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To the Class of 2019 and Parents/Guardians,

There are many items you need to be aware of regarding our 2019 Horton High School Commencement. Be sure to put this information on your refrigerator or bulletin board for easy reference.

Caps & Gowns: Jeff Heline of *Jostens* will present graduation information for cap/gown/graduation announcements on **September 13, 2018** in the auditorium. He will then return **September 18, 2018** to take orders. The cost for the cap/tassel & gown will be \$30. Any additional items (including graduation announcements) will add cost. The orders will be sent to the school and can be picked up once they arrive. Caps & gowns will be handed out on **May 7th** in the office. Be sure to place the gown on a plastic hanger so wrinkles hang out by graduation.

Senior Pictures: If you haven't already done so, your senior pictures should be taken soon. A senior picture is needed for the yearbook and the senior slideshow.

Senior pictures for the yearbook and miscellaneous pictures (pictures of class activities, birthday parties, etc.) for the graduation slide show are due by **January 7, 2019**. The pictures can be turned into the HHS Main Office or Mrs. Grissom or you can email pictures to grissoma@usd430.org or brownj@usd430.org. All slideshow pictures will be scanned and returned so long as your name is on the reverse.

Name Verification: Seniors will be asked to come to the office early in their senior year to verify correct spelling of their legal name with either middle name or initial. This will be used on their diploma, and graduation and baccalaureate programs.

Prom: April 27, 2019, Project AFTER PROM PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

All parents interested in helping organize, contribute to, and/or participate in **Project After Prom 2019**, please contact Senior President Sarah Hutfles Parents, Charlie & Jennifer Hutfles.

Senior Sneak: May 11-12, 2019 Information will be sent home regarding the senior trip in the upcoming weeks from the **Senior Sponsors** Mrs. Hayden and Ms. Valkar.

College Visits:

Seniors are allowed **two college visits**. These visits must be arranged through the high school counselor, or the absence will be considered unexcused. Students are encouraged to schedule additional visits when school is not in session (in-services, weekends, etc.).

Scholarships/Financial Aid Meeting:

There will be a student and parent meeting in the early fall for scholarships/financial aid for colleges and post secondary schools. Please check the **High School Counselor's Corner** on the school website for all scholarships and important dates.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) form will need to be completed if your student will be attending college or post secondary school and need scholarships, grants, or financial assistance. You can begin them as early as **October 1, 2019**. For more information contact Horton High Counselor Mr. Tyler Smith.

Outstanding Fees or Obligations:

All fees must be paid before your senior student can participate in the Commencement Ceremony. All school fees will need paid by **May 8, 2019**.

Senior Class Meeting:

Seniors will meet on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019** during 5th Period in the HHS Auditorium concerning Commencement, outstanding obligations, Legacy Walk, graduation practice, and other important details. A follow-up meeting will take place with seniors who have outstanding obligations on **Thursday, May 9, 2019** during lunch in the HHS Auditorium.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for the HHS Senior Class is **Thursday, May 16, 2019**.

Graduation Practice & Legacy Walk:

Friday, May 17, 2019, Seniors will meet at the Horton Grade School for the Legacy Walk (with cap & gown on) at **8:00 am** and then directly afterward go to the HS Commons for their group graduation picture. Then they will eat breakfast that will be provided in the Commons. At **9:00 am** they will practice the Commencement Ceremony in the gym, and then Seniors will dismiss for the day. Parents/guardians please make sure your Senior makes it for the Legacy Walk, Senior breakfast, and graduation practice, thank you!

****Diplomas will not be distributed at Commencement to students with any outstanding obligations.**

Transcripts:

Joy Brown will send final senior transcripts to colleges or post-secondary schools upon your request (call (785) 486-2151 to do so).

HCC Transcripts – Transcripts that list concurrent credit courses from Highland Community College must be requested directly from the HCC Registrar or you may request one at highlandcc.edu (forms in office.)

Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremony Information

Baccalaureate is planned with the Horton Ministerial Alliance and the Senior Class and is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm. HHS Auditorium.

Commencement is Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:30 pm, HHS Gymnasium. Graduates should arrive at least 45 minutes early.

Graduation Dress: Graduating women should wear a dress or skirt and blouse with dress shoes. Graduating men should wear dress slacks and collared shirt with dress shoes.

Questions: If you have any other question regarding...

- 2018 HHS Graduation Ceremony, call Fred Winter at 486-2151 or email at winterf@usd430.org
- 2018 HHS Project After Prom, call Charlie Hutfles at 548-7536 or email at hutflesc@usd430.org
- Request to have a transcript sent, call Joy Brown or Tyler Smith at 486-2151 or email at brownj@usd430.org or tylers@usd430.org

Congratulations to our Graduates of 2019 and thanks to the parents and guardians for all you do...

Seniors, Always Finish Strong!!

Fred Winter, Horton High School Principal