

REHEARSAL

Where: Verizon Amphitheater

When: Friday, May 18th 1-3pm Students should arrive no later than 12:30 to make sure we can start at 1 and be finished on time

Students are to park in LOT C on 11450 Maxwell Road

What: This is a full rehearsal with a practice line and processional. Students should come dressed to be outside in the heat, but clothing should also be school appropriate.

After rehearsal is over, we will distribute the following

- Tickets (All students will receive 12)
 - o If students need additional tickets, they will be asked to wait in their seats. I will distribute them in an orderly fashion until they are all given out. Last year, everyone waiting got 6 extra, I wouldn't plan on more than 6 as this class is larger than last years. If parents need more than 18 tickets they will need to have their student ask other students for extras.
- Tassels if a student didn't receive one
- Honor Cords and Honor Pins – this is only for students with a predesignated honor grad status – this is decided by the county based on cumulative weighted average of 88% or higher.
- Congratulations envelopes filled with letters and cards from family
- **FINAL SENIOR SNACK** – this will take place in lieu of the senior luncheon. In the past seniors were not attending the luncheon and were not receiving their packets. Also, because of AP testing going on that morning, we did not want to exclude any of the seniors from receiving their envelopes and being left out of a lunch event. Because graduation is coinciding with AP testing this year we want to make all the options fair for everyone. Instead, we will be handing out sodas, snacks and other treats to them after everything is finished. This way, every senior is guaranteed to receive their congratulations envelope and no one has to track them down.

GRADUATION DAY

Where: Verizon Amphitheater

When: Monday May 21st 7pm-9pm – Students should arrive no later than 6:15 fully dressed in all regalia as well as their cap and gown. Students are to park in lot C on 11450 Maxwell Road

What: Students should follow the graduation dress code that was sent home to parents and posted online:

What to Wear**

Boys: dark slacks (long pants), white collared shirt, tie, and dark dress shoes

Girls: nice dress with dress shoes or sandals

***No hats, large jewelry, or sunglasses**

- Parents are to Park in Lot A - The lots open at 5pm. Please advise families that the lots do back up and it can take a while to get parked and seated. There will be large signs and attendants at each lot to assist in directing traffic.
 - o There is preferential parking for handicapped guests and there is golf cart service for elderly and handicapped guests as well. ***There is no preferential seating for guests unless they are in a wheel chair***
- **GATES OPEN AT 6PM.** Verizon staff will be on hand and will keep the gates locked until 6pm. NO EXCEPTIONS. They will not open the gates for anyone. If a senior arrives with their family they must walk around to the rear of the stadium
 - o **EVERY PERSON must have a ticket!** That includes small children. This is a fire code issue. We cannot have more bodies than is legally allowed. Everyone must be counted and present a ticket at the gate.
- **NO BALLOONS!** Verizon will turn you away with balloons and most times they will not even let you get out of the parking lot with them. Balloons are not allowed in any fashion into the arena
- Graduation will begin PROMPTLY at 7pm. Last year we had many many families who were still walking in and getting seated as the graduates entered the venue. Families who are late will be held to the outside of the seating area until all of the seniors have been seated. We will not hold the start of the ceremony.
 - o At the end of the ceremony students will process to the back of the stadium where they will receive their diploma. Diplomas are not handed out on stage.
- Photos: Legacy Photos will have 2 Photographers on hand: 1 to take a close up of the student as they receive their diploma, and 1 at the stairs to take a posed shot before they exit the stage. The graduate and family seating area is about 10 feet BELOW the stage and roped off as parents are not allowed in that area during the ceremony. They will also take photos during the ceremony itself of all the speakers, singers, and the cap toss at the end. Photos will be available to purchase through Legacy some time after the ceremony. We will have that information posted on the school website as soon as we receive a link to order from Legacy.
- Once graduation is over there will be a 30 min window for families to take photos. After 30 minutes, Verizon staff will begin asking people to make their way out. Graduation usually takes just under 2 hours, we hope to keep with this.