**East Gaston High School**

**Information for graduating seniors**

**June 4, 2022**

This information has been compiled for you to help make your last few weeks as a senior run smoothly. If you do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony, please let Mrs. Wilcox know by Wednesday, May 25th. Please read carefully and see/email Mrs. Wilcox if you have any questions. (kbwilcox@gaston.k12.nc.us)

**1. Fees:**  All delinquent fees must be paid by the end of the day on **Wednesday June 1, 2022**. Students will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony without clearing all fines. On the morning of practice, **no checks** will be accepted. You will have to pay cash if you still owe money.

**2. Practice:** Graduation practice will be held **Friday, June 3 at 8:30 am.** We will meet **in the gym.**

-the same school rules that have been applied all year also apply to practice. Students must wear acceptable shorts and shirts; shoes must be worn. No hats!!!

-Any student who plans to participate in the ceremony Saturday morning **MUST** be at practice on Friday morning for the **entire** rehearsal. If you do not practice, you do not participate in the ceremony due to the complicated procedure of marching in and out in reverse order of some rows.

-Drinking alcoholic beverages or the consumption of controlled substances will not be tolerated. Any use of alcohol or any other controlled substance will mean being removed from the graduation line and dealt with by the authorities. This will result in suspension from the graduation ceremony.

-**Rehearsal will last as long as it is necessary to make sure that the program runs smoothly. Your attention and cooperation will make sure that we finish in as short a time as possible. Plan your work schedules to allow plenty of time for graduation practice.**

**Reminder:** you are not to be on any other school campus during this day!!!

**3. Tickets:** Each senior will receive **ten (10)** tickets to Arrowhead Stadium for the graduation ceremony. Tickets will be handed out at graduation practice. Please let your guest know that each person who enters must have a ticket, including children of all ages; however, we respectfully request that babies and toddlers be left at home with a sitter because this is a formal occasion and their inattention disrupts the ceremony. Also, please remember that you mailed announcements to your family and friends, not invitations; these announcements do not entitle them admittance to the ceremony. **Remember everyone must have a ticket to be admitted.**

In case of rain or severe weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors. Due to the limited number of seats in the gymnasium, each senior will receive **four (4)** tickets that will be for indoor seating **ONLY**. These tickets will not be good for the outdoor ceremony. Please know, we will make every effort to have the ceremony outdoors.

**4. Honors/Academic cords:** Students with GPAs above 3.7 receive stoles and cords. These are loaned from the school and must be returned at the time you collect your diploma. However, **they may be purchased at rehearsal on graduation day** with CASH ONLY and EXACT CHANGE. Stoles = $20, Cords = $15. This stole and cord are given to you at graduation practice. They are not the same as Beta Club or any other stole/cord you may receive.

**5. Graduation :** Every senior must dress appropriately in order to participate in the graduation ceremony on **June 4**.

**Proper Dress includes:**

Males = dress shirt and tie (tie is optional since we will be outside), dress slacks, and appropriate shoes

Females = dresses, skirts or dress slacks and blouses, and appropriate dress shoes

**Not permitted** are extremely high heels, flip flops, tennis shoes, work/hiking boots, canvas shoes, dirty shoes

**Assembly**: The school will be open for you to assemble for graduation at **7:30 am**. Please arrive on time with your cap, gown, tassel, and appropriate clothing. You are to park in the parking lot on the visitor side of the stadium at the 300 building where you will be scanned and a security search will be done. Once you are in the 300 building, you will look for your alphabet above the classroom doors. We will be lining up in the 300 building and walking across the parking lot to the visitor gate, down the hill, and onto the field. Each person will be responsible for remembering his/her row and seat number. Girls should make arrangements for pocketbooks and keys beforehand.

**Proper behavior:** This is an occasion that we hope will be a memorable one for you. With this in mind, we remind you of the following:

Be respectful and dignified.

Do not chew gum.

When names are called, omit any expression of approval, or disapproval such as laughing, booing, clapping, etc. Please communicate this to your guests also.

Do not embarrass your family and classmates by showing up “under the influence.” We do not want the event ruined for anyone.

Do not add adornment of any kind to your cap and gown. You will not be allowed to participate if you do.

**Guests:** Please let your family and friends know the general rules of conduct listed above. Also, advise them of the limited parking. Guests should be advised that a security scan includes persons being wanded or searched. **No bags will be allowed**, please leave pocketbooks and all other bags at home or locked up in a vehicle. All persons attending the ceremony should plan to be seated before 8:55 am. Parking lots will open at 7:45 am. Tickets will be checked as cars enter the parking lot and as guests enter the stadium. Please inform family and friends that there will be a recessional.

**Handicap Parking**: There will be a designated parking area for all guests with a placard/tag issued by the DMV. There will be a drop off location for guests without a placard.

**\*\*REMINDER:** **NO guests will be allowed into the stadium or parking lot once the ceremony has started.\*\***

Individual taping and photography are allowed as long as they do not interfere with anyone, are individually held, and done from a seated position.

**Diplomas:** Please return to the classrooms to pick up your diploma after the ceremony. If you do not pick up your diploma in the classroom, it may be picked up on Tuesday, June 6 in the office.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!!!!!