



**CLASS OF 2023**

*Graduation  
Information*



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## GRADUATION CEREMONY – FRIDAY, MAY 26, 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** WORLD HARVEST CHURCH  
4595 GENDER ROAD  
COLUMBUS, OH 43110  
**WHEN:** FRIDAY, MAY 26, 6 PM

## SENIOR BREAKFAST, CLASS PICTURE & GRADUATION PRACTICE

**WHERE:** GROVEPORT MADISON H.S.  
**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MAY 25, 7:30 AM

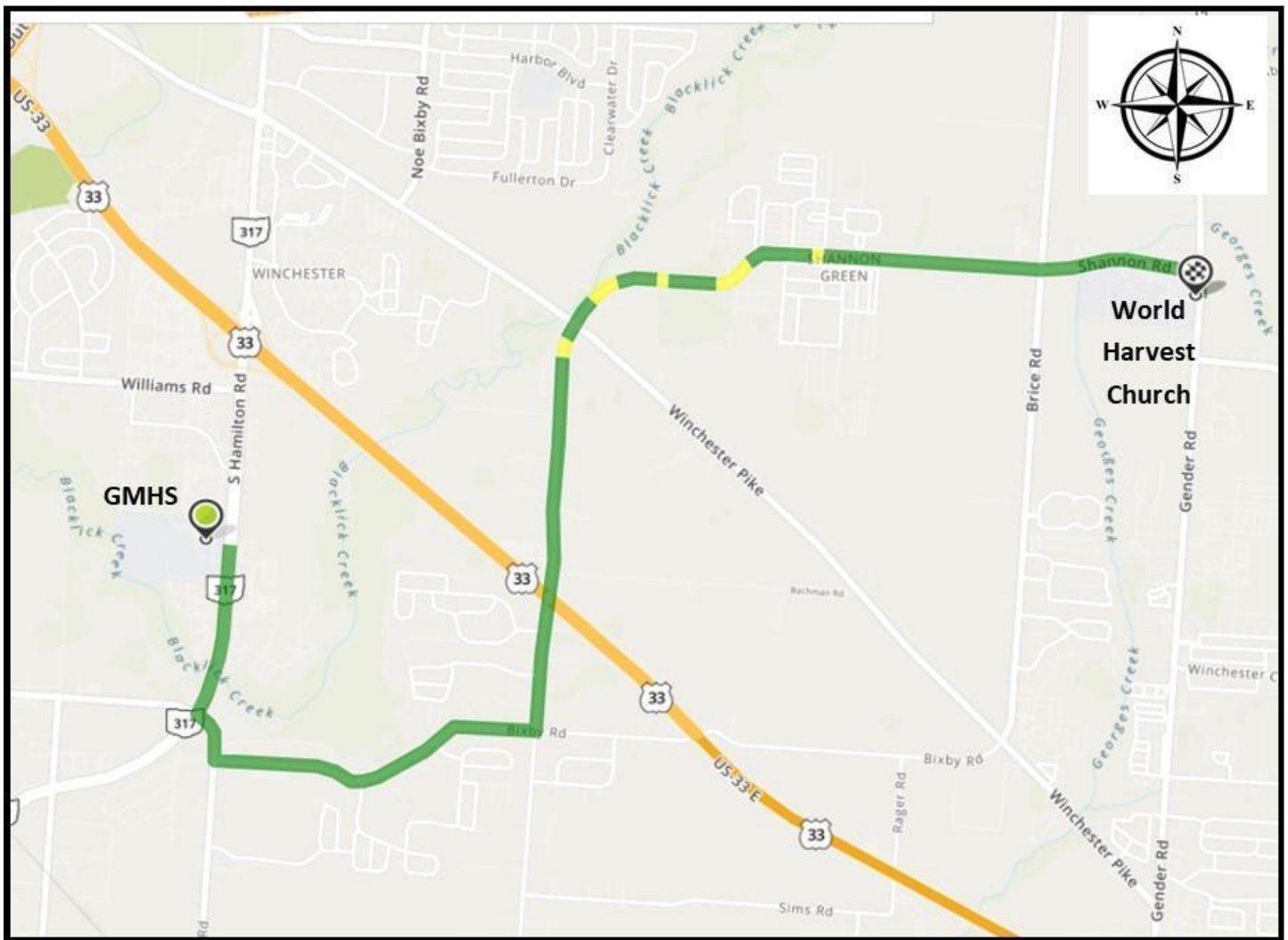
Graduation practice will occur on Thursday, May 25. All graduates must meet at the high school at 7:30 a.m. for the senior breakfast. At 8:30 a.m., graduates will move to the gym for their Senior Class picture. Students can wear the Class of 2023 t-shirt that is available for purchase in the school store or a gray or black shirt. At 9:30 a.m., students will board 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 pick up upon return to the high school. As the graduation contract outlines, all graduates must ride the bus to and from World Harvest Church for graduation practice.

**NOTE:** All graduates must participate in graduation rehearsal to be permitted to participate in the actual ceremony. Graduates will not receive guest tickets for the ceremony if they are not present for the entirety of 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. then 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 on following page\*\*



#### **PARKING AND TRAFFIC:**

There is limited parking at World Harvest Church. To alleviate traffic congestion, GMHS is offering shuttle buses from the high school to World Harvest starting at 4:30 p.m.

#### **HANDICAPPED PARKING:**

Handicapped parking is available near the entrance of the World Harvest auditorium.

### **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

There will be school bus shuttles available for graduates and guests. Shuttles will begin running from the high school to World Harvest at 4:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. The shuttles will depart from World Harvest Church 30 minutes after the ceremony to return to GMHS.

## GRADUATION TICKET INFORMATION

**Each student will receive eight (8) hardcopy tickets.** Tickets will be distributed after graduation practice on May 25 when students return to the high school from World Harvest Church.

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 seated.

There is handicapped seating in the auditorium for those who require accommodation.

## 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. **(Do Not Be Late)**. 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 have been seated.**

### BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Graduation from high school is an event that comes 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, our goal is to host a ceremony defined by dignity and decorum. Students, parents, and guests deserve nothing less, and we will 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 free download of the photo of the graduate receiving their diploma will be available on the Class of 2023 Graduation webpage (on the high school's webpage). A link to the photography company's website also will be provided for anyone wishing to purchase prints of the photographs. **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.**

### **LIVE STREAMING**

Graduation will be live streamed on the Groveport Madison High School's Facebook page (@GMHSCruisers).

### **COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM**

We will provide an official graduation program at the event. A copy will also be available for download from the high school's Class of 2023 Graduation webpage.

### **DIGITAL DISPLAYS**

A video camera will be on each graduate as they receive their diploma, with the footage projected onto large display screens 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. We will have picture stations set up outside of the venue. All graduates and guests must leave the World Harvest Church property within one hour after graduation. Those taking shuttles back to the high school must immediately leave the property. Buses will depart 30 minutes following the conclusion of the ceremony.

## **VISIT THE GMHS WEBSITE FOR ALL GRADUATION DETAILS**

All information relating to graduation activities is located on the GMHS website at [www.gocruisers.org/Classof2023.aspx](http://www.gocruisers.org/Classof2023.aspx). For additional questions, contact our graduation coordinators, Ms. Lindsey Himes ([lindsey.himes@gocruisers.org](mailto:lindsey.himes@gocruisers.org)) or Ms. Marki Smith ([marki.smith@gocruisers.org](mailto:marki.smith@gocruisers.org)).