the Commencement Ceremony considerable thought and planning. The wish for our Seniors final appearance as Trivium scholars is an event that will leave students, parents, friends, and families uplifted.

Continuing the Trivium tradition of truth, goodness, and beauty, we ask all who attend the ceremony join in this focus. The expectation is that all students will follow school rules before, during and after the ceremony. Graduates will be expected to behave and dress appropriately throughout the ceremony. We ask that no silly string, noise makers, confetti, balloons, or other disruptive trappings be brought to the ceremony.

The moment a student's name is read is a milestone to be celebrated, but we ask you to refrain from excessive celebrating, so everyone has the opportunity to hear their Senior's name read.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

A ticket is required for each guest who attends Commencement. No ticket is needed for children 2 and under who will be sitting on a lap. Each student will receive 10 tickets.

VALEDICTORIAN

The senior valedictorian is the recipient of the highest honor that the Academy can confer upon a student. The valedictorian is selected at the beginning of May by the assembled faculty. Academic GPA through the senior year among students who have been at the school since at least the beginning of 10th grade is the primary criterion for selecting the valedictorian. Personal conduct and positive participation in the school's culture and activities are also considered; negative facts (such as a serious act of misconduct, especially academic dishonesty, at any point in a student's record) may be considered as disqualifying. The faculty reserves the right to not award the top academic student if the faculty determines that another high-level academic student stands as a considerably better character example to the community. It is possible for covaledictorians to be selected.

GRADUATION REGALIA

Graduation attire:

- Recommended clothing includes dress shirts and ties, dresses, skirts, dress pants and blouses. o Seniors should not wear jeans or tennis shoes
- Gold/Silver honor cords and **one** other pre-approved cord from a nationally recognized club allowed. (FFA, Boy Scouts, etc)
- Flower leis and any other adornments are not allowed during the ceremony. Parents/Guardians are welcome to bring other adornments for picture after the ceremony.
- Tape, signs, flowers, and other decorations are NOT permitted on the cap or gown.

Care of gown:

- Place the gown on a hanger and allow it to hang until Commencement Day.
- If necessary, press with a cool iron.

Pictures and Recording

Guests are welcome to take pictures or record the ceremony from their seats. Guests will not be permitted on stage or on the floor to take pictures at any time.

DIPLOMA PACKETS

Graduates are presented with their diploma cover at the Commencement Ceremony. Diplomas will be given to the graduate after the ceremony.

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Graduating Senior,

As May and graduation activities approach, it is time to review a few important details regarding the Trivium Preparatory Academy graduation/diploma requirements and expected student behavior.

Great Hearts District and Arizona state standards for participating in High School Graduation ceremonies are as follow:

- **Earn 24.25 credits in required areas of study**
- **Successfully complete and defend the Senior Thesis**
- **Meet standard on the state high school English language arts and math assessments or state-approved alternative assessments**
- **Three credits in social studies to include one credit of American history, including: Arizona history; one credit of world history/geography; one-half credit of American government, including Arizona government; and one-half credit of economics.**
- **Four credits of mathematics to minimally include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 (or a personal curriculum), and a fourth course that contains high school content.**
- **Three credits of science in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on the statewide science assessment.**
- **One credit of fine arts or career and technical education and vocational education.**
- **Seven credits of additional courses prescribed by the local school district governing board or charter school.**

Eligibility for the commencement ceremony and earning a high school diploma are treated as separate opportunities. Students who have not met standards on the State high school assessments by commencement must have made a good faith effort to pass these requirements. Students who are concerned about their eligibility for the commencement ceremony and/or completing the necessary diploma requirements should speak to their counselor or the academic deans.

Students who are denied attendance through disciplinary actions, including suspension or expulsion are denied the opportunity to participate in and attend school activities during the time the sanctions are in place. This denial of participation includes such things as attending classes, Senior Dinner, Senior Walk, Senior Retreat and Commencement exercises.

Included with this letter is specific information about the timeline for graduation seniors as it relates to your respective High School. Information concerning student behavior and expectations for the commencement ceremony is also included. With your understanding of these policies and procedures, we will be able to enjoy the graduation activities and ceremonies this May.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES 2025

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Monday 5/7-5/12

- **Senior Finals**

Monday 5/12

- **Senior Dinner 6:00 pm**

Location: PebbleCreek Tuscany Clubhouse

16262 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear

- **Catered dinner, honor cord distribution, senior video and senior speaker are all highlights of the evening.**
- **Senior Dinner is for Parents and Students only.**

Tuesday 5/13

- **Drama Performance**
- **Locker Clean Out:**
  - **Students are charged with the responsibility of inspecting, and returning all equipment, supplies and books which belong to the school. Lockers will be cleaned, and all personal belongings removed from the campus.**
- **Uniforms are required on this day**

Wednesday 5/14

- **Group Photo – in full graduation attire**
  - **Cap, Gowns, cords, and stoles are a requirement for the walk and pictures.**
  - **If you are late, you will not be in the photo**
- **Senior Walk**
- **Graduation Rehearsal**
- **Graduation individual photos**
- **Uniforms are required on this day**

Thursday 5/15

- **Moving Up Assembly / Awards Assembly**
- **Last Uniform Day, students can go home after the assembly**

Friday 5/16 -GRADUATION DAY

- **No School for Seniors**
- **Graduation 7:00 pm**

Trivium Preparatory Academy Gym

- **Seniors arrive at 4:00 pm.**
- **DO NOT BE LATE**
  - **Bring Cap, Gown, Cords and a drink.**