

Class of 2020
Senior Parent Meeting
2/21/2020

Frequent Senior updates can be found on:

- Facebook at Heights HS Class of 2020
- Heights High School PTO Newsletter <https://www.heightspto.org/>

Ms. Hampton, Mr. Idlebird. and Ms Schumacher presented information regarding the Senior Class of 2020.

II. The College Process – Ms. Schumacher cschuma2@houstonisd.org Please see Ms. Schumacher for more information regarding any of the following information:

Applications – there is still time to apply to 2 year and 4 year colleges, as well as the military.

The College Center can also provide guidance on entering the workforce.

Financial Assistance –

FAFSA – fafsa.gov Federal Student Aid application will need to be completed regardless of your financial abilities. Merit based scholarships will not be awarded if a FAFSA application is not on file.

- Requires tax documentation and the application can be completed in about 20 minutes if the student brings it with them to the College Center.

TASFA – Texas Application for State Financial Aid application for non-citizens who are classified as Texas citizens

Scholarships – There are many scholarships still available.

- Award Letters should be arriving soon and many are already received.
- After May 1, universities assess scholarship award that are not utilized and will redistribute to students attending. Some require a 24 hour response to accept the scholarship. ***Students should check their emails daily.***
- April 30, 2020 – Heights High School Decision Day Celebration – sponsored by the College Center

III. Credits, NGs, Saturday School Mr. Idlebird didlebir@houstonisd.org

Reports will be issued this week and will show:

- Absences: If greater than 10 days, student will lose class credit

- NG: No Grade

SATURDAY SCHOOL IS NEED TO FIX EITHER OF THESE IN ORDER FOR THE STUDENT TO GRADUATE WITH THEIR CLASS ON MAY 29, 2020.

IV. Senior Dues \$275.00 includes PROM, Yearbook, Panoramic Photo and Senior Picnic at the Oil Ranch. (These will be discussed in detail below.)

February 28, 2020 is the final day for dues.

If student is on a payment plan, and has already made their initial down payment, they may continue to pay past the February 28, 2020 deadline.

V. Honor Cord Applications

Application will be released next week on the HUB under Senior Course Selection.

2020 is the last year Heights High School will sponsor the Honor Cords by subject (\$11 per cord). They will continue to sponsor the top 10% cords

Students GPA will determine if they will receive an Honor's cord. Students GPA and class rank can be located. You can also contact Ms. Schumacher or Mr. Mazharian (Maz) to obtain this information.

Specialty cords such as Eagle Scout or Gold Award, you will need to contact that organizations.

VI. Spring Senior Agenda

a. Cap and Gown Orders

- 2/25/2020 Balfour will be on campus during lunch to take orders.
- NEW DESIGN – prior year cap and gowns will not work and will stand out from the other students
- \$54.13 for Cap, Gown, Stole and Tassel.
- Other items such as frames and invitations may be order also
- Cash, Check, Money Order only
- Online orders can make Credit Card payments
- March 1, 2020 – late processing fees apply

b. Cap and Gown Delivery

- 4/21/2020 will be delivered to school including invitations, frames etc IF you purchased them.
- Mr. Idlebird is checking to see where online orders will be delivered – to school or your home.
- Stole will be given to the students at NRG Arena

c. Panoramic Picture

- 4/23/2020 Cap and Gown are required

- DO NOT BRING THE TASSEL
- d. Prom
- 5/2/2020 J.W. Marriott – Galleria 7pm-12am
 - Students will enjoy snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No sit down meal
 - Parent form to be signed and dated.
 - Students who paid dues will receive a ticket.
 - Student will receive a complimentary ticket to bring a date/significant other that is not an HHS Senior that has not paid dues.
 - If the date is a HHS Senior that did not pay dues, they will be turned away at the door.
 - ID's required to enter.
 - NO dates/significant others over the age of 20 years old will be permitted into the PROM
 - MONDAY following PROM is NOT a skip day
- e. AP/IB/EOC Exams
- Exams may occur anytime between 4/30/2020 to 5/22/2020
- f. **Senior Finals and Exemptions**
- May 20-22, 2020 are Senior class final exams. They are earlier than other grades to ensure students will graduate with their class
 - Students may qualify to be exempt from finals IF they maintain a class grade and absence as below:
 - i. Grade of 90 or above **AND** 3 or less absences
 - ii. Grade of 80 or above **AND** 2 or less absences
 - iii. Grade of 70 or above **AND** 1 or less absence
 - Students may opt to take the final to bring up their class grade. This is the grade that will go on their report card.
 - Classes that have a Project Based Final will need to be completed; students may NOT opt out of project.
- g. Powder Puff
- 5/22/2020 School tradition for Senior Girls vs Junior Girls in Football
- h. Senior Picnic
- 5/27/2020 Oil Ranch, Waller Tx
 - Only school there that day
 - Bar-B-Que buffet
 - Hay Rides, Paint Ball, Swimming Pool and much more
 - Students will return late afternoon to school. Regular afternoon buses will not be available and students should make other arrangements to get home from Heights HS.
- i. Senior Class Breakfast
- Date to be determined

- Class is raising money to bring back this tradition.
 - i. Go Texan Day tostada sale 2/28/2020 parent item donations at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA8AF2B0-class1>
 - ii. Movie Night for all Grades – Date and Move TBD

VII. GRADUATION *All is very important so please read thoroughly*

MAY 29, 2020 NRG ARENA 7:00PM

Students will receive a wristband to confirm they will graduate and to enter NRG Arena. Parents will need to ask students about this wristband!

Students will have ½ day school on May 29, 2020. This is not a skip day!

NRG ARENA:

Parents will take students at the designated time To Be Determined.

Parking is \$12 per vehicle. No Free Parking.

Parents are advised to stay once they drop students at NRG Arena.

Wheelchairs enter may possibly enter through same door as graduates, but it may be at regular time and not early with students.

SEATING IS FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE

NRG ARENA RULES: *Heights High School and HISD can not change these*

- No Flowers, balloons, noise makers, posters. You will be asked to throw them out before entering the building.
- No Seat saving for family still in line for the Security check.
- ALL people will be required to go through the standard security check upon entering NRG Arena.
 - Metal detector
 - Purse/bag check

This process significantly slows all people entering and can take a long period of time to wait in line. Please consider this as it applies to small children and the elderly.

There is a narrow window of time from when the doors open to when the ceremony begins. ***CEREMONY WILL START*** promptly at 7:00pm regardless if families are still trying to get in through security.

- Students are NOT allowed to have phones. Staff collects about 30+ phones each year from students trying to sneak them in.

- Parents are NOT allowed to wait in the lobby for their student following the ceremony. It will be dark and crowded when you exit the arena. Please coordinate a meeting point with your student prior to dropping off at NRG Arena.

Class of 2020 has approximately 520 students. NRG Arena capacity (seats) approximately 5000 people. Fire code will not allow NRG to admit more than the capacity. It is advised to consider pertinent family members only attend.

Ms. Hampton and/or Mr. Idlebird will attend an HISD meeting in March 2020 to further discuss graduation. They will provide more information following that meeting like the time for students to be at NRG Arena, wheelchair entrances, and other items.