

Commencement Reminders



Congratulations!!

You are about to become a member of
John W. North High School's 54th graduating class

The Class of 2019!!

In order to continue the tradition of the classiest
and most dignified Commencement Ceremony in Riverside,
please read the following information.

1. Participation in the John W. North High School Commencement Ceremony is reserved for:
 - Students who have fulfilled all RUSD graduation course requirements (215 credits).
 - Students who have followed RUSD and school behavior policies and/or are not under suspension or expulsion. Do not spoil this very special event by being eliminated at the last minute!
 - Students who are properly attired and behaved.
2. In order to receive a diploma at Commencement, qualified students must attend **BOTH commencement rehearsals** and clear all school-related fines.
3. At North, the final exam schedule for seniors is replaced with commencement rehearsals and the Senior Breakfast. This tradition will continue only with the best of behavior from the Class of 2019!
4. Be on time!!
 - Report to commencement rehearsals at 7:45 a.m.
 - Report to the Senior Breakfast at 11:00 a.m. (Optional)
 - Report to the J.W. Theater for the Commencement Ceremony at 4:45 p.m.
5. Commencement rehearsals are mandatory!! In order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, seniors must attend **BOTH REHEARSALS** on Friday, May 24 from 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 29 from 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Seniors are not allowed to leave campus during the rehearsal break
 - Seniors must not disrupt classrooms during the rehearsal break
6. Seniors must report to the J.W. North Theater on May 29 at 4:45 p.m. – arrive early!
 - Campus parking will be extremely limited!
 - Seniors are encouraged to car pool, get dropped off on Linden Street, or park on nearby city streets where allowed
 - Parking in commercial business parking lots will not be allowed!
 - Seniors who arrive late may not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.
 - Please leave all valuables with your parents or in the car!!
 - Seniors will not be allowed to carry any items (keys, purses, cell phones, iPods, etc.) during the Commencement Ceremony. Please put items in your pocket or leave with your parents.
 - Seniors are not allowed to wear leis, heavy jewelry or club medallions and unapproved sashes with their cap and gown

Be on time!!

Seniors may not carry air horns, beach balls, bubbles, cameras, confetti, cell phones, i-Pods, silly string, etc. during the Commencement Ceremony!! All seniors will be checked by J.W. North staff and the Riverside Police Department as they enter the North Theater. Please do not jeopardize your participation in Commencement by being found in possession of items not allowed in the Theater or our stadium!

7. Traditionally, the John W. North High School commencement is dignified and classy. Seniors are expected to dress appropriately. Please refer to the attached Cap and Gown dress code. Due to artificial turf on our football field, high, spiked heels will not be allowed. **FLAT OR FAT HEELED SHOES ONLY!!** Seniors who are not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Ceremony!!
8. Any disruptive behavior may result in removal from the Commencement Ceremony, Senior Sunset or Senior Breakfast. Refunds will not be given. Seniors are **NOT ALLOWED** to engage in inappropriate behavior while waiting to receive, upon receiving or after receiving their diploma. Please do not disrupt the ceremony for others. A reminder that Commencement is an adult, dignified ceremony.
9. A professional photographer from **Grad Images** will take a picture of each graduate receiving their diploma. Friends and family are not allowed to block the view of others while taking a photograph or video.
10. Each senior has been given **7 tickets** to the Commencement Ceremony. All persons 5 years old and older must have a ticket to enter the stadium. The stadium will be open at 4:00 p.m. on Commencement Day for first come, first served seating. **NO RESERVING OF SEATS ALLOWED!!**
11. Parking will be available in campus parking lots, on Chicago Avenue and nearby city streets where parking is allowed. Parking will not be allowed in commercial business lots.
12. Parking and seating for handicapped family and friends will be provided. Handicapped parking will be available for cars with a State of California Handicapped Placard in J.W. North's front and back parking lot. Disabled family and friends who do not have a State of California Handicapped Placard may be dropped off in the front parking lot (**A - Lopez**), and the back parking lot (**Lorenzana - Z**). Handicapped seating will be available in the home bleachers and visitor bleachers. Handicapped family and friends are encouraged to enter the stadium through the VISITOR ENTRANCE (**A - Lopez**) and the HOME ENTRANCE (**Lorenzana - Z**). One guest plus one handicapped person will be allowed to sit in the handicapped seating area.
13. Family and friends are encouraged to sit on the side of the stadium according to the graduate's last name:

A - Lopez	Seniors with last name beginning with A - Lopez will be seated on the right side of the Stadium facing the stage. Guest seating is encouraged on the VISITOR SIDE .
Lorenzana - Z	Seniors with last name beginning with Lorenzana - Z will be seated on the left side of the Stadium facing the stage. Guest seating is encouraged on the HOME SIDE .
14. At the end of the ceremony, family and friends may meet graduates on the **Soccer Field AFTER** all graduates have exited the stadium.
15. Seniors are encouraged to attend the Senior Breakfast on Tuesday, May 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. at John's Incredible Pizza (located near Sam's Club). Students who do not attend the breakfast are not required to attend school on this date. Please wear nice school attire to the Senior Breakfast. When the event ends, students who remain at John's become the responsibility of their parents. **NO JEANS, FLIP FLOPS, SHORTS, ETC.** See attached Senior Breakfast flyer.

Attention Parents!!

The Riverside Unified School District will provide a live stream of
all RUSD graduations at

www.riversideunified.org

All J.W. North High School and
Riverside Unified School District rules and regulations apply through the conclusion
of the Commencement Ceremony.

For additional information, please visit north.riversideunified.org
or contact Miss Porter in the Student Activities Office
951.788.7311 x63247 or rporter@rusd.k12.ca.us.
Due to the high volume of calls, email is preferred!

Join Miss Porter's Remind Class by texting @jwnsrs2019 to 81010!
Receive updates and send texts to Miss Porter, if necessary!!