

June 3, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We cordially invite you, your family and friends to the Gates Chili High School Commencement Ceremony at **RIT – Gordon Field House** on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Seniors are expected to arrive **NO LATER THAN** 6:00 p.m. Please allow sufficient and adequate commute time factoring in rush hour traffic and parking at the RIT campus. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Our graduation ceremony is very traditional and flows smoothly. We expect mutual respect from students, parents and staff, so that we can give each graduating senior in the Class of 2016 the proper recognition deserved. Throughout the years, our graduations have upheld the Spartan Way; which is our commitment to Respect, Responsibility, Compassion and Hard Work.

Please refrain from the use of noisemakers (air horns) of any kind; it is not appropriate or acceptable. The RIT – Gordon Field House Security will confiscate all noisemakers and air horns. Our students deserve the opportunity to clearly hear their name being called as they receive their diploma.

Per RIT Field House Guidelines, please note the following: Items that jeopardize the safety, viewing, listening pleasure, or enjoyment of other guests are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to: helium balloons, ‘silly string’, confetti, beach balls or other inflatable items, alcoholic beverages, outside food or beverages, bullhorns, noisemakers, and laser pointers. RIT Public Safety and Field House management reserve the right to remove any items it deems a violation of its building policy and security guidelines. Check in services are not available for prohibited items. *More specific information from RIT has been enclosed.*

Listed below are other key points to help with your planning for graduation.

- ◆ **Each senior must attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, June 22, 2016. Seniors will meet at school at 10:45 a.m. in the high school auditorium prior to boarding the bus to RIT.** All seniors **must ride** to rehearsal in the buses provided, which leave promptly at 11:10 AM. **No one will be allowed to drive to rehearsal.** All seniors will return by bus to the high school. It is anticipated that the buses will be back at school by 1:00 PM at the latest.
- ◆ Each senior is allotted ten (10) tickets for graduation. These tickets are enclosed with this letter. It should be noted that tickets will be collected at the entrance before entering the Gordon Field House, and anyone without a ticket will not gain admission to the graduation ceremony.

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- ◆ Students must dress appropriately. Boys are expected to wear dress shirt & tie, neat trousers with socks and shoes. Please, no sneakers. Girls are recommended to wear light colored dress, skirt or dress slacks and blouse with dress shoes.
- ◆ Food or beverages of any kind will not be allowed in the Gordon Field House.
- ◆ Any student under the influence of drugs, alcohol, and/or any other illegal substances or in violation of the Code of Conduct will not be allowed to participate in Commencement.
- ◆ **Disruptive behavior on the part of any student will result in his/her removal from the ceremony.**
- ◆ Students will receive their diplomas on stage the evening of Commencement.
- ◆ There will be teachers and administrators on the floor of the arena for supervision purposes.
- ◆ If there is a disruption of any kind, the ceremony will be interrupted until that disruption is stopped.

The school will be using the services of a professional videographer to videotape the entire ceremony (see enclosure). In addition, a photographer will take individual pictures of students receiving their diplomas (see enclosure). Viewers are asked not to enter the aisles or approach the stage to take pictures. During the ceremony, there will be a small photo section next to stage that parents may use when their child is walking across stage. We ask for your cooperation in following our security personnel's directions within this location.

Our Class of 2016 and their parents/guardians are looking forward to a dignified, traditional graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Hammel
Principal

Richard J. Pound
Assistant Principal – 12th Grade

Enclosures