



GROVEPORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION INFORMATION



GRADUATION CEREMONY – TUESDAY, MAY 20 at 6:00 PM

WHERE: WORLD HARVEST CHURCH
4595 GENDER ROAD
COLUMBUS, OH 43110

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 20 at 6:00 PM

**Note: All graduates must arrive at the South Entrance by 5:00 PM to begin lining up for the ceremony in the auxiliary gym.*

SENIOR BREAKFAST, CLASS PICTURE & GRADUATION PRACTICE

WHERE: GROVEPORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA / MAIN GYM
WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 19, 7:30 AM

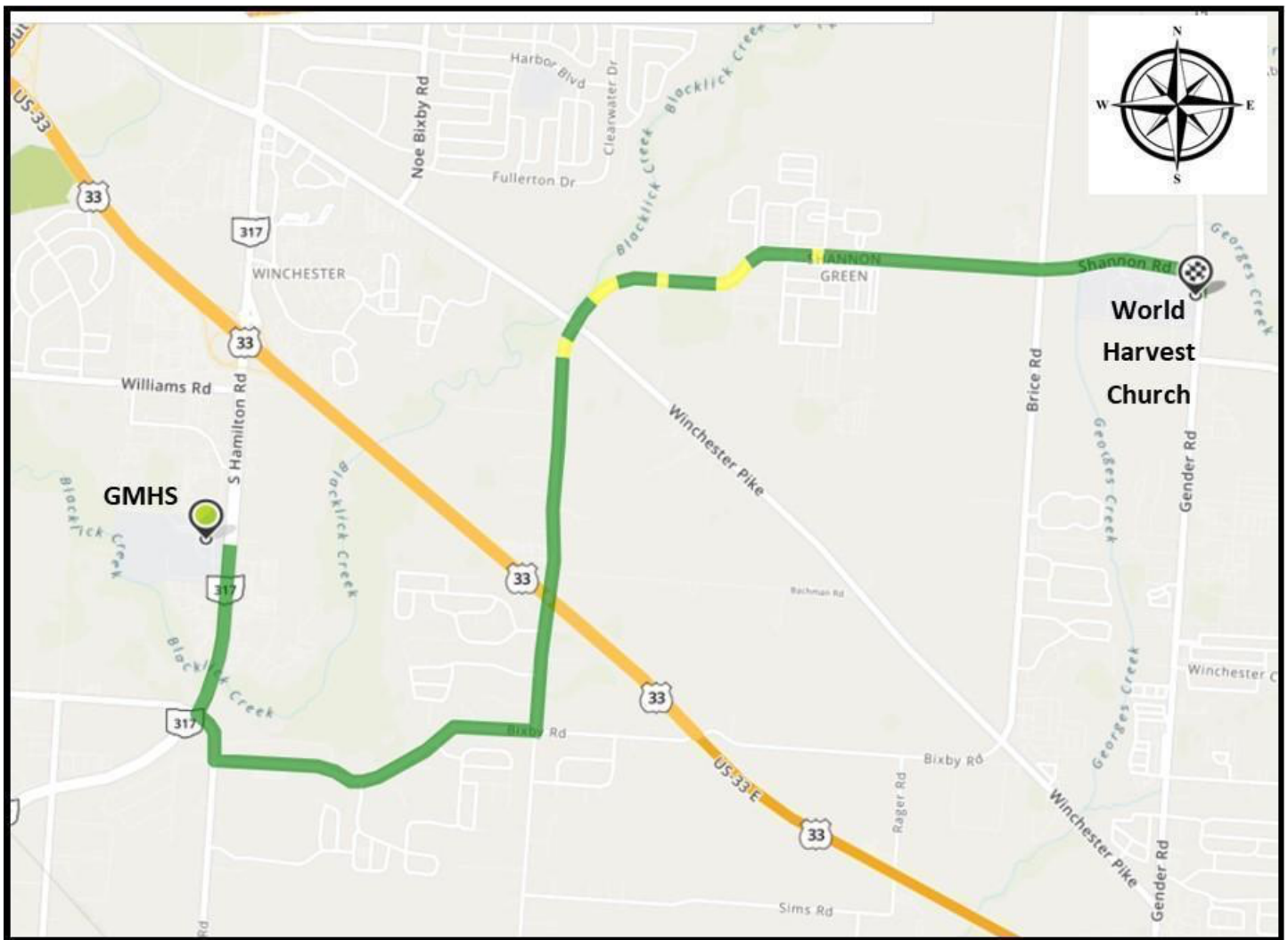
Graduation practice is scheduled for Monday, May 19. Seniors will meet at the high school at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. At 8:30 a.m., Seniors will move to the gym for their Senior Class picture. Students should wear spirit wear or a red, black, or white shirt. At 9:30 a.m., students will board the buses to be transported to World Harvest Church, where graduation practice will be held until approximately 1:00 p.m. Graduation tickets will be available for pickup upon return to the high school. **Seniors must ride the bus to and from World Harvest Church.**

Please note: All graduates must participate in the graduation rehearsal to participate in the actual graduation ceremony. Graduates will not receive tickets if they are not present for the entirety of the practice. **There are no exceptions!**

DIRECTIONS FROM GMHS TO WORLD HARVEST CHURCH

World Harvest Church is located at 4595 Gender Rd., in Columbus, OH.

