Class of 2016 Graduation 🚳

GRADUATION PRACTICE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016 IN THE BHS COMMONS. GRADUATION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016 AT THE TOYOTA CENTER. <u>GRADUATES MUST ARRIVE AT 3:30 PM ON JUNE 3rd !!</u>

GRADUATE ARRIVAL

- ✓ Arrive at the Toyota Center at 3:30 p.m. Allow yourself plenty of time for travel (see attached map).
- ✓ Parking in the parking garage will be \$10. Surface lots range from \$10 to \$15.
- Students will enter through the Bell Street entrance. (Bell Street is a main entrance located on the South-side of the arena immediately across from the garage.)
- ✓ This entrance is for graduates only, not guests!
- ✓ A FBISD police officer and administrators / staff will be located inside the Bell Street entrance. They will check to make sure that you are in dress code and do not have any personal belongings with you.
- ✓ You will then be directed to go through a door and down the stairs. Make sure that you know your row / seat assignment that you were given at Graduation Practice so that you can proceed to your assigned seat.
- ✓ A sponsor will be available at the front of each row of seating to assist you.

PARENTS & GUESTS

- ✓ Parents will NOT be allowed to enter on Bell Street.
- ✓ All guests will use the LaBranch Street and Jackson Street Entrances (see attached concourse map).
- ✓ Handicapped parking is available in the parking garage on a first come first serve basis on the west side of the Toyota Center on Clay Street. There is a special area set aside for wheel chairs.
- ✓ After graduation, meet your student on Bell Street.
- ✓ Parents videotaping from tripods may only do so from handicapped seating locations. Hand-held videos may be used in normal seating areas.
- ✓ The Toyota Center will confiscate any laser pointers, air horns, balloons and flowers. and they will not be returned.
- ✓ All handbags are subject to be searched as people enter and no backpacks will be allowed.
- ✓ Water bottles, soda cans, coffee, etc. will not be allowed.

GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ <u>Commencement is a Privilege!</u>
- ✓ Behaviors and dress should be exemplary and reflect the dignity of the ceremony. Please act in a way that honors your classmates' achievements.
- ✓ ANY inappropriate behavior prior, or during commencement may result in Seniors not participating

GRADUATE DRESS CODE

- ✓ No shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops, thong sandals, or sunglasses.
- ✓ No facial piercings, Mohawks or colorful hair.
- ✓ DO NOT come to Toyota Center with your gown on.
- \checkmark Do not attach any extra items to your cap.
- ✓ Do not bring cameras, purses, backpacks, etc.
- ✓ You will not be allowed to take anything on to the floor.

MALE - Dress Code

- ✓ Slacks, white shirt with collar, tie, dark shoes.
- ✓ You MUST be clean shaven. You will be required to shave if you want to participate in the program.

FEMALE - Dress Code

✓ Dress, skirt and blouse with dark shoes.

PROCESSIONAL

- ✓ Last minute instructions will be given at 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ The procession begins promptly at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

- Remain seated until your row is directed to stand. Then, everyone must stand, turn to your right and follow the row leader to the stage. After you cross the stage, move your tassel to the left.
- ✓ Your picture will be taken twice—on the stage and after you exit the stage.

RECESSIONAL

✓ At the end of the ceremony, you will remain in your row until directed to leave the graduation area. You will exit behind the curtain through the right and left sides. You will then exit through the Bell Street Practice Court Door. You MUST exit and meet friends and family outside of the arena area. You will not have the opportunity to go back to your seat!

DIPLOMAS

- ✓ Diplomas will be available for pick-up at BHS -Mrs. Jeff's office beginning June 20, 2016. All fines must be cleared. Only the graduate or parent may pick-up your diploma and must have valid Picture I.D.
- ✓ Summer Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

