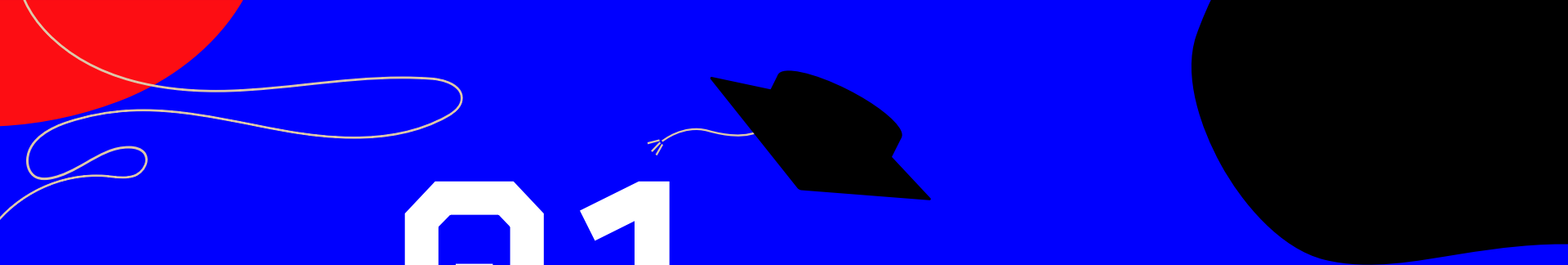


CLASS OF 2027 SENIOR/PARENT MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

*You're on your way to graduation; here are a few
tips and ideas to keep you on track*

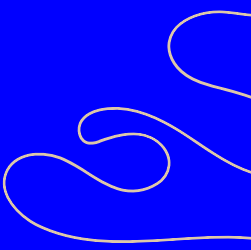
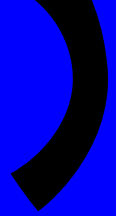


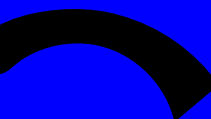
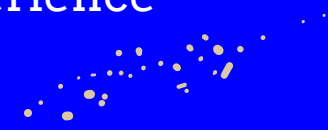


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**GENERAL SENIOR
CLASS
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INFORMATION**

GENERAL IMPORTANT INFO



- Welcome
 - Communication → stay informed and communicate early in the process with questions and concerns
 - Pay attention to dates and deadlines → many are hard dates due to timing, etc.
 - Work together to make it a positive, memorable experience for the Class of 2027
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AGENDA:

- General Senior Class Requirement Information
- Senior Class Information
- School Counseling Information
 - Stay on Track
 - Resumes & Letters of Recommendation
 - Applying for College
 - Financial Aid
 - Scholarships
 - Miscellaneous
- Graduation Information
- Questions?



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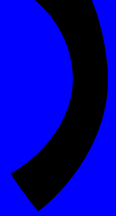
- Class Committee Sign Ups
 - Song; Color; Flower; Motto; Class Trip; T-Shirt; Graduation Video; Graduation Ticket
- Diploma Names
- Newspaper Names and Families
- Graduation Cap & Gown Ordering – Jostens
 - Friday, October 30, 2026 - Info. Session & Ordering Handouts
 - In-person ordering session following; Orders to be paid in full at this time
- Senior Portrait and Baby Portraits – Yearbook
 - Deadline: Monday, December 14, 2026 to Mrs. Angela Williams
- Senior Class Trip
 - **Tentative** Dates: Friday, March 12, 2027 - Sunday, March 14, 2027
 - Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells

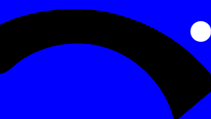
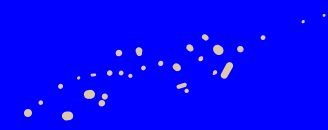
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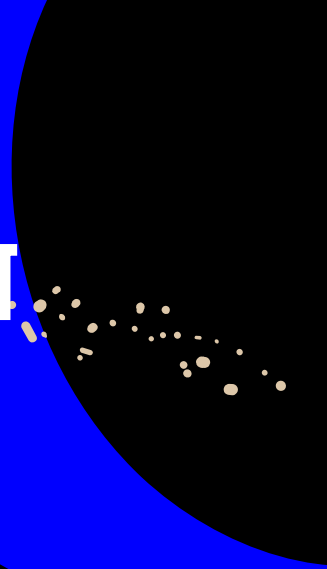


