



STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2020 Frequently Asked Questions – COVID-19

Graduation

SMUSD has entered negotiation to hold graduation on Thursday, July 16th at Constellation Field in Sugar Land. The contract has not been finalized, but we hope to have that conformation very soon. It is very likely that graduates will be very limited in the number of guests that they can invite to help us accommodate social distancing protocols. Those numbers will be determined when the contract with the venue has been finalized. Graduation practice is tentatively scheduled for July 15th on the football field at Stafford High School. More information will be released as we get it.

If, by that date, it is not safe to gather in-person, SMUSD is working on options to provide either virtual or limited access ceremonies.

Caps and gowns are available for purchase through Balfour.com. The cap and gown unit is \$65. This unit comes with a tassel and stole. You may also purchase individual tassels and stoles if you already have a cap and gown. Pre-purchased caps and gowns were delivered on April 30th. If you did not pick up your items at this time, you may schedule a pick-up time by calling the SHS front office at 281-261-9239. Currently, Balfour is not offering any refunds. All questions about Balfour and their products should be made to the company directly at 713-784-4990.

Graduation honor and club stoles and cords will be distributed at graduation practice. If you have questions about club stoles and cords, please contact your club sponsor directly.

If you ordered graduation invitations that now have the incorrect date and location on them through Balfour, they do have an insert available that will have the correct information on it. For more information, please call Balfour at 713-784-4990.

Prom

No date has been set for a prom. We are waiting for guidance on restrictions being lifted for large groups to gather in confined spaces before we schedule another date. Many options are being considered, but student safety is our number one priority in determining how to best proceed.

Senior Activities

Since we cannot have students back in the building for the rest of the school year, all senior activities scheduled during Senior Week have been cancelled. As soon as the money is refunded to the school, we will provide refunds to the students. If we get a full refund, students will get a full refund. If we get a partial refund, students will get a partial refund. We are determined to do everything we can to get the



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money back to the students as soon as possible. If any of these events are rescheduled in the future, students will be able to sign up and pay for those events at that time. Details for the distribution of these refunds will be released when we have it. Seniors will still receive senior shirts, yearbooks, and souvenirs that they have already paid for. Refunds will not be available for these items.

Recognition

SHS distributed Class of 2020 yard signs at the cap and gown delivery. If you missed your chance to pick one up, please call the school at 281-261-9239 to arrange a pick-up time. Also, as you drive around the city of Stafford, pay attention to electronic billboards. You might see someone you recognize. There is also more to come!! Our hearts are broken for the experiences that our seniors have missed and we want to try to make this time as special as possible for them.

Grades/Credit

Due to the pandemic, final GPAs were frozen at the end of the Fall semester. Grades earned this semester will not be applied toward student GPAs. Students will only earn credit for completing their courses. Please remember that it is imperative that all seniors are still working to complete their classes either online through Blackboard and/or Edmentum or through packets that can be requested through the school. If a student does not complete a class, they will not receive credit and it likely will affect their graduation status. If you have questions or concerns, please communicate directly with the teachers or your counselor.

If you have any pressing questions or concerns, you may reach out to us. The main office phone (281-261-9239) is answered Monday-Friday from 8:00-noon. If you need immediate assistance, please reach out to your Assistant Principal, Marissa Vanison (A-L; mvanison@staffordmsd.org) or Silas Garcia (M-Z; sgarcia@staffordmsd.org).