



April 12, 2018

Dear Graduate and Graduate Parent(s):

The close of your high school senior year is fast approaching. As the end approaches, there are several activities and important dates we would like you to be aware of:

If you have not received your graduation supplies, or if you have questions, you may call Jostens at 423.787.0025. If you have not ordered, please see your counselor or an administrator as soon as possible.

THS Prom will be held at The Foundation on April 21, 2018. Early graduates may NOT attend prom, except as a guest of a current THS student. All guests attending prom will be required to acknowledge that they have read and understand the "Prom Attendance Agreement."

The Senior Class cap and gown picture will be taken on April 27, 2017, during 4th period at 1:10 PM. The rain date will be Tuesday, May 1. Seniors must wear their caps and gowns to be in the picture. Gentlemen will need to wear a light-colored shirt and a tie under their gowns for the picture. Small group photos will be taken after the graduating class photos. The student names on these lists will be available on both Canvas and the THS website.

If you have any obligations (i.e., lost textbook, club fundraiser, lost laptop charger, athletic uniform not returned), those MUST be taken care of by Friday, May 11, 2018. You will not receive your diploma, nor will your transcript be sent, if you have an obligation. Laptop collection will be Thursday, May 17th.

Class Night 2018 will be held in Viking Hall on Friday, May 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM. Please ensure that your child is in his/her designated area no later than 6:30 PM. Practice for Junior and Senior Court and Junior and Senior Class Officers, will be at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 11. Practice for all participants involved in Class Night will be Friday, May 11, at 1:30 PM. Please report promptly to the auditorium for practice. You are invited to the Class Night Tailgate immediately after practice.

Appropriate attire for Class Night for gentlemen is khaki trousers, white-collared shirt, and tie. A navy blazer is encouraged but not required. Senior ladies will wear white dresses/skirts, etc. Only Senior and Junior Court members will be in formal attire. Both the band and Madrigals will participate in Class Night. All seniors who attend Class Night will receive a complimentary DVD "Class of 2018" memory video.

The annual THS Senior Walk will take place on May 14, 2018. Seniors will visit the elementary schools which they attended. More details for this event will be provided at a later date.

Only seniors who have successfully completed all their graduation requirements by Friday, May 18, will have earned the right to participate in the 2018 commencement exercise. These graduating seniors should report to the auditorium for graduation practice at 2:45 PM on Friday, May 18. The THS Dress Code will be enforced. Practice will be approximately 1 ½ hours, so seniors should plan their work schedules accordingly.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 19, 2018, in the Stone Castle, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Viking Hall. Please ensure that your child is at his/ her assigned location by 9:00 AM for check-in with his/ her homeroom teacher. Attire for graduation will be the same as for Class Night with a couple of minor exceptions. Gentlemen will not wear jackets. Ladies are encouraged to wear flat shoes since the ceremony will be on the football field. Appropriate footwear for both ladies and gentlemen does not include tennis shoes or flip flops. Students are to bring their caps and gowns on hangers; senior sponsors will assist graduates with final dress preparations. Your cap is to be free of any writing, decorations, and/or designs.

As our 2018 graduation ceremony approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the proud tradition of recognizing our seniors. This ceremony will be the one hundred twenty-ninth Tennessee High School graduation ceremony, which has been and will continue to be a time set aside to honor each and every one of our graduates.

Honoring our students can best be accomplished through a ceremony that respects the dignity and tradition of the event. The Tennessee High School Graduation Behavior Agreement has been made available to the Class of 2018, as well as on the btcs.org website (Board Policy #7.132).

It is Tennessee High School's further expectation that all participants and spectators to this momentous occasion refrain from any actions or behaviors that would detract from the respect that should be afforded all our graduates.

Air horns, beach balls, silly string, and all other items of distraction have no place in a dignified ceremony. Any member of the graduating class or audience member who violates the dignity of the graduation ceremony will be escorted from the event.

I ask for your support in our efforts to conduct a 2018 Commencement Ceremony that reflects the dignity that has long been the graduation tradition of a very proud Tennessee High School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Kirk
Principal, Tennessee High School