# Congratulations!

# We are planning a lovely graduation ceremony for the class of 2025.

# DEAR LANCER FAMILIES,

As graduation approaches, we want to ensure you have all the essential details to make this milestone a smooth and memorable experience for you and your student. This letter includes important dates and information regarding the ceremony, cap and gown, ticket, and other key reminders. Please review carefully and reach out with any questions.

#### **SENIOR BALL**

Senior Ball is May 10th at the Library Galleria in Downtown Sacramento. Senior class government has been working hard and will release ticket prices and the theme very soon. Students must have all fees paid and a dance contract on file in order to purchase a dance ticket.

# **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT**

Senior Awards Night will be held on May 1st in the Performing Arts Center of Cordova High School. The Ceremony will begin at 5:30pm and will run approximately 2 hours. IB Diploma Programme Recipients, IB Certificate Recipients, Top 10% of the Senior Class, Honor Roll Recipients, California Scholarship Federation Life Members, California State Seal of Biliteracy, Community Scholarships, ASB Leadership Awards, Military Recognition and Certificates, Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recipients will all be notified through the counseling office and an invitation for the ceremony will be sent to the students and their families.

# **CAPS AND GOWNS**

If you have not already done so please order your cap and gown now! <u>Use this link</u>! *Orders from Herff Jones* for CAPS, GOWNS and TASSELS *will be available for pick up outside M103 from 11:20am - 4:00pm, Tuesday April* **29th**. Herff Jones will be on site for any last minute questions or orders. Limited sizes and options will be available.

#### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Friday, May 30th at 6:00pm. Gates open at 5:00pm.

- Tickets are required for all attendees over the age of five (5). Each Graduate will receive six (6) tickets. All tickets are general admission therefore seating is on a first-come basis. Extra tickets are not available for purchase. If you would like to request up to two (2) more tickets please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter. Requests will be filled if tickets become available. You will be notified the night before graduation if your request was able to be met.
- Graduates need to arrive at 5:00pm in the Main Gym. Drop offs will only be allowed on the sidewalk on Chase.
- Graduates must wear their cap and gown with appropriate school attire underneath. Students should
  wear low-heeled or flat shoes because narrow or spiked heels are a safety hazard on the field. Graduates may
  not wear or carry any backpacks, purses or any object that will disrupt the ceremony. Decorating Caps is not
  allowed.
- Diplomas will be available for pick up immediately after the ceremony in the Main gym. *If you receive a fine notice instead of your diploma, you must pay the fine at the Student Store to receive your diploma, Students may pay fines prior to graduation day* or at the Student Store which will reopen Monday, June 2nd.
- Tickets are not required for graduates.
- Wheelchair seating is available all along the first row of the bleachers. Handicap parking and/or drop off will be down Lancer Lane by the tennis courts.
- NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN FRONT OF THE BLEACHERS AS THEY BLOCK THE VIEW OF PEOPLE SITTING IN THE FRONT ROW.

- Ice chests, food or drinks (except water in a clear container) will NOT be allowed in the stadium during this
  event. ALSO, NO BALLOONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE STADIUM AS THEY HINDER THE VIEW OF
  OTHERS. PLEASE LEAVE BALLOONS IN YOUR VEHICLE. We want this to be an enjoyable experience
  for ALL attendees.
- Anyone arriving after 6pm may not be guaranteed seating in the section of their choice.
- The stadium field will be open for 30 minutes after the ceremony for pictures. Please do not rush the field, and be respectful of others.
- For those who cannot attend, the ceremony will be livestreamed. Please visit our website <a href="www.chs.fcusd.org">www.chs.fcusd.org</a> the morning of the ceremony for the link. We will also send the link through ParentSquare.

#### **GRADUATION BREAKFAST**

The Senior Class Breakfast will be the morning of graduation, Friday, May 30th at 8:00am prior to practice, in the cafeteria. A breakfast will be provided by the senior class government for all students to enjoy free of charge. This is also a great opportunity to sign yearbooks and hang out with friends one last time in the cafeteria.

#### **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

Practice will start promptly, at 9:00am on May 30th and should conclude by 10:30am as it usually only takes 60 – 90 minutes. Students will make their way to the stadium where they will find their assigned seats. **ALL GRADUATES PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY MUST ATTEND THE PRACTICE.** Students will receive their tickets at the conclusion of practice. Please wear a sun hat, sunscreen, or bring an umbrella as it will be sunny and hot.

# **PARKING**

Parking is paid and will be managed by Rancho Cordova's PAL Program. We encourage carpooling as parking will be limited. Handicapped parking is available—please follow the direction of the signs and PALS personnel. Graduates will receive a parking pass for themselves to use, free of charge. The park will be closed and no parking in the park will be permitted. Please be respectful of our neighbors and do not park on Chase Drive. Parking will open at 4pm.

# STUDENTS WHO DO NOT MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who do not meet the graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Final notification of non-completion will be made to parents by Thursday, May 29th (the date of the last final exam). If we are unable to contact you, please call your student's counselor for this information. Students who do not meet requirements are encouraged to discuss available options with their assigned counselor.

### **FINES**

Fine lists are posted by student ID number outside of the administration and counseling offices before finals. If you have questions about a fine please contact Ms. Jody at 294-2450, ext. 810430. Seniors with fines will not receive their diploma until all fees are paid in full at the Student Store or online with a credit card. This includes books that were not turned in, so please make sure all school books are returned before school is out.

#### SENIOR PRANKS, FIGHTS, AND OTHER VIOLATIONS BEFORE GRADUATION

Although rare, serious violations of Education Code 48900, do occur prior to graduation. Students in need of administrative services for these violations will be suspended offsite and removed from any and all end of the year activities, including graduation ceremonies. Please refer to the Student Conduct Code located on our website for the various levels of infractions warranted by administrative services.

#### SENIOR Event

The PTSA Pool Party for Seniors Thursday, May 22nd after school at Hagan Park Pools. Food, Photos, and Fun! Swimming is optional. The event and everything in it is Free to all Seniors!