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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations on your son/daughter's graduation. Graduation exercises will be held Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Cardinal Stadium. Graduation is one of the highlights of your child's educational experience. We ask for your cooperation and help to ensure the ceremony contains the honor and respect graduation commands.

We ask you and your graduate to comply with the following guidelines:

1. **Pay any and all fees owed to JHS by June 2, 2023.** Please refer to the enclosed School Cash On-line form to check to see if your child owes fees to JHS. You may use the link to pay the fees online.
2. Ensure the graduate attends graduation practice at 9 am on June 12, 2023. Please note, if fees are not paid in full, students may not attend the graduation practice. **GRADUATION PRACTICE IS MANDATORY!** If the students do not participate in the graduation practice, they will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
3. During the graduation practice, each senior will receive **TEN (10) TICKETS** to distribute to family, friends, and children to attend the outdoor ceremony. No one will enter the stadium without a ticket. Graduates will also be given five (5) tickets for guests who wish to be indoors for the "Live Stream" presentation in the cafeteria. **The graduation announcements which you mailed to family and friends are not tickets to the graduation ceremony.**
4. In the event of **inclement weather**, the graduation ceremony will be held in the **gymnasium**. Due to fire codes, **the number of tickets per graduate will be limited to (5)**. These are the only tickets accepted for admission to the gym in case of inclement weather. Graduates will also be given five (5) tickets for guests who would like to attend the "Live Stream" in the cafeteria.
5. The graduation processional starts promptly at 7:00 P.M. Be seated no later than 6:40 p.m. No one will be allowed to enter the bleachers after the senior processional has begun. There are no reserved seats.
6. Special seating will be provided for the handicapped guest and **one chaperone**. We must know if this need exists by June 2, at 3:30 p.m. The form for this request is included in this packet. The form must be returned to Mr. Singleton in the guidance office no later than 3:30 p.m. on June 2, 2023. **There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**

7. A photographer will be taking pictures during graduation. ***Enclosed is a QR code*** for you to view the photo and determine whether you would like to purchase a picture of your graduate. Parents are not permitted to leave their seats to take photos. All spectators are required to stay in their seats during the ceremony.

8. Spectators may not leave seats until the recessional is completed. If you leave your seat, you may not be permitted to return to your seat. Please use restrooms at the entrance to the stadium prior to 6:40 p.m.

9. PLEASE remain seated after the ceremony until the senior processional has exited the stadium.

10. It is highly recommended that infants, toddlers, those who suffer from chronic illnesses, utilize the cafeteria "Live Stream" option.

11. Babies, toddlers, and children are REQUIRED to have a ticket...this includes children/babies of any age.

12. Tripods, strollers, umbrellas, coolers, and/or balloon bouquets will not be permitted in the stadium.

13. Your graduate should arrive in proper attire. Ladies must wear dresses or skirt and blouse or dress slacks with a blouse. Gentlemen must wear long pants (no sagging or blue jeans) and a dress shirt with a collar (***no polo shirts***); **tie/bowtie is required**. Dress shoes are required. Flip-flops may not be worn unless they have a hard bottomed sole. No hats or sunglasses are permitted. Flowers, symbols, emblems, etc., may not be worn anywhere on the cap and/or gown. PLEASE NOTE: The class of 2023 will be wearing a new style of graduation gown. **Graduates were required to purchase a new gown. For this reason, students may not borrow graduation gowns from previous graduates.**

14. Academic cords earned by your son/daughter may be worn only if they have been issued by JHS.

The faculty and administration appreciate your help in making this ceremony a memorable occasion for everyone. We look forward to seeing you on graduation day!!

GO CARDS!!!!

Maria Laskowski Johnson

Principal