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Dear Senior Parent:

We are excited to bring you information about the Vanden High School graduation! Important details are included in this letter.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

DETAILS

- Date: Friday, June 5th, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: George A. Gammon Field - Vanden High School Football Stadium
- Report Time: 9:00 AM
- Seniors' Report Location: (softball or baseball field – as noted on ticket envelope)
- Stadium Gates Open: 8:30 AM

TICKETS ALLOCATION & DISTRIBUTION

Graduation ticket pick-up will be held after school on Thursday, June 4th in the Little Theater. Students may only pick up their own tickets and must have all fines/fees paid to receive them. Each graduate will receive 10 tickets only (no extras due to stadium capacity). The stadium will also be open on the same day for graduates to locate their assigned seat and inform family members of their row and seat number (**No rehearsal**). Ticket envelopes will include the student's name, reporting location (softball or baseball field), and assigned seating. Seating for guests is first-come, first-served; no seat reservations are permitted. If graduates do not use all 10 tickets, they may share with classmates. The ceremony will be live streamed for those unable to attend.

GRADUATION WALK

Seniors who attended an elementary school within TUSD will have the opportunity to walk the halls one last time in their cap and gown as a field trip on June 1st. If your student did not attend a TUSD elementary school but has a connection to one, they may still participate. Sign-ups and permission slips for a selected school will be available in the front office. Transportation will be provided by TUSD to and from Vanden High School to the designated elementary school.

RAIN

In the event of rain, the graduation ceremony will be moved inside to the gym. Each graduate will receive 2 tickets.

PARKING/DISABLED PARKING

All parking lots around the campus will be open for parking. Disabled parking will be in the parking lot on Viking Lane where several rows will be reserved, and shuttle service will be available. We recommend allowing plenty of time to drop off your disabled guests.

GRADUATE DRESS CODE

Dress attire is required for graduation. Acceptable options include slacks, dresses, dress shirts, or dress shorts. Seniors who have questions about appropriate attire should contact an administrator prior to graduation day. Proper dress will be checked as students enter the field and line up for the ceremony. Leis and cords worn over the gown are permitted. Jostens is the official provider of graduation attire for our school. All graduates should have already ordered their cap and gown. Jostens will be on campus to distribute orders; we are currently coordinating a distribution date. Information and confirmation will be sent to parents and students once it is finalized. Cap and gown can be ordered at Jostens.com, please do so as soon as possible to ensure it arrives in time for graduation.

SHOES (GUESTS AND GRADUATES)

- No pumps/spiked heel shoes will be allowed on the turf field. Flats or wedge heels only.

DECORUM

We wish the ceremony to be dignified and respectful. Items that could obstruct the view of other guests, such as inflatable items, balloons, noise-makers, huge posters and big faces – are all strictly prohibited at the stadium by both graduates and guests.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Students may not bring personal items on to the field with them except for a phone. No items can be left in their designated meeting location after students leave for the ceremony. We advise students to leave personal belongings (purses, bags, coats, etc.) with their parents prior to reporting to their designated location (softball or baseball field).

FOOD/DRINK

Only water bottles will be permitted into the stadium.

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GRADUATION CAP DECORATING GUIDELINES

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Thank a parent(s), grandparent, teacher, and/or friend.
- Recognize your high school activities (ex. sports, clubs, co-curricular activities)
- Recognize the university you will be attending.
- Your graduation year
- The branch of the military you will be joining.

Other guidelines:

- Cannot contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Cannot include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Cannot make noise. No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise.
- Decorations must be 2 dimensional and only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated.
- There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.

PICTURES

Graduates will have a photograph taken as they receive their diploma. To view and order graduation photos from Images by Hughes click the link my.photoday.com

POST-CEREMONY

A processional will lead the graduates back to their meet up location (softball or baseball field), where they will receive their official diploma from their designated staff member. Graduates will then be ready to join their family outside the stadium.

GENERAL INFORMATION**FEES/FINALS/DISCIPLINE**

To participate in the distribution of tickets and graduation exercises, **students must not have any outstanding debts**. Additionally, all disciplinary consequences (detention, Saturday School, etc.) must be served. Finally, students must have taken all finals and earn all required credits.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1-June 4 th	Seniors who need to request that a final transcript be sent to the college or university they will be attending in the fall, will need to create an account on Parchment.com and order their final transcript. Students making final transcript requests, should choose the "hold for grades" option. Final transcripts will be processed beginning June 12th. Contact Mrs. Travaglini at ttravaglini@travisusd.org if you have any questions about Parchment.
May 5 th	If you are receiving a scholarship, be sure to let the counseling office know by May 5th so we can include you in the program!
June 1 st	Elementary School Graduate Walk
June 2 nd	Senior Awards Night, 6:00 pm in the gym.
June 2 nd – 4 th	Senior Finals – Seniors and Parents will be notified by the afternoon of June 4th if they have not passed a class necessary for graduation.
June 4 th	Senior Sunset - Thursday night. More info from Senior Leadership/ASB is coming soon.
June 5 th	Graduation Ceremony 10:00 a.m.

Please accept our sincere congratulations as your senior prepares to graduate from high school!

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