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April 1, 2023

Dear 2023 Graduate and Parents:

The Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony will be held on our Football Field on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Graduating seniors are to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room on that day at 9:00 a.m. Graduates will receive four (4) tickets for the graduation ceremony on the home side of the football stadium. In addition, we will supply our graduates with two (2) additional tickets for seating in the visitors' side with limited visibility. This will allow for additional family members to experience this important moment, and we are sure your guests will be pleased. Students will receive graduation tickets at the graduation practice held on Friday, May 19, 2023.

We have also made plans for several weather-related alternate dates and times to hold our outdoor ceremony if inclement weather interferes with the original 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Those alternative times will be as follows: Saturday, 5/20 at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, 5/21 at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5/21 at 6:00 p.m.; Monday, 5/22 at 6:00 p.m.; or Tuesday, 5/23 at 6:00 p.m. Please check our website, social media, e-mail, and phone messages in case of bad weather and we will use the first available alternative that we see fit.

Please remember to share the following procedures and guidelines with your graduation guests. They will be enforced for your comfort and safety:

- No one will be admitted late into bleachers once the procession begins. Please allow ample time for parking.
- No one will be admitted into the ceremony without a ticket. This includes children.
- No one will be readmitted into bleachers if they leave in the middle of the ceremony.
- Special seating will be provided only for the handicapped/disabled.
- Aisles must be kept open; exits must remain clear.
- **A-Lo** seating will be on the North side of the field.
Lu-Z seating will be on the South side of the field.
- Airhorns and other noise-makers will not be allowed into stadium.
- Strollers will NOT be allowed in the stadium bleacher area. They may stand off to side of bleachers.
- We will not allow balloons for your graduate into the stadium ceremony. Please leave them in car.

For your benefit, we have made arrangements with Lifetouch to have a professional photographer take a picture of every graduate when he/she receives a diploma. Lifetouch will mail a postcard to all families with online proofs and ordering information after graduation. We feel this service will enable all parents to have a picture of their graduate while providing a dignified atmosphere. Parents are encouraged to relax in their seats and limit their personal picture taking to before or after the presentation of diplomas. As an extra service, we have also arranged with Zaker Video Productions to record this year's graduation ceremony. Information about the cost of this service will be distributed at Senior check out.

Please read the enclosed graduation sheet that accompanies this letter. It contains additional information that you should find helpful. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 599-7200, ext. 565. In closing, I congratulate you and your family on this wonderful occasion and extend my best wishes for a bright and successful future.

Sincerely,

Thomas Witting
Director of Student Activities