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To: **Mid-Year Graduates & Families**

From: Brian Pittman, Principal
Alan Ellington, Dean of Students

Subject: Mid-Year Graduation Details

Congratulations on being so very close to reaching the significant goal of graduation! The purpose of this letter is to provide details regarding the mid-year graduation event and how it impacts other senior activities in which your senior may want to participate.

Mid-Year Graduation Event

This event will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1pm in the HSHS Auditorium. The day will happen on the following schedule:

- Seniors will arrive by 12pm to participate in a brief rehearsal of the ceremony.
- Guests may start entering the auditorium at 12:30pm to be seated for the event.
- Seniors will process into the auditorium at 1pm. We expect the ceremony will last about 45 minutes but no longer than one hour.

Details for the event include the following:

- Gentlemen should wear dark pants and dark shoes along with a dress shirt and tie. Ladies should plan to wear a dress that does not extend beyond the bottom of the graduation gown. All students must wear an HSHS graduation cap and gown. Any student with questions or concerns about the dress code should see Mr. Pittman.
- Seniors may invite any guests that they wish. Students will be asked to submit the number of guests they intend to bring so that we can plan accordingly. If the number of guests exceeds capacity of the auditorium, we may revisit this item but that is not expected.
- Students will need to make arrangements for caps and gowns with Jostens. You are strongly encouraged to go ahead and order these supplies when they are on campus in September. If needed, work with Ms. Young on any issues or concerns related to this.
- As with the spring graduation ceremony, students must be in good standing with all obligations to the school cleared prior to participating in this event.

Should the mid-year graduation ceremony be delayed due to winter weather or other unexpected events, it will be rescheduled to the following weekend. Time and date is to be determined.

Senior Activities

Below are some details that will help to provide guidance for any activities that follow graduation.

- To be clear, after the graduation ceremony on January 20, the graduates are no longer students of Holly Springs High School or the Wake County Public School System.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to attend the 2018 prom will need to do so as the guest of a current student. No exceptions will be made to this.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to participate in the Senior Awards Day and/or the Senior Picnic in May 2018 will need to request to do that in writing to the principal. This request will be approved unless there is reason to believe that the individual being present will cause disruption to the event. In this scenario, the principal will deny the request to attend. Any requests related to this must be received by April 2, 2018.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to participate in the June 9, 2018 graduation ceremony will need to request this in writing by no later than April 2, 2018. This request will be approved unless there is reason to believe that the individual being present will cause disruption to the event. In this scenario, the principal will deny the request to attend.
- Mid-year graduates who do not want to participate in the June 9, 2018 graduation ceremony but would like to attend, should submit a request for tickets in writing to the principal by no later than April 2, 2018. This request will be approved up to two tickets.

We will work with mid-year graduates throughout the fall semester to get them ready for graduating and for the commencement activity. There may be questions that we have not anticipated about this event. Please feel free to contact either Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net) or Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net) with any questions.

Please let us know how we can make this special event amazing for your family!