- Stay on track academically here at Glenwood City High School
 - Keep in mind that every student must pass their required senior year courses as well as meet the 24 credit requirement for graduation
 - If you are in need of support or have questions about graduation, please contact Mr. Maes or Mr. Fize
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RESUME & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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RESUME

- A resume or list of activities/involvement will help you get organized for college applications, scholarships and letters of recommendation.
- Some items to include, but are not limited to:
 - Academic awards/honor roll
 - Athletic involvement
 - Volunteer/community activities
 - Extracurricular clubs/activities (FFA, Student Council, 4H, etc.)
 - Employment/employability skills
 - Leadership roles

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Letters of recommendation may be needed for college applications and/or scholarship opportunities.
 - These letters of support may come from teachers, coaches, employers, community members, etc.
- Ask for letters of recommendation now!
 - It takes time to prepare and create a great letter of recommendation, so ask now!
 - Present your resume, list of achievements/activities/involvement as well as your high school transcript to those you are asking for a letter of recommendation from.

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APPLY NOW!



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- October 1 is a common time for universities and technical colleges to begin reviewing applications
 - Some universities have **priority deadlines**, so be sure to know what your application deadlines
- Popular programs may fill up fast, so get your application in early; always have a plan B in case finances, family circumstances or your plans change

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

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COMPLETED APPLICATION

For both 2 year WI Technical Colleges (<https://www.wtcsystem.edu/>) & 4 year University of WI Schools (<https://apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage>)

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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Complete [Transcript Request Form](#) online to receive your transcript or to have it submitted for your application(s)

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APPLICATION FEES

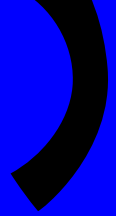
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- \$25.00 (UWL and UWEC)
- \$80.00 (UW-Madison)

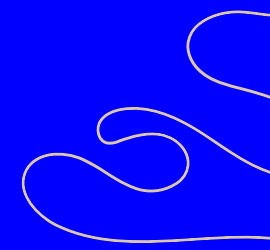
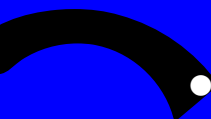
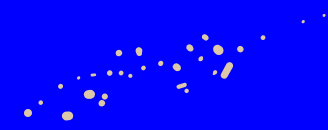
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OTHER/OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Personal **resume** may be required for some applications
- **Letters of Recommendation** may be required or suggested with application(s)
- Application **essay questions** may be required for some schools
- Some colleges/universities may still have **ACT Scores as optional**; be sure to check when applying

CAMPUS TOURS



- Getting on campus to decide if a school is the right fit for you
 - Tours can be set up online through the admissions offices
 - Need help? See Mr. Maes for assistance
 - Make the most of your campus tours, whether it is in-person or a virtual experience
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FINANCIAL AID

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

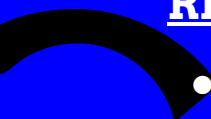
- Use the FAFSA process online to find out if you can get the money you need to go to college. FAFSA stands for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. NEVER pay anyone for FAFSA help -- it is always free. If you are asked to pay a fee related to the FAFSA, you are not using the proper website.
- **STEP ONE:** Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> and create a login account for a **Federal Student Aid (FSA) Identification Number**. Both you and one of your parents/guardians will need a FSA ID Number to sign documents electronically. It is recommended to create a FSA ID Number at least 3 days prior to completing your FAFSA (in step 2).
 - Northwood Technical College will be coming in on **Monday, October 12, 2026** to help students complete their FSA IDs.
- **STEP TWO:** Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and login with your FSA ID Number. Use your family's tax information to determine your financial need for grants and loans. Each school will send you a Financial Aid Award Packet explaining their offers. This is called a **Student Aid Report Letter or SAR**. Grants are gifts of money; loans are money to be repaid. Discuss options for financial planning with your family.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

~~TIPS & HINTS:~~ **CONT.**

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1, 2026 for the 2027-2028 academic year.
- Students can submit FAFSA results to up to 10 college campuses.
- **NEVER** pay for assistance with completing the FAFSA – this should be a free service.
- Student Aid Index (SAI) (previously Expected Family Contribution (EFC)) is used to calculate how much federal aid a student may get.

