

# Justice HS - Class of 2024 Graduation Packet & Important Dates

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### Graduation Date and Time:

Graduation will be held at **EagleBank Arena (George Mason University)**, on **Thursday, June 6**, **2024 at 7:30 PM**. The ceremony will last about two (2) hours. Traffic, due to the graduation ceremony, will be heavy. Please plan for this and leave early to arrive on time.

Students must arrive at **6:00 PM** through the EagleBank Arena Loading Dock Door and head directly to the floor seating area to find their seat. Students will not be able to enter through the public EagleBank Arena Entrances.

The Graduation Ceremony will be live streamed on Thursday, June 6th from EagleBank Arena. More information to come including the live streaming link.

#### Graduation Guests Tickets and Entry:

Tickets are not required. Seating will be first come, first served. The doors open to the public one hour prior to the start of the event at **6:30 PM**.

Students will proceed out of the EagleBank Arena using the North Tunnel. Parents and students should meet outside at the North Entrance of the building after the ceremony concludes. Please make exit arrangements with family prior to graduation since the EagleBank Arena will be clearing the parking lot quickly.

#### Spanish Translation Available

There will be a table in the South and West Concourse of EagleBank Arena where guests can pick up a translation headset if they need Spanish translation. In order to check-out a headset, they will need to provide and leave an Identification Card. The guest needs to return the headset at the end of the ceremony and will receive their Identification Card back.

### Transportation & Parking:

All students, families and guests are responsible for their own transportation to the EagleBank Arena. Parking can be limited so please carpool when possible. Parking will be handled by the EagleBank Arena traffic marshals and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For directions or parking information, please visit the George Mason University visitor website: <u>https://www.eaglebankarena.com/article/maps-directions</u>

### Photography:

Individual pictures of graduates receiving their diplomas will be taken by LifeTouch. One picture will be taken on stage receiving their diploma and one picture will be taken off stage. Information about pictures will be in your ceremony program. Additional information and access to commencement images may be obtained by visiting <u>http://events.lifetouch.com</u>.

### Videography:

More information to come.

### Graduation Attire for Seniors:

Graduates and guests are expected to dress appropriately and behave respectfully. Please keep in mind the FCPS Dress Code that is listed in SR&R.

### Dress for Graduates:

- Dress (appropriate length)
- Skirt (appropriate length)
- Blouse
- Nice pants (no jeans or shorts)
- Button-up collared dress shirt and tie
- Shoes: Flat dress shoes or flat/wedge sandals

### Absolutely Not Allowed:

- Jeans
- Shorts
- Sneakers/Tennis shoes
- Flip flops
- Decorations on Graduation Caps
  - All seniors will be checked when they enter the Loading Dock Entrance of Eagle Bank Arena.

### Graduation Ceremony Behavior Expectations:

Graduation is a dignified ceremony to recognize your accomplishments and to present you to the public as enlightened citizens. Be respectful of the ceremony and the speakers. Graduation is a time to be honored; celebrations should come later with family and/or at graduation parties.

**Note:** If a student is not dressed appropriately or displays inappropriate behavior, they will be removed from the ceremony and will not be allowed to walk across the stage.

### EagleBank Arena/George Mason University Prohibited Items:

Per FCPS Graduation Guidelines and EagleBank Arena/George Mason University Regulations, the following items are prohibited at EagleBank Arena. Violation of these rules could result in the removal from the stadium by security.

### • Prohibited Items:

- Helium balloons, beach balls, silly string, bubbles, etc
- Noise makers of any kind
- Signs/Flags/Banners that can block another person's view of the ceremony
- Selfie Sticks, Monopods, Tripods, Camera poles
- Wrapped gifts or packages
- Non-collapsible umbrellas
- Weapons
- Outside food or beverage
- Fireworks
- Non-service animals
- Illegal drugs
- Laser Pointers
- Luggage or oversized bags
- Drones
- Bottles/Cans/Containers/Coolers
- Skateboards/rollerblades/hoverboards
- Projectiles of any kinds (to include frisbees, footballs, soccer balls, inflatable balls)
- Pamphlets/Handouts/Brochures

#### For Guests - EagleBank Arena Bag Policy:

There will be a bag check conducted on all guests by EagleBank Arena Security. **No exceptions**. EagleBank Arena Security will visually conduct bag checks and the use of metal detection inspections to detect prohibited items to ensure the safety of all guests. *Any guest who declines to be searched or is in possession of prohibited items may be denied entry.*  EagleBank Arena encourages guests to not bring a bag. EagleBank Arena has adopted a new **clear bag policy**:

- Approved Clear Bag.
  - Must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC with no obscured inside pockets
  - Must not exceed 12" x 12" x 6"
  - May be 1-gallon plastic zip lock style bag
- Approved Clutch Style Bag or Purse:
  - Non-clear clutch style bag or purse must not exceed 5" x 7"
- Approved Small Medical and/or Parenting Bags:
  - Will be permitted on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to increased security screening

If a guest requires a bag for personal or health reasons, EagleBank Arena strongly recommends that guests bring something small and/or clear to expedite the screening bag process.

