

# RRHS Class of 2020

## Commencement Ceremony Guidelines

Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM at the RRHS Stadium

- Rain Date is August 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am

**\*Please be aware: ONLY 2 guests total will be admitted to the ceremony and no extra seating will be available. No exceptions will be made.**

### Actions and Items that ARE ALLOWED

- ✓ Caps that have been decorated (Please ensure they are appropriate or they will not be permitted)
- ✓ Family appropriate congratulatory signs
- ✓ Happy faces, cheering and waving

### **Arrival Times**

Last Name A-M: 6:40-7:05

Last Name N-Z: 7:05-7:25

### Actions and Items that are **NOT** ALLOWED

- No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, drugs, pets, fireworks, or weapons
- Streamers, silly string, smoke, inflatable objects, or water toys
- Approaching other graduates and families during the ceremony
- Congregating or group gatherings before or after the ceremony
- Leaving prior to conclusion of the ceremony.

### Dress Code for the Ceremony

- Graduates can walk in carrying their gown as we know it will be hotter than normal outside.
- Graduates should wear school appropriate clothing underneath their gowns. Typically, we would ask young men to wear a shirt and tie but it will be hot. In this case, we suggest a t-shirt with sleeves (no tank tops) or polo shirt with a collar. We also ask that young men wear pants because it looks better with a gown on, but pants, jeans, shorts are all acceptable. We would also encourage comfortable shoes. Typically, we would ask young ladies to wear a dress, skirt, or pants. In this case, you are welcome to wear shorts or jeans. We would also encourage comfortable shoes (you will be walking in grass and that is difficult in heels).
- Caps can be decorated, however, if the message is offensive in any way, it will be taken prior to the ceremony.

### Pre-Ceremony Preparation, Parking, & Arrival

- Please arrive at the scheduled time posted.
- Please go to the restroom prior to coming to the ceremony.
- Please bring an INDEX sized card with your full name on it- with it spelled phonetically so that the readers can pronounce it correctly.
- Please bring your cell phone and cameras to take pictures.
- Please bring bottled water, juice, Gatorade/Powerade, soda.
- **Please leave bags/purses in cars. NO BAGS BACKPACKS of any kind will be permitted.**

- Please park in the student parking lot ONLY.
- Upon arrival, you will enter through the gate near the theater and will be directed by RRHS staff.
- Students and their two guests need to have masks on when entering.
- Please practice Social Distancing as you enter the Stadium.
- Please go the seat triads that are open and closest to the stage.

### **Commencement Ceremony Expectations**

- The Commencement Ceremony will start at 7:30PM and end at approximately 9:00PM.
- The ceremony will consist of speeches, awards, reading of names, and the turning of tassels.
- Please remain in your seat until you are directed to the stage by staff and then return to your seat afterward, maintaining social distancing expectations.
- Graduates and their guests will not be allowed to congregate following the ceremony.
- Graduates and their guests will exit campus at the conclusion of ceremony via the gates that they entered to maintain CDC guidelines.
- The ceremony will be live streamed on the RRHS Facebook Page however, we encourage families to do their own livestream in the event our connection is not working properly.

### **Protocols for Walking Across the Stage**

- Graduates should wear their masks as they approach the stage.
- Bring your Walk Card with your name on it- with it spelled phonetically so that the readers can pronounce it correctly.
- Please hand the reader the card.
- If necessary, please say your name to the reader so that it is pronounced correctly.
- As you walk across the stage, you may remove your mask for pictures.
- Please maintain social distancing.
- **Please bring your diploma cover with you across the stage for pictures!**
- Hold it in front of you so that you can have your picture taken. During the ceremony, Gigante will be on-site to take pictures (candids and diploma cover). Their website and link will be provided to families who would like to purchase photos. Parents will have opportunities during the ceremony to take pictures as well (with respect to the ceremony).
- Return to your seat following pictures and remain there for the remainder of the ceremony.

*Congratulations, ROYAL Class of 2020!*

Share your pictures and videos on Twitter and Instagram!  
Use the hashtag #ROYAL2020