RESOURCES:

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- [College Goal Wisconsin](#) – free FAFSA completion events for students and families
 - Specific Universities/Colleges – Financial Aid Offices will be best able to assist you with your financial aid and paying for college questions

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SCHOLARSHIPS



GENERAL - SCHOLARSHIPS

- What will you need?
 - Scholarship applications
 - Letters of recommendation
 - High school transcript
 - Answers to some essay questions
- Scholarships will be posted in multiple places for students and families (as able) including the school website, school Facebook page, Google Classroom, daily announcements and Skylert/ParentSquare email notifications. All bases are covered!

OUTSIDE - SCHOLARSHIPS

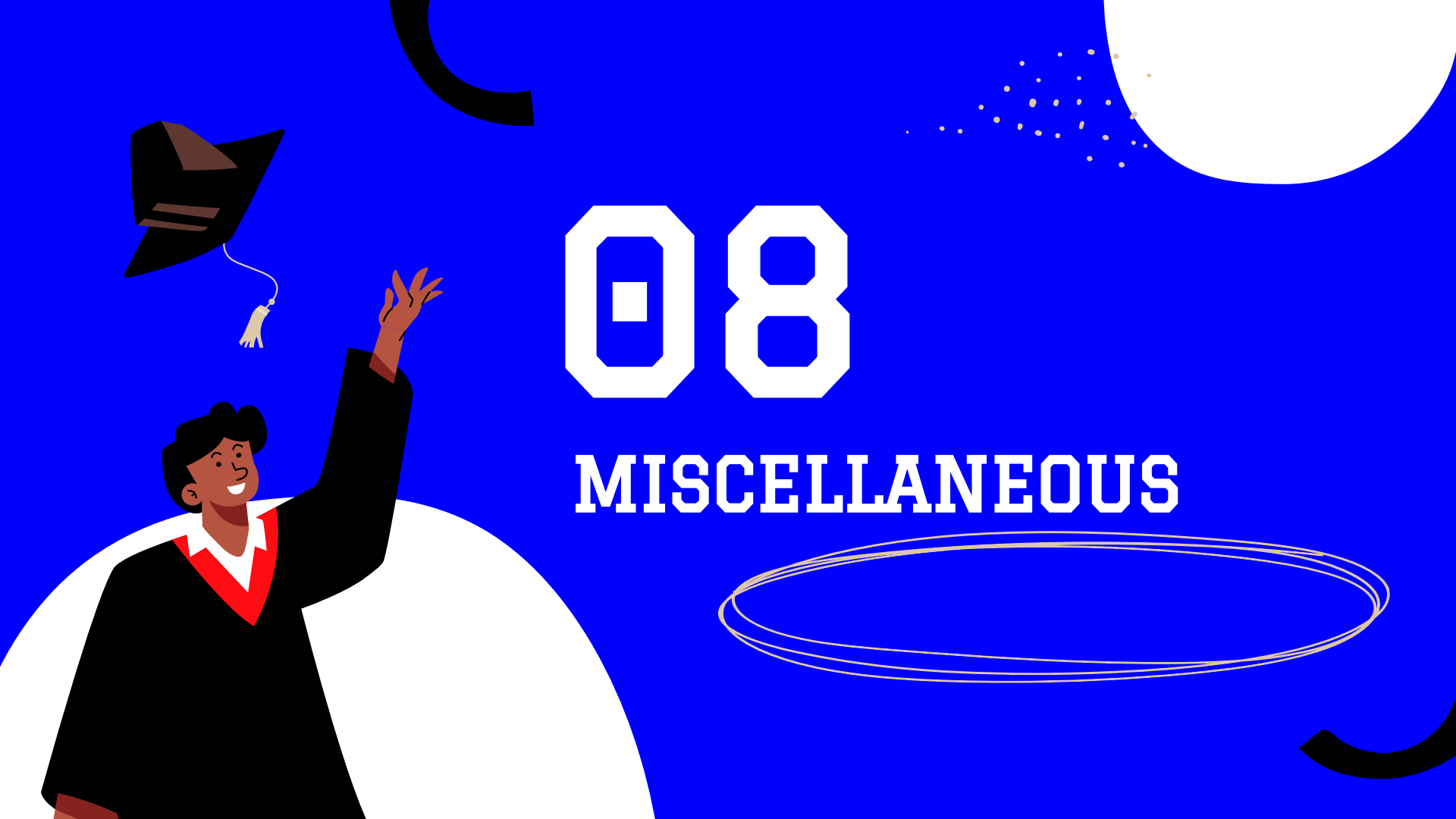
- Outside scholarship may include: individually applied for scholarships, campus sponsored scholarships, private scholarships, national or state scholarships, etc.
- The Scholarship Database is on the school website with scholarship information and scholarships for seniors to apply for.
- Deadlines for outside scholarships will vary based on scholarship organization/committee.

