

Tinora High School

Building the future one student at a time

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Tinora High School Class of 2021,

I hope that this letter finds everyone doing well and feeling excited that graduation is just 2 weeks away! As graduation is almost upon us, I wanted to take a moment to update our graduation plan for Sunday, June 6th. After speaking with multiple parents and students, we are going to make sure that we complete graduation on Sunday, June 6th regardless of what type of weather we would happen to get. This is due to graduation parties, military deployments, and other family obligations that have already been planned. If all goes as planned, we will still graduate at Justin F. Coressel Stadium at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 6th. Students will be seated in the track area facing the home bleachers. We will have a podium in the middle of the students where they will walk by to get their diplomas from Mr. John Higbea, our school board president. Due to recent changes in outdoor protocols that are in effect beginning June 2nd, facial coverings will be optional for those in attendance. Students will still be limited to 10 guests. Rod Brown will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diplomas. As a token of our appreciation for the Class of 2021, Tinora High School will provide graduates with 2 5x7 pictures. These pictures will be available for pickup a few days after graduation. An instant alert will be sent to Seniors and their families when the pictures are available.

If we happen to get bad weather, graduation will be moved into the high school gym. Graduation will still occur at 2:00 PM. However, due to seating regulations and other protocols for school buildings, graduates will be allowed to have 6 guests as opposed to 10 if it were to occur outside. Also, if we are inside, face coverings will be optional. However, if you are not vaccinated, we encourage you to wear a mask per recommendations from the CDC. Once again, we will try to do everything in our power to have the ceremony outside so that more people can attend this special event. We are also in the process of getting a live stream setup that will air on our Facebook page.

Graduation practice is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 3 at Justin F. Coressel Stadium. Graduation tickets, along with some other additional mementos from elementary school, will be passed out to seniors once practice has been completed. Following practice, we will be doing the "Senior Salute" at Tinora Elementary School. Seniors will need to make sure to bring their cap and gown with them to practice so that they can put it on once practice has finished. Tentatively, the Senior Salute will begin at 10:30. Parents may attend, but they must stay on the outside of the school building due to our elementary students still being in session.

Finally, please remember that all school fees for graduates must be paid in full by Thursday, June 3rd in order for students to receive their diploma and participate in the graduation ceremony. Checks can be made out to Northeastern Local Schools or payments can be made in cash. If you would happen to have any questions regarding school fees, please contact Mrs. Schafer in the high school office at 419-497-2621.

Thank you so much for all the patience and understanding throughout this crazy school year. I cannot wait to celebrate this huge accomplishment with all of you in just 2 short weeks! I hope that everyone has a fantastic ending to their Tinora High School careers!

Sincerely,

Eric Tipton, Tinora High School Principal