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Greetings Roughrider Seniors and their Parents & Guardians,

As I have communicated prior, the 2024 RHS Graduation will be May 24th at 7:00pm. The ceremony will be held on campus at Randall Hess Stadium. The purpose of this letter is to give you all of the details possible regarding the entire week of graduation night and the expectations for all that evening.

The week of Graduation (5/20-5/24)

Senior students do not have school on 5/20 or 5/21, although teachers will finalize grades on Monday, 5/20.

The final **Senior Checkout** will take place on Wednesday, 5/22 from 10-2pm in the Arena. This is for students, who haven't done so prior, to have their Graduate Check Out Form signed by Athletics/Activities, Food Service, Technology team, and Counseling Departments, making sure all fees and items are taken care of before graduation. All outstanding fees are to be paid before the graduation ceremony.

On 5/23 at 9:00am, the **Senior Parade** will occur for all graduates. If you plan on attending, please report, in your cap and gown, by 9:00am at the main entrance so we can leave for the Weld Re5J elementary schools. This is a super fun event, and always exciting for the seniors, but also for the elementary students, who line the hallway and high five our graduates. We will return at 10:30am after visiting all 4 schools: Elwell, Pioneer Ridge, MES and KQA.

On 5/23 at 1:30pm, the **Senior Luncheon** will be held in the RHS Cafe Commons and Courtyard. The Student Council will be providing lunch from Chick-Fil-A. This is a great opportunity for a few last pictures, and yearbook signing. We will also communicate important announcements about graduation rehearsal to follow.

On 5/23 at 2:15pm we will have **Graduation Rehearsal**. The Seniors will meet in the Arena, and will find their names on the walls, and what RHS staff member will be leading them out graduation evening. The students are grouped alphabetically, so it will be quite easy to find themselves. No reason to bring caps or a gown, although

sunscreen would be a suggestion if it is a hot day, as they will be sitting on the field for about an hour during rehearsal.

On 5/23 at 7:30pm **Senior Sunset** will occur. The students should meet in the RHS Courtyard. Students should bring their blankets and comfortable clothing for the annual event, as it could get cold once the sun goes down.

On 5/24, it is **Graduation Day!!** Students should arrive at 6:15pm, dressed in cap and gown, and report to the Arena. Both the north and south entrance doors of the school will be open for students to enter. We will be leaving the Arena at 7:00pm on the dot, heading out the east exit of the building and walking to the stadium.

Graduation Night Information for Families and Guests

The gates to the stadium will open for seating at **5:00pm on May 24th**. We will have 2 entrance gates for admission to the event. The first will be the **main entrance** (ticket booth) on the south side and the other entrance will be on the north side of the campus, **Gate 4**, adjacent the NW corner of the Field House. This will be an ideal entrance for those parking on the north side of the building.

Reserving seats prior to 5:00pm on May 24th will no longer be needed or allowed. Thank you for your cooperation as we create a more fair system for all families, and we feel that all families will be able to now sit in the stands with a great view of the ceremony.

Graduation Tickets will now be required for entry. Each graduate will receive **12 complimentary tickets** for their guests. Those tickets will be distributed to students during their advisory on **Thursday, 5/9/24**. **If you are currently an RHS Online student, please come in to the main office to pick up tickets anytime after the date above.**

If families need more tickets, then they should send an email request to Hannah.ortega@weldre5j.org .

If families **do not need** 12 tickets please give back the remaining tickets to your Advisory teacher OR to the main office. Lastly, the tickets are general admission, so if students give the extra tickets to their RHS Senior friends then that is fine by us.

Current RHS students who are NOT seniors, but may like to attend graduation to see their friends can enter without tickets, but are asked to sit in the grass or plaza area.

You must show your RHS student ID to enter. We want to do our best to keep the seats in the stands available for family and guests of the Senior graduates.

Deciding where to sit? The stage will be set up at the 50 yard line, over the “R”. The graduates will be sitting on the left of the 50 yard line. We will exit the east doors of the building and walk through the plaza to the top of the stairs entering the field on the north side of the track, walking in pairs on the track, before turning left and walking to their assigned seats. The ceremony will most likely conclude at 8:30pm, and at that time, guests will be invited out onto the field for pictures if desired. There will also be a balloon arch by the Donor Brick area as well on the plaza as well for photo ops.

Parking is available in the main lot on the south side, as well as the north lot. We will have overflow parking east of the stadium in the field. That entry will be on the north drive.

We will post this on the school website as well as include it in the newsletters as well.

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