COMMUNITY - SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Glenwood City Community Scholarship Application, which includes all community-based, local scholarships, is typically available around March 1.
 - Scholarship examples may include: Phil Ottney Memorial Scholarship, Kay Logghe Inspirational Scholarship, etc.
- The deadline for the Community Scholarships is typically around April 1. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- Specific scholarships within this application may have their own requirements such as: family relation, GPA, Class Rank extra-curricular involvement, work experience, supplemental essay requirements

REPORTING - SCHOLARSHIPS

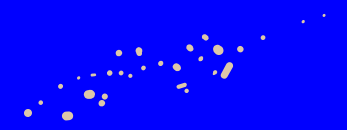
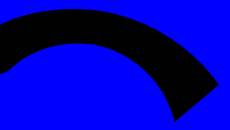
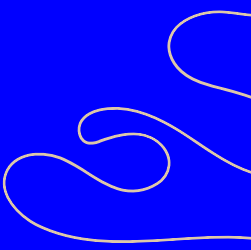
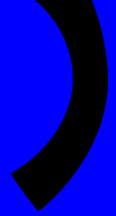
- Any scholarships that a student receives that are outside scholarships/awards (private, individually applied for, campus sponsored, etc.) **MUST** be reported to Ms. Johnson and/or Mr. Maes to be included in the scholarship/awards night and graduation programs.
- Deadline for this will be **NO LATER THAN** Friday, May 7, 2027.
- Students will receive a Google Form to complete this reporting process.



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MISCELLANEOUS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS



- Advanced Placement testing allows students to potentially earn college credit with successful completion of an AP Exam.
 - Exams with score of a 3 or higher typically earn college credit.
- The cost is covered by the district for the 2026-2027, with certain exceptions.
- See Mr. Maes or Ms. Wright for more information related to AP Exams – taking place May 2027.

ASVAB: MILITARY ENTRANCE EXAM

- If you are interested in joining the military, you will need to take an ASVAB Test. You must meet a minimum score requirement to be eligible for military enlistment.
- See Mr. Maes for contact information for local recruiters if you or your family need more information about how to start the process.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

- Male students ONLY!
- Register when you turn 18 years old at <https://www.sss.gov/> or at any Post Office.

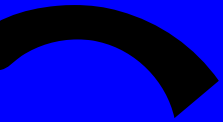
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GRADUATION INFORMATION



