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Dear Parent/Guardian and Class of 2019 Graduate:

**Congratulations!** The Class of 2019 is about to be honored during the 60th commencement exercise of Riverview High School.

The Class of 2019 will graduate in the Ram Bowl on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The graduation ceremony is dignified and celebratory, and it reflects how much we value the work and the accomplishments of this unique and extraordinary class. Please help us make this ceremony the best graduation experience for all by adhering to the following guidelines.

**GRADUATES:**

- 1) **GRADUATION REHEARSAL, Wednesday, May 22:** All graduates are invited to come to the cafeteria by 5p.m. for free pizza and rehearsal begins promptly at 6p.m. Academic Honor Cords will be distributed at 5:30 p.m. The lists of honor cord names are posted on the guidance bulletin board and outside room 5-304. Students requesting additional graduation tickets must stay after practice for distribution.
- 2) **GRADUATION DAY, Thursday, May 23:** All graduates must report to the gym no later than 6p.m. All Riverview graduating seniors should arrive with their gown, cap, and tassel. Tentative rain date is Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m.

**PARKING:**

- Anyone wishing to park on the RHS campus for graduation must have a special graduation parking permit or a government issued handicapped decal.
- Seniors will each be given one graduation parking permit when they pick up their cap and gown. They may use this permit themselves, or they may choose to carpool and pass the permit on to their family. We will issue 700 parking permits for students, and they will receive this permit when they pick up their cap and gown on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The RHS visitor lot will be for handicapped parking only.
- Student graduation parking permits will allow you to park in either the student lot or the tennis court lot.
- Parking lots will open at 5:30pm on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we will have both staff and law enforcement at each entrance.
- You will need to show your graduation parking permit at the entrance to bring any vehicle on to campus that evening.
- Anyone without a graduation parking permit should park at STC (corner of Proctor and Beneva), and we will have three school buses on a ten-minute rotation to bring guests to RHS.
- Shuttle buses will return families to STC following the event.
- Handicap parking is available in the visitor's lot with a government issued handicap parking decal.

**PARENTS & GUESTS:**

Gates will be open at 6:00 p.m. Guests must have a ticket to enter (including children ages 2 and older), and we ask all guest to be seated before 7:30 p.m. Seating is on a "first come" basis and saving seats for late arrivals will be discouraged. Handicap seating is available in the northeast section of the stands.

Please allow plenty of time to park and walk. Traffic will be heavy; carpool if possible.



Please be aware that your graduate could be seated in a different row/seat on graduation day than was originally assigned due to absentees and non-graduates. Ask your graduate which side of the stadium (north or south) he/she will be seated for your own planning.

The program should last just under two hours. Please make arrangements with your graduate to determine where you will meet after graduation. Oversized (a.k.a. patio) umbrellas, balloons, noise-making devices and banners will not be permitted as they obstruct the viewing and hearing of the other guests. Food and drinks are not allowed to be brought into the stadium. However, water will be sold as a Riverview fundraiser by the JROTC. If available, Riverview yearbooks will also be sold at graduation for \$85.00. A check can be made out to Riverview High School. Flowers that have been ordered through the Junior Board may be picked-up in the concession stand prior to the ceremony starting.

This graduation event is planned for rain or shine. We will make every effort to hold graduation the evening of May 23rd. However, if weather is severe enough to cause cancellation of the event that evening, the make-up ceremony will be held on the evening of May 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30p.m. Graduates would report to the school by 6:00p.m. that evening. Please keep this in mind when making travel arrangements with family.

#### CELL PHONES:

All cell phones should be silenced inside Stadium. **NO SELFIES WILL BE PERMITTED.**

#### ATTIRE:

- Young men of Riverview are **required** to wear a white or light-colored dress shirt with an appropriate necktie. They are also **required** to wear dark dress slacks, dark dress shoes, and dark socks. **Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, flip-flops, and sneakers are not allowed.**
- Young ladies of Riverview are **required** to wear a dress or skirt/slacks and blouse. Shoes with low heels or flats are **required** (be aware of the football field will have soft turf and may be muddy causing heels to sink). Do not bring a purse. You will not be allowed to carry it into stadium, and there is no secure place to keep it. **Flip-flops and sneakers are not allowed.**
- Caps and gowns are not allowed to be altered in any way.

Note: Failure to meet the dress code outlined above could result in the student being prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony. Students will be checked for appropriate attire prior to being admitted to the gym.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS:

Riverview has hired a professional photographer who will photograph graduates as they receive their diplomas. These photos will be available for purchase online. If you have any inquiries concerning these photos, please call GRAD Images, 800-628-4509, or email ([www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com)).

Please be considerate of all the graduates and the flow of the ceremony if taking your own photographs, keeping the aisles clear. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until all graduates have exited the stadium. Graduation pictures can be taken in front of the stadium.

All of us at Riverview High School are very proud of this special group of young men and women. We expect great things from them in the future. Let's make this a special day to remember. I must also remind you that receipt of this letter **does not** guarantee that your student has met all the requirements to graduate from Riverview High School on Thursday, May 23, 2019. If your student **does not** plan to be at graduation, please advise Michele Fulmer by calling Riverview, 923-1484, Ext. 64227.

Regards,

  
Erin del Castillo  
Principal