



**Stuttgart High School  
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**Dear Parent:**

**The Graduation committee has finalized plans for graduation. This is to inform you of some of the activities.**

**On Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (rain date May 6th) at 6:00 p.m., we will hold Senior Recognition Night at Ned Moseley Stadium. Masks will be required. This is a mandatory attendance by seniors unless prior arrangements have been made with Mr. McKinney. Seniors need to arrive by 5:45. Parking for seniors only will be in the George Burke Field House parking lot and will require a parking pass. Each senior will receive 8 tickets and will receive them at the meeting on Wednesday, the 21st. Seating for handicapped individuals will be available through the front office. The individual will need to have a reserved ticket to receive a handicapped seat. For safety purposes no parent/guardian on the track or field until the Signing ceremony begins. Dress will be the same as graduation except no tie for the boys. Seniors will also receive their 8 tickets for graduation on this night.**

**On Wednesday, May 12, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. will have Graduation practice. Seniors will park in the George Burke Field House parking lot and meet in the George Burke Field House. It is extremely important that every senior be at this practice. After practice and all financial and grade obligations have been met caps, gowns, and parking passes will be passed out. The seniors will load buses to participate in the traditional "Senior Walkthrough" at PAE, MMS, SJHS, and SHS. Seniors need to wear appropriate school pants and polo shirt or school t-shirt for practice. Masks are required.**

**Commencement exercises will be on Friday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Moseley Stadium, weather permitting. In the event that it is raining at this time, graduation will be postponed for 30-minute intervals until 9:00 p.m. In the event that it is still raining, graduation will be postponed to Saturday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m. at Ned Moseley Stadium. If weather prohibits the ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will delay the ceremony by one hour until weather permits. Please stay tuned to your local radio station KWAK FM 97.3 for current updates on the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021.**

**This year several security measures have been implemented to insure a safe and orderly graduation ceremony. We have implemented the following measures:**

- 1. No food or drink will be allowed inside the gate at graduation.**
- 2. Artificial noisemakers or balloons will not be allowed at graduation.**
- 3. No lawn chairs will be allowed inside the gate at graduation.**
- 4. People in the graduation audience will be required to stay in the stands until the ceremony is over. Police will be on hand to assist if an emergency arises.**

**Seniors should arrive at the George Burke Field House by 6:15 p.m. Only seniors will park at the George Burke Field House parking lot and a parking pass is required. They will line up at 6:30 p.m. Please see that your senior understands the importance of being in the right place at the right time. Parents/Guardians are not allowed in the field house before or after graduation.**

**Seniors are to wear caps and gowns to the ceremony. Males and Females: Jewelry according to the dress code policy – Stud earrings, 1 ring per hand, a watch and 1 small necklace are the only jewelry allowed. Ladies are to wear an appropriate dress or dark slacks under robes; men must wear dress shirts, ties, and dark trousers under the robes. Dark dress shoes should be worn by all seniors. If for some reason the student does not have the appropriate clothing, he/she should contact Mr. McKinney or Mrs. Sherman.**

**Each graduate will receive 8 tickets and receive them on May 4th at senior night. Reserved seating will be provided for the disabled only. You may pick up reserve seat passes from the SHS business office until noon May 12th. The individual will need to have a reserved ticket to receive a handicapped seat.**

**There will be 500 additional tickets available for the visitor's side of the stadium. These will be available at the front office at the High School Monday, May 10-Friday, May 14 8:00am-4pm. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis and there is no limit on the amount of tickets you can get.**

**Available parking for graduation will be available at the following locations: SJHS parking lot, area north of concession stand, and SHS parking lot.**

**Professional photographers will NOT be allowed at the graduation ceremony. A photographer from Bowden's will be in attendance to take photographs of the seniors at the ceremony.**

**The graduates' diplomas will not be in the cover that is handed to them during the commencement exercise. Graduates will pick up their diplomas and report cards as they exit the ceremony through the George Burke Fieldhouse to the parking lot.**

**If you have any questions concerning graduation, please contact me. Please let me thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to make your senior's graduation orderly and safe.**

**Jeff McKinney, Principal**