- From Groveport Madison High School – Turn right onto S. Hamilton Rd. and proceed 0.24 miles to Bixby Rd.
- Turn left onto Bixby Rd. (NOTE: Bixby Rd. makes a sharp left turn beside the soccer fields), then continue for 1.10 miles to Ebright Rd.
- Turn left onto Ebright Rd., then continue 1.33 miles. (Ebright Rd. then becomes Shannon Rd.)
- Continue 2.13 miles on Shannon Rd. until coming to World Harvest Church. (World Harvest Church is located at the intersection of Shannon Rd. and Gender Rd.) ****See map below****



GRADUATION TICKET INFORMATION

Each student will receive 8 hardcopy tickets. Tickets will be distributed after graduation practice on May 19, when students return back to the high school from World Harvest. All guests, including infants and children, must have a physical ticket. Groveport Madison Local School District employees can use a staff ID to enter.

Please keep these tickets organized as each ticket can be scanned only once. Aside from reserved sections for graduates and staff, there is open seating in the auditorium for all ticket holders. All doors to the auditorium will be locked promptly at 6:00 p.m. and reopened after the graduates have completed the processional and have been seated.

There is handicapped seating in the auditorium for those who require accommodation. Please keep all aisles clear to adhere to fire code and ensure there is a clear path for graduates to walk through.

IMPORTANT CEREMONY INFORMATION

STAGING OF GRADUATES BEFORE THE CEREMONY

On graduation day, graduates will meet in the staging area at World Harvest at 5:00 p.m. We will take attendance, and graduates will be organized into their proper seating arrangements in preparation for their procession into the auditorium. ONLY GRADUATES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STAGING AREA.

PROCESSIONAL

Shortly before 6:00 p.m., graduates will be escorted from the staging area for the processional to the auditorium. All doors to the auditorium will be locked promptly at 6:00 p.m. and reopened after the graduates have completed the processional and are seated.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

High school graduation is an event that occurs once in a student's lifetime. The administration and faculty have made every effort to provide a ceremony that brings meaning to all graduates, families, and loved ones. This is not an athletic event but rather an academic proceeding to honor a journey fulfilled – one that students and their parents have envisioned for a long time.

As professional staff at Groveport Madison High School, we aim to host a ceremony defined by dignity and decorum. Students, parents, and guests deserve nothing less, and we make every effort in our planning to execute a positive and memorable event from start to finish. **We expect proper behavior from all graduates and their guests throughout the graduation ceremony. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in removal from the event.**

GRADUATE PHOTOS & LIVE BROADCASTING

GRADUATE'S OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH

A photographer will capture each graduate receiving their diploma on stage. These photos will be available for download and purchase through the photography company, *HR Imaging*. **Guests are prohibited from leaving their seats to take pictures from any aisleways during the graduation ceremony.** Guests who disregard this rule will be escorted from the venue. If you hire a personal photographer, they must stay seated and will not be given any special access to the stage.

LIVE STREAMING

The Graduation ceremony will be live-streamed on the Groveport Madison High School's Facebook page (@GMHSCruisers) and later uploaded to the district's YouTube page for replay.

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

The official graduation program will be handed out at the event. It's important to note that this program is in alphabetical order based on the last name of the teacher/staff member presenting diplomas.

DIGITAL DISPLAYS

A video camera will be focused on each graduate as they receive their diploma, and the footage will be broadcast onto the large display boards during the ceremony.

PHOTO STATIONS

We will have photo stations outside World Harvest and other areas for students and their families to use as backdrops for personal pictures following the graduation ceremony.

MISCELLANEOUS

POST-GRADUATION EXPECTATIONS

Following the graduation ceremony, graduates and guests must leave the building. Picture stations will be set up outside of the venue. All graduates and guests should leave the World Harvest Church property within one hour after graduation.

VISIT THE GMHS WEBSITE FOR ALL GRADUATION DETAILS

All information relating to graduation activities is located on the GMHS website at www.gocruisers.org/Classof2025.aspx. For additional questions, contact our graduation coordinators, Miss Marki Smith (marki.smith@gocruisers.org) or Mrs. Aimee O'Brien (aimee.obrien@gocruisers.org)