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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The time is quickly approaching for the graduation of the Class of 2019 from Leander High School. Graduation is an exciting and important event for our seniors and their families. Our goal this year, as always, is to have a well-organized and dignified ceremony to honor our seniors.

In an effort to give each of you some advance information, I have included some important details listed below. I hope you will find this information helpful as we get closer to graduation.

Website/Texts Remind Account for Graduation Texts: text #81010 with message @3b8hged

Check the Leander High School Website for latest information:

-- Select "Parent/Student Resources" and "[Senior Information](#)"

PRIOR TO GRADUATION DAY

Senior Meetings Students, make sure you attend the senior meetings during PRIDE time in the PAC on Wednesday, April 10th & Wednesday, May 1st.

Announcements Herff Jones will deliver announcements this Friday, April 5, 2019 during lunches, for those who ordered them.

Cap & Gown You can still order your cap & gown online through Herff Jones. Click [here](#) to order. Cap & gown deliveries will be April 30th & May 1st, as long as student obligations have been cleared.

Stoles & Cords LISD allows cords for groups that have an academic requirement. The following stoles and cords are the only ones that will be allowed for graduation, and students will receive these from the groups.

Stoles:

- IB Diploma Candidates
- AVID
- NHS

Cords:

- Spanish National Honor Society
- ASL Honor Society
- French Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- IB Course Candidates
- Thespian Society

Report Scholarships Offered Each year we collect all money **offered** to the class in grants, work study and scholarships, regardless of whether the student plans to accept the offer or not. Please report this to Nancy.Byers@leanderisd.org. Indicate the schools, the total amount offered per school, and which school the student will attend by end of day May 17th.

Credit Recovery The Credit Recovery/JIT Lab will be open through Friday May 31st at 4:00 p.m. for students needing to complete coursework. **All coursework must be completed by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31st for students to be eligible for graduation.**

The lab is also open:

- Before school at 7:30 a.m. - Tuesday - Friday
PRIDE Time - listed as Winn
After school until 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday
- Saturdays (4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18) from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
NOTE: Sign up in room 1316 before 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before attending.
- For May 28-31, the lab will be open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

College Signing This special event will be held at 10:10 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 in the Competition Gym at LHS. Students will be showcasing their post-secondary selections for after high school graduation. You are welcome to attend but please sign in at the front office, before reporting to the gym.

Senior Awards This is an opportunity to recognize the many achievements of our seniors and announce local scholarships. The ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the PAC at LHS.

Senior Walks/Elementary Celebrations LISD elementary schools are welcoming the seniors to celebrate their graduation. See the graduation website in May for information and to RSVP to your elementary school to attend this event. The graduation website will be linked to the [Senior Information](#) page soon. Most schools are hosting the event on May 30th prior to graduation practice. Be sure to wear your cap & gown and take an object to showcase your post-secondary plans, such as a banner, t-shirt, or sign.

Graduation Practice Practice for graduation is ***mandatory*** and will take place promptly at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2019, in the Competition Gym. In case of a conflict, only Mr. Simpson can give permission to be absent from practice. Caps and gowns are not needed for practice. Students eligible for Texas Scholars will receive their medal at practice and will be responsible for bringing the medal to wear at graduation on Saturday. Replacement medals will not be available.

Texas Scholars A Texas Scholar is a student who has academically challenged themselves while in high school to graduate on the LISD Distinguished with Honors Graduation Plan. Medals are distributed at graduation practice to wear at the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION DAY

