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Gibbs High School Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony

Location

Gibbs High School, Ernest Whited Stadium

Date/Time

June 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Each graduate will be provided 4 tickets to bring guests to the ceremony. Tickets will be distributed on Monday, June 1 from Noon-3:00 p.m. in the breezeway between the office and main gymnasium. The student **must** be present with ID to receive tickets. No student, parent, or others will receive more than the 4 tickets provided by Knox County Schools. If the graduate cannot come at the designated time to pick up tickets, then they may come to the office on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

Information for Seniors

All Gibbs High School and Knox County Schools rules for the ceremony must be followed to participate. Caps/gowns cannot be decorated or altered in any way to participate. Seniors will be allowed to dress casual due to the potentially warm weather. Due to walking distance, Seniors may wear tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, or flats, but no heels. All financial obligations and fees must be paid by June 8 to participate. There will be no rehearsal. Seniors need to arrive in the courtyard area at 5:30 p.m. on June 12. This is important so we can disperse important ceremony information to our Seniors. It is expected to be very warm in June, so be sure to drink plenty of water. Water will be provided to our students.

Information for Attendees

No one will be allowed on campus OR inside the stadium without a ticket issued by Knox County Schools. The campus will be closed until 5:00 p.m. on June 12. The stadium gates will open at precisely 5:30 p.m. Due to the size of our stadium and the existing physical distancing

guidelines, we cannot be certain everyone will have a seat. However, we will do our best to accommodate guests in both home and visitor bleachers, along with the perimeter of the bleachers in the north end of the complex. No guests will be allowed on the field or track at any time before, during, or after the ceremony. Attendees will be expected to follow precautionary guidelines such as physical distancing among guests, wearing a mask or cloth face covering, and staying home if experiencing fever, cough or other symptoms. No concessions will be sold during the ceremony.

Parking/Security

Parking will be allowed in all designated parking spaces on our campus. Handicap parking will be outside the main entrance gate on the home side of the stadium. Knox County Schools Security Department will be available to help our guests during the event.

Live Streaming

We understand that some may not be comfortable attending or able to attend. All ceremonies will be live-streamed and recorded for on-demand viewing later. Additionally, each family will receive a recording of their ceremony.

Cords/Stoles

Cords and/or stoles will be distributed on the day of the ceremony by the teacher sponsors or department chairs. Due to all of the COVID-19 business closures, there is a possibility of not having some of these recognitions for the ceremony.

Diploma Covers

Diplomas will be given to the graduates in the courtyard immediately after the ceremony. There is a possibility that diploma covers may not be available in time for our graduation ceremony. If diploma covers are not available, then they will be distributed during the summer. We apologize for this inconvenience, but the COVID -19 virus has disrupted production in factories, impacted delivery schedules, and interrupted printing schedules.

Yearbooks

Due to all of the COVID-19 closures throughout the country, our yearbooks have not been delivered at this time. We will inform you when yearbooks arrive, along with a distribution schedule this summer.