

Dear Parents/Guardians and Class of 2019,

With the school year ending and excitement rising, our seniors are preparing for graduation; with only the 4th quarter left of school, senior finals will be here before we know it. All exams will fall on normal school days, so seniors need to be in all classes. The exam schedule will be announced soon.

Other important information and dates:

May 16, 2019: The Senior Awards ceremony is by invitation only. If you are receiving an award that evening, an invitation will be sent to your home. All invited seniors must be at school no later than 6:00 p.m. for the processional; the ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented on stage, so ensure you dress appropriately.

May 17, 2019: Senior's last day of school.

May 24, 2019: The final senior class breakfast and graduation meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the GJHS Food Court. We will have the first of the two graduation practices and go over important material. We will also be distributing tickets to graduation at this meeting. As a general rule, if your graduate requested 10 or more tickets, you will receive 10; less than 10, you will receive your request; no request, you will receive 5. **Please ensure all graduates are in attendance!**

May 29, 2019: The 2nd graduation practice will start at 7:00 a.m. at the R.P Funding Center. Please park on the South side of the arena and enter through Entrance 1; practice will last until 9:00 a.m. so please ensure your schedules are empty for that block of time. Do not be late for practice or expect to leave early! **All seniors need to be back at the R.P. Funding Center on May 29 by 12:30 p.m. for graduation.** Please be dressed and ready to walk at that time. This is a formal event, so please dress appropriately. Guys need to wear nice long black pants with a button-down collared shirt and girls must wear a dress or slacks and blouse. **NO FLIP FLOPS!**

Parents: Graduation begins at 2:00 p.m. and the doors will be open two hours prior. Tickets are required in order to attend graduation. **Lost tickets will not be replaced.** If you leave the building for any reason, you will be required to go back through security. Please park in one of the South Parking Lots and enter through Entrance 1 or 2.

Please let me know if a family member requires special accommodations at graduation.

Please remember that graduation is a formal academic event. We ask that you and your family be courteous as students' names are read; you would not want to miss your graduate's name due to loud, obnoxious noises and yelling and neither do the other graduates' families!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the school 863-648-3566.

Sincerely,

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Graduation- May 29, 2019

PRACTICE

1. Arrive at the R.P. Funding Center at 7:00 A.M.
2. Park on the South side of the R.P. Funding Center.
3. Enter through Entrance 1.
4. Find your seat.

Practice agenda:

- Listening to announcements from the exhibit hall area
- Making last minute adjustments, lining up in the exhibit hall, and entering the arena
- Practicing walking across the stage to receive diplomas
- Walking the “horseshoe” after diploma is received

If everything goes smoothly, you will be free to leave after the practice; if there are problems, practice will take much longer.

So...

- BE ON TIME**
- LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS**
- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

EVENING CEREMONY

1. Arrive at the R.P. Funding Center at 12:30 P.M.
2. Park on the South side of the Center and enter through Entrance 1.
3. Find your seats in Exhibit Hall C West.
4. Final instructions and reminders will be given. Caps and Gowns will be checked.

Rules for parents, students, guests, and graduates:

This is a dignified and scholarly ceremony commemorating the achievements of all our seniors; everyone in the audience is attending the graduation ceremony to see someone walk across the stage and receive his or her diploma. Please respect the right to enjoy the event and do not ruin the memories of others.

No air horns

No balloons/ beach balls

No party noisemakers

No large signs/banners

No drums

No loud screaming/yelling

In the event a student or member of the audience is disruptive during the ceremony, he/she will be escorted out of the arena by R.P. Funding Center security or city law enforcement officials for the remainder of the event.