The use of still cameras and video cameras are expected and allowed. However, attendees may only film from their seats. Standing in aisles or portals is strictly prohibited. The use of electrical cords, tripods, or selfie sticks are prohibited.

#### For Students:

Students will not be able to have cell phones or any electronic devices upon entry to the EagleBank Arena. The security team will be checking students upon entry to EagleBank Arena and will confiscate any items that violate these rules. The only item a graduate should carry with them into the stadium is their car key if they must drive themselves to the event. We are asking that families and students carpool to EagleBank Arena to alleviate parking and traffic complications.

#### Name Pronunciation for Graduation:

We want to make sure names are announced correctly at graduation.

Please record a video of your name (only counselors can view these recordings – it is not public). Make sure you record your full name (first, middle - if you have one, and last name). Speak slowly. We will also be practicing names at both graduation practices and asking students individually if we're saying their names correctly.

Please go to the FlipGrid link to record your name for pronunciation - https://flip.com/e2ec0648

School Counselors will meet with you at graduation practices to make sure your name is pronounced correctly. Please make sure to help them!

### Senior Dues

Senior fees cover all school-based costs for students related to graduation such as: Diploma Covers, graduation ceremony decorations, student graduation cap/gown, and the graduation program.

Senior dues for the Class of 2024 is **\$75**. We encourage you to pay early and not wait until senior checkout. The preferred method of payment for Senior Dues (and any other financial obligations - lost textbooks, lost library cards, etc) is through <u>MySchoolBucks</u> (MSB).

Another option would be to pay via Cash on Wednesdays or Thursdays afterschool with Ms. Madeline Orozco, our Financial Technician, located in the Main Office.

### Senior Checkout:

- First Day: Friday, May 31st from 11:30 AM 2:30 PM
- Second Day: Monday, June 3rd from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM

Senior Check-out is first come, first serve. If a senior is going on the Senior Trip on Monday, June 3rd they must come on Friday, May 31st to check out.

At senior check-out, seniors must return:

- School laptop and charger (if lost, senior must pay the cost)
- Library Books (if lost, senior must pay the cost)
- Athletic Uniforms and other athletic team items (if lost, senior must pay the cost)
- Classroom Textbooks (if lost, senior must pay the cost)
- Metro Bus Pass (if given one)
- Senior Dues

Caps & Gowns will not be issued to any students until all obligations have been met.

### Justice High School Graduation Floor Layout - EagleBank Arena



Justice High School Graduation Parking - EagleBank Arena



## MANDATORY PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

All Graduation practices and Awards Ceremony are mandatory! These events will start at the times listed. Do not be late. Remember: All FCPS substance abuse and behavioral standards must be upheld for all Graduation-related events.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 31st

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#### ⇒Senior Checkout: Begins at 11:30 AM in the Little Theater

- It is first come, first serve
- If you're planning on attending the Senior Trip, please check out on this date

#### MONDAY, JUNE 3rd

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#### ⇒Senior Trip to Busch Gardens

• Arrive to the Justice HS Auditorium by: 7:00 AM

#### ⇒Senior Checkout: Begins at 8:30 AM in the Little Theatre

• For those students who were unable to attend on Friday - first come, first serve

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 4th

#### ⇒Graduation Rehearsal #1: Arrive & be seated by 8:30 AM in the Main Gym

- Find your seat in the rows (your name is on an index card)
- We will
  - Review decorum and protocol
  - Practice processing in and recessing out
  - Review receiving of diplomas on stage

#### PLEASE PLAN FOR REHEARSAL TO LAST AT LEAST TWO HOURS

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th

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#### ⇔Graduation Rehearsal #2: Arrive & be seated by 8:30 AM in the Main Gym

- Find your seat in the rows (your name is on an index card)
- We will
  - Review decorum and protocol
  - Practice processing in and recessing out
  - Review receiving of diplomas on stage

#### ⇒Senior Awards Ceremony: Arrive & be seated by 9:30 AM in the Main Gym

- Find your seat in the rows (your name is on an index card)
- Awards Ceremony will start at 10:00 AM

#### ⇒Senior Celebration: Start 11:15 AM

• Location Justice Park

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 6th

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Graduation: EagleBank Arena at George Mason University - 7:30 PM
\*\*\*\* Students are to arrive to EagleBank Arena no later than 6:00 PM \*\*\*\*