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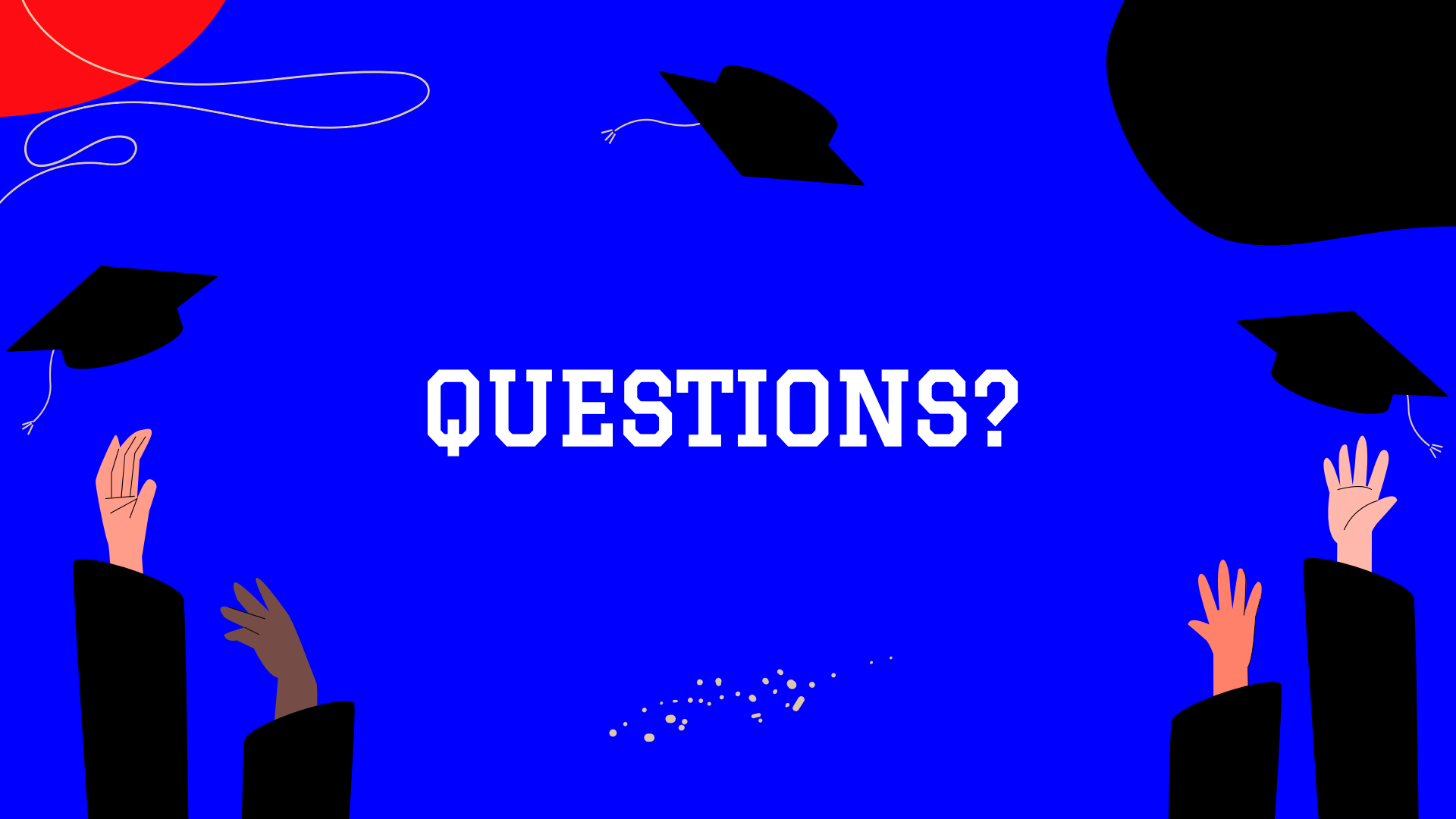
- **Graduation Requirements**
 - Note Student/Parent Handbook, Pages 19-24 related to: attendance, credits to graduate, class trip expectations, graduation ceremony requirements
- **Graduation Cap Decorating** – Decorated graduation caps must be turned in by May 14; if decorated graduation cap is not school appropriate or follow their original approved design, senior will be given a blank graduation cap to wear.



GRADUATION INFO. CONT.

- TBD – **Senior Recognition/Signing Day/Future Plans Day**
- Tuesday, May 18, 2027 – **Seniors Last Full Day**
- Wednesday, May 19, 2027 – **Seniors Last Day (AM Classes Only)**
- Wednesday, May 19, 2027 – **Senior Class Potluck Picnic**
- Wednesday, May 19, 2027 – **Senior Scholarship/Awards Night**
- Thursday, May 20, 2027 – **No School for Seniors**
- Friday, May 21, 2027 at 9:00am – **MANDATORY Graduation Practice**
- Saturday, May 22, 2027 at 11:00am – **Graduation**
 - *Seniors arrive at 10:00am; Doors open at 10:30am*
 - ***NO RESERVED SEATING***

** - timeline above subject to change*

A vibrant blue background featuring a graduation ceremony scene. In the center, the word "QUESTIONS?" is written in a bold, white, serif font. Surrounding the text are stylized illustrations of graduates in black gowns. On the left, two hands are raised, one light-skinned and one dark-skinned, with a black mortarboard cap floating above them. On the right, two hands are also raised, with a black mortarboard cap floating above them. At the top center, another black mortarboard cap is shown. In the top left corner, a large red circle with a white string trailing off to the left is visible. In the top right corner, a large black circle is partially shown. At the bottom center, a small cluster of white dots is scattered.

QUESTIONS?

NEED MORE HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Mr. Fizel, MS/HS Principal - 715-265-4266 / josh.fizel@gcsd.k12.wi.us
- Mr. Maes, School Counselor - 715-265-4266 / jacob.maes@gcsd.k12.wi.us
- Mrs. Unser, Graduation Coordinator - 715-265-4266 / kim.unser@gcsd.k12.wi.us
- Mrs. Johnson, Scholarship/Awards Night Coordinator - 715-265-4266 / samantha.johnson@gcsd.k12.wi.us