

March 22, 2019

Dear Parents and Class of 2019,

It is hard to believe that Graduation is almost here! It is such an exciting time in the lives of our Seniors and there is a vast amount of information to share with you as we look forward to these times of achievement and celebration. To help with planning in anticipation of these events, listed below are important dates and details about Graduation.

Preparation for Graduation 2019

Location and Time of Graduation:

- University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton, Texas
- Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00pm

Other Important Dates for Seniors:

- Prom – May 11, 2019, Omni Hotel, Fort Worth, 8:00-11:00pm
- Royal Awards/Senior Day – May 24, 2019, BNHS Competition Gym, 9:00am
- Senior Sunset – May 24, Bobcat Stadium

List of Reminders:

Seniors will report to the UNT Super Pit Coliseum by 4:30pm, Monday, June 3rd.

- Upon arrival, you will line up outside the coliseum by the UNT marquee.
- **Do not bring cell phones, cameras or purses into the building. You will be asked to take any of these items to your parents/guardians or put them in your car, thus losing your place in line.** Any personal items left with staff members will not be available to pick-up from Byron Nelson High School until Tuesday, June 4 at 8:30am
- **No hangers-you must carry your cap, gown, tassel, and stole into the holding area.**
- From there, you will go through a metal detector before entering the holding room. When you are in the holding room, you will receive a reading card with your name and seating number on it. **Please, do not misplace this card.** This is the reading card that you will hand to the announcer. Please fill out the back with your name and address. Staff members will be on hand should you need a pencil or have any questions.
- You will put on your cap and gown once you have received your reading card.
- You will then line up and listen for instructions from Dr. Myers and other members of the administration.
- Only students participating in the ceremony and staff members are allowed to enter the holding area.
- You will not be allowed to return to the holding room once the ceremony concludes.

Other Important Things to Know:

- Name readers will be divided by last name. If you would like to discuss the pronunciation of your name, please see Coach Melbourn (AC114) for last names beginning with the letters A-L or Ms. Bramlett (PAC108) for last names beginning with the letters M-Z.
- Jostens will be on site if you have forgotten your tassel. Tassels will be \$10 each, cash only.
- Students are **not** allowed to wear decorated graduation caps. If your student is out of dress code, they **will not** be permitted to walk until the problem has been resolved.

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- Tickets are **not** required for the graduation ceremony. Seating is first come, first serve. There will be another graduation ceremony prior to the BNHS ceremony.

Dress Code for Men:

- A blue, black or white shirt with a collar and tie.
- Dark slacks are preferred (no blue jeans).
- NO tennis shoes or flip flops.

Dress Code for Ladies:

- Dress must comply with NISD dress code.
- If wearing slacks, a dark color is preferred. No blue jeans.
- NO tennis shoes or flip flops.

Behavior during the ceremony is important. All graduates deserve to celebrate their graduation with pride and dignity. Students who choose to deprive their classmates of this honor will be removed from the ceremony. Please encourage family and friends to be respectful as well. Cell phones should be turned off and **no air horns** are permitted into the coliseum. **You only graduate from high school once, so let's make it a special time for everyone.**

Once again, after the ceremony concludes, you **will not** be able to return to the holding room. Therefore, **do not** bring any items in and expect a staff member or administrator to hold it for you.

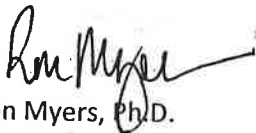
Arrange to meet your family and friends at a designated gate on the upper concourse. Family and friends will not be allowed on the arena floor or in the South Tunnel. Parents and friends can be seated anywhere during the ceremony, except for the first eight rows in Section 120. These seats are reserved for BNHS and district staff members. A map of the UNT Coliseum is included for your convenience.

You may purchase a graduation DVD for \$29.99 (price includes shipping and tax) from Live Event Video Productions by completing the order form enclosed. This will allow you time to focus on your son/daughter's special day. DVDs will be mailed out approximately 4-6 weeks after graduation, to the address you provide on the form. There will also be a link to order professional photographs from Flash Photography that will be shared on the BNHS website when it is available.

Please note: Our current practice is that if a senior is placed at DAEP, they must complete their placement and return to campus before the last day of school in order to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. If a student finishes the year at DAEP, they are not eligible to walk. If your student is placed at DAEP within the last 45 or 30 days of school, graduation will be discussed at the DAEP meeting with your student's Assistant Principal.

Please do not hesitate to call Beth Miller at 817-698-5739 if you have any questions or concerns.

In Bobcat Pride,



Ron Myers, Ph.D.
Principal