



# Sisters High School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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## Good Morning Outlaws,

I am so excited to write to you this morning because graduation plans are really coming together. Today's message is predominantly for our seniors but I wanted to include everyone because the graduation celebration has a sense of hope that I think we can all benefit from. Additionally, I wanted to let everyone know:

- **Virtual Community Meeting:** Due to the lack of agenda items, there will be no zoom meeting this morning.
- **Math Support:** Coming Soon! We are currently working on a plan to support our students learning in math over the summer and into next year. We hope to finalize plans by next week.
- **Locker Clean Out:** We still have a large number of students who haven't come to pick up their personal belongings. Please connect with Gary Thorson [gary.thorson@ssd6.org](mailto:gary.thorson@ssd6.org) to make arrangements to pick up personal items that were left in classrooms and lockers.

## To the Sisters High School Class of 2020 and Family,

We are excited to announce that we will all be together for graduation. Sisters Rodeo Board has graciously offered their site for a drive-in style graduation ceremony. We are still finalizing details to make this event extra special, but we have developed a basic plan to share so you can put these dates and times on your calendar:

### Friday, May 29th from 11:00am to 12:00pm

#### Cap and gown, and honor cord pick up as well as Chromebook turn in

- We are trying to make this cap and gown pick up a celebration so please make sure you come on time. We are working a few things to make it special.
- The basics will be that graduates will turn in their Chromebooks and any other books you may have, pay fines and then pick up their cap and gown.
- Students will drive through the circle drive (the bus pick and drop off) and follow the signs.

### Thursday, June 11th at 9:00am

#### Graduation rehearsal at Sisters rodeo grounds

- This is our regularly scheduled rehearsal time and it is required. **Please arrange to attend.**
- We very much want to honor our graduates, but it will take a ton of support and cooperation. We have never done this before so we need to practice and we need cooperation.
- Graduates will pull into the rodeo grounds from the highway and then be directed by staff.
- We need to enforce Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown's guidelines and maintain safe physical distance from each other to make this work. **Please drive in separate cars.** Graduates are not permitted to drive with other graduates. Contact Jillian Frankl, [jillian.frankl@ssd6.org](mailto:jillian.frankl@ssd6.org), if transportation is a problem.
- **Please stay in your vehicle.**
- We will distribute parking permits for graduation at rehearsal

### Friday, June 12th at 7:00pm promptly (arrive between 6:00 - 6:50)



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## Graduation

- Parking: Each graduate will be given a parking permit to place in the family vehicle they will be riding in, and one additional parking permit for guests.
- Parking permits will be required to enter the rodeo grounds. It will not be open to the public.
- Sisters High School will provide transportation for graduates who need it. Please connect with Jillian Frankl, [jillian.frankl@ssd6.org](mailto:jillian.frankl@ssd6.org), if you need assistance with transportation.
- The ceremony begins promptly at 7pm. We are doing a live feed through a local FM radio station 104.7, we ask everyone to tune in. It is also the reason we need to be prompt with our timing because the radio station cannot have “dead air.”
- The Rodeo is building us a stage and we are renting a large screen to broadcast the ceremony, the speeches, the senior song and senior slideshow.
- Diploma distribution: Here’s where it gets interesting! We need to coordinate this so we are safe, we are in accordance with the social distancing guidelines, and we do not have “dead air.” Essentially, we will organize very small groups of graduates to line up next to the stage, maintain a 10-foot distance from each other, wear an Outlaw mask, cross the stage, receive a diploma, have a picture taken and return to the family car. Yep, sounds easy and with practice it should be.
- Many details still need to be worked out, such as we are trying to figure out how to do a live feed in case family members across the country want to tune in.
- Our Motto during distance learning is “In Grace, Flexibility and Patience” so could adjust a bit and all details are subject to social distancing guidelines changing between now and June 12.

## Friday, June 12th 8:30pm

### Parade of Graduates

At the conclusion of the ceremony, those in the vehicle with their graduates will be escorted back to Sisters by the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department for a parade through town, ending at the high school.

Please contact Lynne Fendall, [lynne.fendall@ssd6.org](mailto:lynne.fendall@ssd6.org), if you have any questions or are not planning to participate in your graduation ceremony.

### Extremely Grateful for the support

Sisters High School wants to extend a huge thank you to all our community partners, parents, teachers, and staff who have contributed to ensure the Class of 2020 is honored and has a graduation ceremony that will most certainly be memorable. On a daily basis the list of people to thank is growing.

A special thank you to our graduation planning committee who have already put in countless hours and we anticipate there will be plenty more to come, Lynne Fendall, Mel Petterson, Jillian Frankl.

Remembering our current motto: In grace, flexibility and patience,  
J. Hosang