



Karns City Area School District

Karns City Junior-Senior High School
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on your student's upcoming graduation! These next few weeks will be busy, and we wish to relay important information to you concerning upcoming Commencement plans.

Caps and gowns will be distributed May 9, which should allow ample time for local church services and for the Baccalaureate Ceremony. Baccalaureate (Senior Blessing Service) is scheduled to take place in the High School Auditorium on Sunday, June 1, at 7:00 pm.

The Senior Awards Ceremony will begin at 8:00 am on Wednesday, June 4, and Commencement rehearsal is planned immediately following the Awards Ceremony. Seniors will be released immediately following rehearsal. Also, seniors must have all obligations met (lost books, cafeteria, etc.) by 3 pm on May 30, or they will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. This year's Senior Trip is scheduled for May 27. The Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5**, at 7:00 pm. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held on Friday, June 6, at 7:00 pm with the same time table.

Following commencement rehearsal, each graduate will be given four tickets for on-the-field seating. Additional seating for friends and family is available in the bleachers (no tickets required). The graduation ceremony will be live streamed for those unable to attend in person.

On the evening of Commencement, seniors and their families (1 car maximum) should report to the Karns City Area Elementary parking lot no later than 5:30 pm. In addition to their graduation tickets, Seniors will be issued ONE parking pass for the Elementary lot. The PARADE PARKING PASS MUST be presented when entering the Elementary lot. ***When you arrive at the Elementary, please enter via the main entrance (front of the school);*** once you enter, the Karns City Security team will direct you where to park. The parade to KCHS will begin at 5:45 pm. ALL CARS involved in the parade will park in the upper student lot when you arrive at the High School.

Graduation is a tremendous accomplishment, and as such, we ask that our graduates wear proper attire. Please avoid wearing shorts, blue jeans, or tennis shoes. Parents and students are reminded that it usually becomes very cold on the field; students may wish to wear a light sweater or a sports coat/dress jacket. Please also remember to inform your elderly guests, as they may need a jacket and/or blanket.

Graduates, along with their families and guests, will utilize the student lot for parking. In order to ensure adequate handicap parking, those requiring the use of the golf cart for transportation to the field and/or handicap parking, must contact the HS office at 724-756-2030 ext. 1030 to arrange for a "GRADUATION HANDICAP PARKING PASS." ***Only those cars with an authorized parking pass are permitted to park in the district/staff parking lot. ALL others MUST park in the student lot.***

Please remember that the issuing of graduation tickets does not ensure graduation. Each year a few students come perilously close to failing a course or have unmet obligations which could result in exclusion from the ceremony. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the High School Office or the Guidance Office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Stimac
Principal

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Preparing our students for a future of endless possibilities