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Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, academically rich environment utilizing best practices to develop all students to be productive citizens and preparing lifelong learners for post-secondary readiness and success in a global society.

May 22, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Class of 2020,

Greetings from Mesa Ridge High School! I hope this finds you well. We are navigating our way to celebrate the Class of 2020 and provided them the best ending to their high school career as we can. I wanted to share a few reminders as we officially close the school year and look toward the in-person and virtual graduations.

SENIOR GRADUATION PICTURES: DUE TODAY, May 22, 2020 by midnight!

If you are having trouble, please reach out to Mrs. Shea at shear@wsd3.org or Mrs. Tutton at tuttons@wsd3.org for support your upload needs. PLEASE upload your picture to this Drobox link...

https://www.dropbox.com/request/86JyEd7USXoyJB4dpNvi

DIPLOMA PICK-UP: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

• Seniors will enter the south student parking lot, and drive around the back of the building behind the gyms to the cafeteria patio. The times are as follows:

o Last name beginning with A - J 9:00 - 9:40 am

- o Last name beginning with K S 9:40 10:20 am
- Last name beginning with T Z
 10:20 11:00 am
- Members of the Mesa Ridge High School staff will be in attendance and adhering to all social distancing norms to acknowledge and honor our seniors as they pick up their diplomas. We look forward to seeing our wonderful seniors and celebrating with them!
- Seniors will be asked if they are going to participate in the voluntary in-person graduation for the logistical set up and preparation of the ceremony.
- Seniors will provide Mr. Smith and Mrs. Morgan their names phonetically for the graduation ceremony when their name is announced prior to them entering the stage.

VOLUNTARY IN-PERSON GRADUATION CEREMONY: June 11, 2020 at 11:00 am

- The voluntary in-person graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, at 11:00 am at Mesa Ridge High School on the football field. Graduates should arrive at 9:00 am in the south student parking lot dressed in their cap and gown and *have their Diploma Cover with them*.
- We will have a health check station graduates are required to complete with our WSD#3 nurses prior to entering the ceremony.
- **GradImages** is the professional photography company that will be taking photos of your graduates. They will be in contact with graduates and their families via email to purchase senior graduation photos after the ceremony. Types of photos that will be available are as follows:
 - 1. Head shot
 - 2. Torso up shot
 - 3. Stage shot
- We will publish a Livestream link for families and friends to enjoy the ceremony. Graduates do
 not need to bring their actual diploma to the ceremony however, we want them to <u>bring their</u>
 <u>diploma covers</u>. We will have clean diploma covers available for graduates to use as they get
 their pictures taken if they forget theirs. The Livestream link will be accessible on the Mesa
 Ridge High School webpage. https://mrhs.wsd3.org/
 - All graduates participating in the voluntary in-person ceremony will need a parent waiver signed and on file. Waivers were sent via email earlier this week by Mrs. Tutton for seniors and parents to sign, scan and send back to her email or to return next Tuesday, May 26, 2020 during diploma pick-up. Waivers will also be available to seniors as they pick up their diplomas on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Waivers can be signed and scanned back to Mrs. Tutton email at tuttons@wsd3.org

VIRTUAL GRADUATION VIDEO: June 12, 2020

- The virtual graduation video will be released on Friday, June 12, at 7:00 pm. A link to the video will be accessible on the Mesa Ridge High School webpage. https://mrhs.wsd3.org/ and will be provided at a later date.
- Please upload the graduation photos described in previous emails to the Dropbox link: https://www.dropbox.com/request/86JyEd7USXoyJB4dpNvi

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all students and parents as we have crossed these uncharted waters at the end of the school year. Our Mesa Ridge High School students, parents, and staff are truly the best. **GRIZZLY NATION ROCKS!!!**

Respectfully,

Scott A. Sage Principal