Dear Parents, Guardians, and Seniors,

Senior March Madness has come and gone, and we hope your senior made lasting memories and enjoyed the festivities. A special thank you to all of those who volunteered throughout Treat Week; your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. We are now in the final stretch of your student's senior year, but there are a few major events remaining! Please read this email thoroughly, along with the provided links, to familiarize yourself with all details and to avoid potential issues later.

<u>Dues:</u> If you have not paid dues, you still have time! Dues cover all graduation related expenses and senior events and MUST be paid in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. They <u>DO NOT</u> cover Prom, any sort of pictures, a yearbook, or any additional items you may want to buy to commemorate this year. Dues can still be paid <u>HERE</u>

- \$165 plus a \$20 Scholastic Images late fee starting 3/1/24
- Any dues paid 4/15/24 or later will also include a Scholastic Images \$15 shipping fee, since this will be too late to include in the mass cap and gown delivery and pick up on 4/17/24

<u>Graduation Announcements</u>: Graduation announcements can be <u>ordered here</u>, if you wish to purchase and mail to friends and family.

Graduation Yard Signs: Every senior received a Class of 2024 yard sign during March Madness. These were NOT personalized. If you wish to purchase a personalized sign or banner for your senior, you can <u>purchase one here.</u> There are still non personalized signs left, if your senior did not pick one up. Seniors can see Mr. Holbrook in A112 for a non personalized sign.

<u>Cap and Gown Pick Up:</u> Cap and gown pick up will take place on <u>Wednesday, April 17th</u> during all lunch periods. Students who are absent or who do not have an assigned on campus lunch period, but are on campus for other periods, can pick up from Mr. Holbrook in A112 starting Thursday morning 4/18/24. Students who are off campus for the entire school day due (i.e. full time dually enrolled), can email Mr. Holbrook <u>@ andrew.holbrook@gcpsk12.org</u> to schedule a pick up time. All Students MUST have an ID to pick up their package. These can include a license, school issued ID, or StudentVue.

<u>Senior Walk:</u> The Senior Walk, a Mill Creek tradition, will take place on <u>April 23rd at 6:00pm.</u> Seniors should <u>report to the tennis court area by 5:30pm</u> wearing their caps and gowns. The rest of the graduation dress code does not apply, as this is a more casual event. We originally communicated that the date would be April 30th, but it had to be changed due to scheduling conflicts. This is NOT a ticketed event, and any and all guests are welcome to attend. A map of the route can be <u>found here.</u>

Graduation Ceremony: Graduation is **May 22nd at 8:00pm** on Markham Field at Mill Creek Community Stadium. Each senior will receive 12 tickets. These will be distributed at graduation practice (see below). For the ceremony, students will need to report to campus by **6:00pm.** As we communicated at the meeting in the fall, you are strongly discouraged from scheduling your students appointments or events on the day of graduation. Specifics regarding dress code can be <u>found here</u>. Dress code will be enforced, so please be sure to familiarize yourself with the policy to avoid any issues on the day of the ceremony.

<u>Graduation Ceremony Parking</u>: Due to the amount of people on campus for the ceremony, seniors are NOT allowed to park on campus for the ceremony, but they can ride with guests or be dropped off at the front of the school. Campus parking will be reserved for guests and school employees only. Students who are driving themselves should park at <u>12 Stone Church located at 3858 Braselton Hwy, Buford, GA</u>

<u>30519.</u> Charter bus shuttles will transport students from the church parking lot to the school starting at 5:00pm. The shuttle services will continue after the ceremony until approximately 11:00pm.

Graduation Practice: Students should arrive for graduation practice at **8:30am**. Attendance at graduation practice is **mandatory** for students to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students must make arrangements to attend practice and be present for the entire practice in order to receive tickets for the graduation ceremony.

 If any emergency arises to prevent a student from attending practice, contact Ms. Gross immediately in room B213.

Students who do not practice will not march AND will not receive tickets.

Seniors will take their last 2 finals early, so the last day of school will be open for graduation practice in the morning with graduation that night.

Baccalaureate: Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 19, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

- Doors will open for guests at 2:30 pm. Guests will enter at the covered portico entrance.
- Seniors should arrive at 2:30 pm and use the entrance doors by the flagpole.
- Cap and Gown Attire is Required to Participate
- **RSVP IS REQUIRED** Click Here to RSVP

The church will live-broadcast the service for family and friends to enjoy from home. A link will be posted, with additional information, in May.

As a thank you to the church for hosting the service, we would like for our senior class to 'give back' by stocking the food pantry. Although not required to participate in the service, we would like all participants to consider bringing three canned goods on the day of the service. Donation drop-off baskets will be available upon arrival. Donations needed include: Canned Pasta, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Canned Fruit, Soup, and Peanut Butter

<u>Senior Breakfast:</u> This tradition will take place on May 4th from 8-10am at 12 Stone Church, located at 3858 Braselton Hwy. This is a ticketed event, which is NOT covered by dues. Tickets can be purchased by <u>clicking here</u>. This event is not a school sponsored event and is organized by parent volunteers. Parents/guardians are encouraged to use this event to distribute senior letters you may have collected. Questions regarding this event should be directed to Ms. Jessica Taylor @ mrs.iessica.c.taylor@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Jody Gross @ jody.gross@gcpsk12.org

Sincerely,
Mill Creek Senior Sponsors
Jody Gross, Andrew Holbrook, and Elizabeth Summerlin