

SAN BENITO HIGH SCHOOL

2020 Commencement Exercises Guidelines



Dear Senior Parents and Class of 2020

Graduation from high school marks an important milestone for students and parents alike. The SBHS Class of 2020 has already accomplished great things, with many more to follow. On behalf of the teachers, staff, and administrators, I thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of this important achievement.

We are determined to do everything we can to make your Commencement exercises as special and memorable as we envisioned all along. As you know, the traditional ceremony has been changed due to health and safety concerns regarding the pandemic. Know that we share your disappointment but look forward to a remarkable evening. Below are some important details that will assist you as you partake in the celebration.

Commencement Exercises Schedule: Friday, June 12 at 7:30 pm, Bobby Morrow Stadium

- *Inclement weather make-up date: Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.*

Details for Graduates:

- There will be no rehearsals for commencement exercises.
- All graduates must report to the Sports Complex at their designated time.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times and face masks or coverings are required
- Graduates that drive may park in the student parking lot located across the Sports Complex **(see map #5)**.
- Graduates may not bring any bags/purses into the stadium
- Upon entering the Sports Complex, graduates will be searched and graduation caps will be reviewed (cap must meet guidelines).
- Processional music will be played to begin the program. Graduates will stand during the processional.
- When it is time, each row of graduates will line up to receive their diploma. Masks may be removed at this time.
- Students will leave the stadium as follows:
 - A-Side students will exit via the back gate behind home side **(see map #3)**.
 - B-Side students will exit via the visitor's side back gate **(see map #4)**.
- **Dress Code**
 - **Females:** Wear gold victory collar. Wear dresses that will not show below the gown – No shorts and no mini-skirts. No loose sandals, house shoes, shoes that make noise, no stiletto or heels that will damage the turf. Wedge or square heel shoes are allowed.
 - **Males:** Wear gold victory collar. Wear a dress shirt and a dark tie. Wear dark dress slacks (nice dark jeans or khaki acceptable). Wear appropriate footwear.

Details for Parents:

- Each graduate will receive 2 tickets & vehicles will be limited to only 1 vehicle per family.
- Guests with tickets on the A-Side of the stadium will park on home section parking lot **(see map #7)**.
- Guests with tickets on the B-Side of the stadium will park on visitor's parking lot **(see map #6)**.
- Only clear bags/purses will be allowed into the stadium.
- Face coverings or mask **MUST** be worn by every guest attending the ceremony.
- Guests must maintain a minimal distance of 6 feet from other guests. Assigned seating for guests will be used to ensure separation between household groups.
- Balloons, air-horns, noise makers, and flowers will **NOT** be allowed into the stadium.
- Guests must remain in their seats during the entire program. For health and safety reasons, guests will not be allowed to come down the bleachers to take pictures of the graduates. Professional photographers will be taking pictures of all students.
- At the end of the ceremony no one will be allowed to enter the football field at any time.
 - Guests will exit the stadium via the three front gates. Please exit via the gate closest to your seat **(see map #1)**.

Last but not least, for everyone's safety, graduates and guests experiencing the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 must excuse themselves from the event:

- *Cough*
- *Chills*
- *Diarrhea*
- *Shortness of Breath*
- *Difficulty breathing*
- *Repeated shaking with chills*
- *Muscle pain or Headache*
- *Sore throat or lose of taste or smell*
- *Feeling feverish or a measured temperature great than or equal to 100.0 degrees*
- *Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 4 days before graduation. Those found with any of these signs or symptoms MUST be excluded from the activity.*

See you soon,

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