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Dear Parents and Class of 2023 Graduates:

Boulder Creek High School will be holding our graduation ceremony at the State Farm Stadium on **May 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** No tickets will be required and graduates may invite as many guests as they would like. We are providing the following rules and suggestions in order to conduct a smooth and dignified graduation. We ask that you review these guidelines as we must adhere to them in order for the ceremony to meet stadium and state requirements.

Key Dates and items to Note for Graduation

A graduation rehearsal meeting will be held on April 28th through Government/ Economics classes periods 1,2,3,4,6, in the main auditorium. If your graduate does not have a Government/ Economics class, they can come to the bookstore to receive a pass to attend. If your graduate is off campus, they can come to the front desk and receive a pass to attend any of the meetings. Graduates do not go to the stadium to rehearse. If any graduate is absent, they may receive a summary sheet from the bookstore.

All graduates will be required to go through senior checkout after senior exams. Date: May 17th Time: TBD. Prior to checkout, **seniors must have cleared any debts in the bookstore, cafeteria and returned any books. They should have also picked up a copy of their immunization record in the front office. This should all be done by May 16th. This will expedite checkout. At checkout, they will return their iPad. If any monies are still owed, they must be paid at the bookstore at that time. No immunization records will be distributed during checkout.** Upon clearance from the bookstore, seniors will receive **their official HS diploma**, parking map, renaissance cords, and any other items to be given. If a graduate does not attend the graduation ceremony, they may pick up their diploma **cover** at BCHS after May 19th.

Graduation will be at the State Farm Stadium on **May 19, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.** Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Graduates should be at the Stadium by **1:15 p.m.** ***Please do not come early as the doors will not open until 1:00 p.m.**

It is suggested that parents plan to drive to the stadium with the graduate. Parking is at the EAST parking lot and the entrance for parents and graduates will be **GATE 3**. A **parking map** will be posted on our website, the DVUSD website, and given to graduates at senior checkout. Please follow these directions. There is plenty of parking for our disabled guests, if needed. Special instructions will be included on the back of the parking map and are posted on the BCHS and DVUSD websites.

Per State Farm Stadium requirement; Graduates and their supporters will be subject to security screening and an inspection of all bags prior to entering State Farm Stadium. Magnetometers will be used to screen for dense metals for all those entering stadium Access Control Points. If a guest does not feel comfortable with the metal detector screening due to medical reasons, a physical pat-down will be conducted instead.

GRADUATE PROCESS

- Graduates will enter the building at the same gate as their guests after going through the magnetometers.
- At the gate, the students will have a separate entrance to check in with their school officials.
- Once inside, the student will proceed down the instructed set of stairs to the stadium floor.
- The show floor will have a mirrored set of chairs as the waiting area.
- The graduates will go to their assigned seat.
- Once the graduation begins, the students will walk along the stadium east or west walls as they proceed to the north side of the floor to be seated.
- Upon the conclusion of graduation, students will be instructed to exit the same stairwell they entered.
- Students and guests will be asked to refrain from congregating outside the stadium.

ATTENDEE PROCESS

- Guests will be asked to park in GATE 3 parking - EAST side and enter GATE 3
- No tickets are required. Guests may choose their seats anywhere between Section 113-125.
- If ADA seating is required, a stadium representative can assist.
- Once the graduation has ended, the guests will be instructed to exit at the same gate they entered.
- Graduates and guests will be asked to refrain from congregating outside the stadiumG.

Graduating lifelong learners who will successfully compete, lead, and positively impact the world.

GRADUATE STAGING, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- Graduates will be seated on the main floor of the stadium in alphabetical order A-Z alternating sides of the middle aisle. Names will be read alternating right side/left side. ****Graduate names will be read according to the student's legal name on file. If a graduate wants to shorten their name or eliminate their middle name, that is fine. They will tell the name reader when they go on stage. If a graduate wants a different name read, parent approval is required. To do so, parents can email Tracy.Wood@dvusd.org by May 1st.**
- The audience stands as the graduates enter and remains standing through the presentation of colors, National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- An official photographer will be taking pictures of all graduates receiving their diplomas. **Picture ordering:** Grads photography needs you to register your graduate in order for them to send you the graduation photographs to proof and purchase. This is of course optional. The information is posted on our website under graduation information – graduation photography. We also ask that you do not leave your seat to take pictures as a courtesy to other guests.
- The stadium will video/stream the ceremony. Handheld video cameras are allowed; however, the stadium **does not allow video camera stands.** (Streaming information will be posted on the website closer to the event.)

GRADUATE ATTIRE

- **Graduation is a formal ceremony; therefore, we ask graduates to dress accordingly. Floor-length dresses are discouraged due to safety. We also recommend comfortable dress shoes for walking and going up and down stairs. Please remember that graduation is a dignified occasion. GRADUATES SHOULD WEAR THEIR CAP AND WILL CARRY THEIR GOWN INTO THE STADIUM. Restrooms will be limited so please come ceremony ready.** Purses, bags, or cell phones should not be carried by graduates during the ceremony. Please leave them with family or friends.
- **Caps and Gowns may not be decorated.** Tassels will be worn on the right side of the cap.

Please see below for approved regalia.

Graduates will wear school approved cap, tassel, medallion and gown without alterations or additional decoration. Corsages, wrist corsages, boutonnieres or leis may not be worn on top of gowns.

School administration may approve graduates to wear additional regalia that meet the following criteria:

- Awarded by an organization with academic association affiliated with a DVUSD high school
- Awarded by an organization associated with a national honor society which has a minimum GPA requirement or some other academic criteria
- Stole provided by the school for the senior officers of the student government body of the school designating their position of office
- Medallion provided by the school for the students in top 1% of the graduating class
- Provided by a United States military branch

No other regalia may be worn over the graduation gowns.

Following the closing, graduates and guests will exit **GATE 3**. All participants and spectators must vacate the facility immediately as another graduation follows us. **PLEASE** do not congregate in front of GATE 3.

Spectators must be appropriately dressed for admission to the graduation. This is a special event.

There are certain expectations for audience behavior. **The stadium and Deer Valley Unified School District will not allow items such as noise makers, air horns, beach balls, helium balloons, posters, aerosol cans, beverage containers, glass containers or vases, coolers, laser pointers, smokeless cigarettes, drones, selfie sticks or any other items that will be a disruption to the ceremony in the facility. This applies to graduates, parents, and guests.** A complete list is posted on both the BCHS website and the district website. The stadium will strictly enforce checking for these prohibited items.

We are hoping that everyone will help make this ceremony special. Graduation is a momentous occasion, and we want the decorum to make it memorable for years to come. Thank you for your continued and phenomenal support of Boulder Creek High School.

Sincerely,



Brittany Sutton
Principal