Important Dates



Senior Parent Breakfast April 29, 2023 9:00-11:00a.m. Cafeteria

AP Exams

May 1-12, 2023

Gladiator Scholars Banquet

May 17, 2023 6:30p.m. Location: TBD

Junior/Senior Prom May 20, 2023 8:00p.m.-Midnight Silver Spring Civic Center

Senior Athletic Awards TBD Point of Contact: Marco Fuggitti, Athletic Director

Senior Academic Awards Ceremony

May 23, 2023 7:00p.m. Auditorium

Seniors LastDay/Locker CleanOut

May 26, 2023

Cap & Gown Distribution June 6, 2023 2:45p.m.-4:30p.m. Cafeteria

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal June 7, 2023 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. (End time tentative) Auditorium

Graduation Ticket Distribution June 7, 2023 (at the end of graduation rehearsal) Auditorium

Graduation Ceremony June 9, 2023 2:30p.m. DAR Constitution Hall



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CLASS OF 2023



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Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony Information

The Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony will be held at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006, on June 9, 2023 at 2:30 P.M.

While students are not required to participate in the commencement ceremony to receive a diploma, it is highly encouraged. Students who choose to participate are expected to conform to all rules, policies, and the dress code. Students who choose not to participate in the exercise will receive their diplomas after June 9, 2023, and will not need to attend rehearsals.

Students who choose to participate in the exercise MUST be on time and cooperative during all rehearsals, which are mandatory.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023
Go Gladiators

Rehearsal Schedule



Cap and gown distribution will be in the cafeteria on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 2:45–4:30 p.m.

Graduation Rehearsal is mandatory for any graduate planning to participate in the commencement ceremony on Friday, June 9th.

Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Students should arrive by 8:00 a.m. and report to the auditorium.

Students may dress casually, but are advised to bring/wear the shoes they plan to wear at graduation to practice walking and climbing stairs in them.

Rehearsal should conclude around 1:00p.m.
Please note, however, that we may need to end rehearsal later, should the need arise. Please block off the full school day just in case.

Graduation tickets will be distributed at the end of this rehearsal. Graduation tickets will not be distributed prior to the close of graduation rehearsal for any reason.

Ticket Information

All families are guaranteed 7 tickets to this year's Graduation ceremony. We will conduct a lottery for any additional tickets available. Information on how to enter the lottery will be shared at a later date. All tickets will be distributed on the day of rehearsal. We encourage families to reach out to each other to exchange any additional tickets they may have. Tickets are free of charge and families should not be asked for payment.

Dress Code

The Class of 2023 has chosen black caps and gowns for the commencement. Students will wear a black robe, a mortarboard cap with a black and red tassel, and red stole. The cap should be worn parallel to the floor (flat on head). Bobby pins may be used to secure caps. During the processional and through the awarding of diplomas, the tassel is worn on the left side. All students will move the tassels from left to right for the tassel ceremony.

Attire required for students:

White-collared shirt with tie; black, navy, or brown (dark colored) pants; and dress shoes with dark socks.

Dress, skirt, or dress pants; light colored blouse; and black or dark colored dress shoes. No mules, flip flops, or heels more than three inches are allowed. No clothing, jewelry, or accessories should be visible outside of academic gown.

Not Permitted:

Large drop earrings, purses, sunglasses, cosmetics, hairbrushes, signs, decorations, cameras, and balloons are not allowed.

Please note: Students should plan to practice at rehearsal in the shoes they intend to wear at graduation, as there will be walking and stair climbing involved.



Transportation & Parking

GRADUATES

One way bus transportation to DAR is provided.

All students participating in the ceremony must ride the bus to DAR.

June 9, 2023

11:00 a.m.—Students gather in cafeteria (light breakfast will be provided) 11:30 a.m.—Buses will be loaded 12:00 p.m.—Buses depart for DAR

TICKET HOLDERS

METRO INFORMATION

Orange and Blue Lines (15 minute walk to DAR)
Disembark at the Farragut West metro stop. Exit
at 17th Street. Walk south on 17th street towards
Constitution Avenue. Turn right on D Street.
Entrance is mid-block between C and D Streets,
NW.

Red Line (15 minute walk to DAR)

Disembark at the Farragut North metro stop. Exit at 17th Street. Walk south on 17th street towards

Constitution Avenue. Turn right on D Street.

Entrance is mid-block between C and D Streets,

NW.

Metered street parking is available but limited.

Parking garages are located in the area of New York and Pennsylvania Avenue. Additional parking garages are at the Marvin Center Garage on H Street, between 21st and 22nd Streets, NW.

Emergency Contact: (Day of Graduation ONLY, for safety/medical emergencies)

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