



Kalkaska Public Schools

*Kalkaska High School
Principal, Charles C. Sorentino Jr
Assistant Principal, John Arnold*

Dear Seniors and Senior Parents:

I want to review the calendar of activities and procedures as next week approaches and the excitement of graduation elevates. Please keep this information in a handy place for your easy access.

Friday, June 26th: Graduation Rehearsal. THIS IS A REQUIRED EVENT FOR THOSE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTUAL CEREMONY. GRADUATES WILL RECEIVE THEIR 4 GUEST TICKETS FOR THE GRADUATION EVENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF REHEARSAL PRACTICE.

All students park in the **MIDDLE SCHOOL** parking lot and sit in the visitor stands starting at 10 a.m. McDonalds breakfast will be provided. Rehearsal will begin **PROMPTLY** at 10:30 a.m. and last approximately 45 minutes. We will expect a focused approach to this activity with respect to work commitments that some students have made.

DRESS CODE: PLEASE DRESS WITH OUR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT RESPECTFUL ATTIRE WOULD BE. TENNIS SHOES ARE RECOMMENDED.

Saturday, June 27th. Graduation Morning, Event Start Time: 11 a.m.

Students are to park in the MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT, ARRIVING AT 10:30 AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM FOR THE LINE-UP. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE IN THE BUILDING AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE ENTIRE CEREMONY. **NO PARENTS, FRIENDS, SIBLINGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THIS AREA FOR PICTURES, ETC.**

DRESS CODE: PICTURES OF YOU DURING THIS EVENT WILL BE KEEPSAKES. MEN: DRESS PANTS, FLAT HEELED DRESS SHOES (NO TENNIS SHOES, SLIDES, OR FLIP FLOPS), DRESS SHIRT AND TIE. LADIES: DRESS PANTS OR DRESSES/SKIRTS, FLAT DRESS SHOES OR SANDALS (NO HEELS AS WE ARE ON GRASS, NO SLIDES OR FLIP FLOPS).

All parents are required to park in the **HIGH SCHOOL** parking lots. Guest entrance is ONLY through the EAST football complex entrance. Admission is by ticket only. Due to size limitations, every person (including children of any age) must have a ticket to enter. The gates will open at 10 a.m. Your guests must sit in pairs of two. Social distancing between these pairs is required. At no time will anyone be allowed on the field before, during or after the ceremony for pictures. We would like all guests to exit the complex following the ceremony. Staff and police will be on hand to help guests with questions. No coolers, air horns, noise makers and balloons will be allowed into the complex.

If you have guests who cannot attend and would like to view an online simulcast, please email Mr. Guggemos at jguggemos@kpschools.com with the subject header in the email being "E-Ticket Graduation Request". He will then send you a link to the event. This link is only unique to the email that is sent to him; you cannot share the link with multiple people. We only have 500 available E-Tickets to offer, if you plan to attend graduation, please do not request an electronic invite. If you have questions, please direct them to Mr. Guggemos.

There will be no WiFi at the stadium so as to avoid crashing the system and interfering with the live event technology needs.

If any of your guests are handicapped, please call the main office by Wednesday, June 24th, so we may be prepared.

Saturday, June 27, Night Time Closing Ceremony Start Time: 9 p.m.

The finale event will begin at 9 p.m. All student parking will be in the high school lot. Students will enter only from the west complex entrance and proceed to the field. **ALL GUESTS SHOULD USE THE PERIMETER OUTSIDE OF THE COMPLEX TO VIEW THE SCOREBOARD AND THE EVENT.** This event will be a visual presentation of remembrance video, a commemorative to Seth Chopp and a release of lanterns from the grads.

The Senior Parent Organization will be conducting their raffle for prizes during the night ceremony. You must be present to win. As well, at its conclusion, EVERY GRAD WILL RECEIVE A GIFT BASKET FROM THE SENIOR PARENT ORGANIZATION (**whether you bought a ticket to the all-night party or not**).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE EMAIL ME OR MRS. RABOURN AT csorentino@kpschools.com , mrabourn@kpschools.com.

In the event of bad weather, the graduation and the evening event will be postponed until the next day/night.

Thank you,

Charles Sorentino, Principal