

June 7, 2019

Congratulations to the Class of 2019,

- It is hard to believe that graduation night is less than a week away. In an effort to make the night run smoothly, we have begun preparing for graduation and will continue until the soon to be graduates are ready for the ceremony. As always, our goal is to hold the ceremony outdoors and a final decision will be made on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Monday, June 10, 2019

- Graduation tickets will be passed out
- Outdoor graduation practice at Penders Field, all seniors should report no later than 8:30 AM.
- Senior Walk to Elementary Schools (11:00- 11:45). Students will be picked up and dropped off at Penders Field, Permissions slips have already been handed out to all seniors.

### Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

- Graduation Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. (if needed– Location TBD)
- Graduation Ceremony 6 p.m.

**IMPORTANT: Graduates report to Penders Field for 5:15 p.m**

### Additional Important Information:

- Tickets for both indoor and outdoor ceremonies will be handed to our graduates on Monday. Access to Penders will be allowed at the majority of gates. Everyone in attendance will need a ticket.
- Parking will be located on the grass field across from turf area and access will be granted from Prim Street which is located next to the tennis courts.
- Families in need of handicap/field level parking and seating should contact Ms. Erica Ayala in the main office on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (203-385-4230).
- Parking fills quickly please arrive early as gates to the field will open at 5:00 PM that afternoon.
- Please respect the areas designated as NO PARKING that evening. The Stratford Police Department has collaborated with us to create a parking and traffic plan to support your access to local roads following the ceremony.
- In the event that the ceremony is held indoors, gym ticket holders and our handicap entrance will enter through the King Street doors, directly into the gym. (please remember that if we are moved to indoors there is a three ticket maximum per family, they are the gold tickets that you will receive)
- Dress code for the graduates:
  - Gentlemen:
    - Recommended collared shirt and tie.
    - Slacks (long pants) only – NO SHORTS
    - Shoes recommended as opposed to sneakers
  - Ladies:
    - Dress, skirt, pants and blouse
    - Wedge-heeled shoes – NO SPIKED HEELS (they damage the turf)
- Students are NOT permitted to decorate their mortar boards (graduation caps). Both Stratford and Bunnell High School have long standing traditions of not decorating graduation caps. While we appreciate the interest to do so, we will be honoring this long standing tradition moving forward.
- Students are not permitted to bring beach balls or other inflatable items.
- Balloons and signs are not permitted to either an indoor or outdoor ceremony.

In closing, please allow me to reiterate that Stratford is known for its long history of formal, dignified commencement ceremonies that provide our seniors with a shared memory of their final class event. As

parents, you want to enjoy the ceremony, hear your child's name, and see him/her cross the stage. Please join me in making next Tuesday's ceremony pleasant evening for you, your family, and your graduate!

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

  
Saek D. Hapiana  
Principal