March 16, 2023

Ridgedale High School Class of 2023:

The Ridgedale Class of 2023 has distinguished itself in many ways, both in and out of the classroom. Your senior year is almost over, and it is time to plan for graduation. The purpose of this letter is to inform both the graduates and their parents of the procedures and requirements necessary for a memorable and smooth end of the year.

The last day of regular classes for Seniors will be Tuesday, May 16. On Wednesday, May 17, there will be a Senior Class Trip to Kings Island. The cost for this trip is \$35, which is due to Mrs. Leach by Friday, April 28.

On Thursday, May 18, there will be a Senior Barbecue and Class Picture at 12:30 pm. The Senior Class T Shirt should be worn for the Class Picture. This will conclude around 2:00 pm.

On Friday, May 19, there will be a Senior Breakfast starting at 9:00 am, the Senior Awards Assembly at 10:00 am, and graduation practice at noon. The Awards Assembly is where all seniors will be recognized in front of the entire student body for their accomplishments. All parents are encouraged to attend this assembly also. All seniors need to make sure they have given Mr. Sparling all of their scholarships and other awards you have earned so you can be properly recognized during this time. Seniors may want to "dress up" for the Awards Assembly. After the assembly (approximately noon), graduation practice will be held. Graduation Practice is mandatory for all seniors wanting to participate in the Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2023 on Sunday, May 21.

The Commencement Exercises for the Ridgedale Class of 2023 will be held on Sunday, May 21, starting at 2:00. Graduates will need to meet in the lower gym lobby at 1:40.

The following dress code will be in place for students to participate in graduation. Male graduates must wear dress pants (absolutely no shorts), a button shirt with a collar, and dress shoes (no athletic shoes or sandals). A tie is optional, but recommended. Female graduates may wear either a dress, a skirt with a blouse, or dress slacks and a blouse and dress shoes. No painting of the graduation caps is permitted. Of course, in order to participate, all graduates must wear their cap and gown in the appropriate manner. All other aspects of the Ridgedale High School Dress Code and conduct apply during graduation. In addition, all student fees and obligations must be met in full for students to receive their diplomas. I have included the amounts of any school fees and your current lunch balance. Payments may be sent to the high school office at any time. However, any payments made after May 6 will need to be made in cash, as opposed to a check.

In closing, we would like to thank all of the parents and seniors for your help in making this a great year for the Class of 2023. Hopefully, the above guidelines will help all of us to celebrate this year's graduation in a manner that will be positive reflection on the school and individual graduates. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school.

Sincerely,

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