- When** Graduation is scheduled for 12:00 pm., Saturday, June 1, 2019.
- Where** The HEB Cedar Park Center is at 2100 Avenue of the Stars, which is at the intersection of 183A and New Hope Road. There are no tickets, no reserved seating, and no limit to how many can attend. There is seating for just under 6,000, and Cedar Park Center does not allow people to save seats.
- Graduation Day Schedule** **9:45 a.m.** – Students should arrive at LHS with cap and gown, and report to the science wing for final preparation - enter through main front doors.
10:45 a.m. – Students will begin boarding the buses & leave LHS.
- After graduation has been completed, students may ride home with family/friends. One bus will return students to LHS for anyone needing a ride.
- Student Transportation** ***All students must ride on buses to the HEB Cedar Park Center.*** School buses will transport students to the HEB Cedar Park Center from Leander High. All students must ride the buses to ensure maximum organization and minimal confusion.
- Student Dress** We want our students to look their best at this very important event; therefore, **Female students** are expected to wear a dress or dress slacks and blouse under their gown (**no jeans**). **Male Students** are expected to wear dress pants, collared shirts and ties under the gown (**no jeans**). (*If you need assistance please contact Ms. Mills*). **Caps and gowns cannot be modified in any way.**
- Shoes** Students should wear footwear appropriate for a dress occasion. **No** sandals, flip flops and tennis/running shoes. Boys should wear socks with their shoes. Because there are rather steep ramps on and off the stage, girls might want to avoid super high heels. Remember, this is being filmed and is shown on the jumbotron.
- What to Bring on the Bus** Students are responsible for bringing their caps and gowns with them. Personal belongings should not be brought to graduation, so please leave phones and keys with family/friends. If something must come with you (i.e., keys, tiny purse, etc.) it will be placed in a box in a holding room and you will have to pick up the item after the ceremony, which will take away from celebration time with your family/friends. **You cannot have anything with you during the ceremony, including phones or electronics of any kind.** Leave balls, beach balls or any/all distracting items at home. Students who violate this rule run the risk of not “walking” at graduation or having their diploma held for an indeterminate time.
- Parent/Guest Seating & Parking** Parking is available immediately adjacent to the HEB Cedar Park Center. Seating for family and friends is on a first come, first served basis, and there is no limit to the number of guests who may attend. This year the Cedar Park Center will have metal detectors for everyone to enter the premises. The mobility-impaired entrance is located on the southwest end of the Cedar Park Center, or mobility-impaired guests can be dropped off and meet their parties after the vehicle is parked. **The HEB Cedar Park Center requires a \$5.00 fee per car to park.**

**What Should
Parents Bring**

Parents, family and friends may bring cameras and video devices. We have arranged for a professional photographer, *Photo Texas*, to take pictures of your son/daughter on the stage, and there will be a videographer who will video the ceremony. **Please do not bring signs, banners, air horns, or other noisemakers.** HEB Cedar Park Center security will be present and will confiscate such items. Also, in keeping with our desire to have a dignified ceremony, we ask that these devices not be used.

**Meeting Your
Graduate After
the Ceremony**

After the ceremony, graduates will exit the building near the stage area located on the north and south sides of the HEB Cedar Park Center. Graduates are free to leave at any point after exiting the building.

AFTER GRADUATION

Project Grad

The LHS Project Graduation will be night of June 1, 2019 at the YMCA located in Cedar Park. Students are required to ride together on a bus to/from the event meeting at LHS. The event will begin at 11pm and ends at 5am. The evening is packed full of shows, vendors and fun things to do ALL NIGHT! We hope all of our seniors will choose to attend this drug/alcohol free event as a way to celebrate their important achievement. See the website for more information: <http://lhsprojectgraduation.com/>

**Pick Up of
Diplomas**

Diplomas will be given during the graduation ceremony at the HEB Cedar Park Center. If you have an obligation that puts a hold on your diploma, you will have to pick up the diploma later from LHS and should email Ms. Chambliss at Yvonne.Chambliss@leanderisd.org.

Order Final

The final piece of college admission is the final transcript. While these won't be ready

Transcripts

until late June, you cannot start school in the fall until your college has this final one. So before school is out, go to Parchment and put in your order for the Final Transcript (end of semester). It will be sent when they are ready. LHS website, select the drop down menu for "Parent/Student Resources", then scroll down and click on "Transcript Request."

A calendar of upcoming senior events is attached for quick reference. I hope this letter answers some of your questions regarding graduation. We are working hard to ensure that our students, their families and friends have the kind of graduation they deserve and can be proud of.

If you have further questions you may call me, my Administrative Assistant, Erica Acuna at 512-570-1000, or Associate Principal, Kyla Mills at 512-570-1021.

Sincerely,

Chris Simpson
Principal

Senior Calendar - April - June 2019

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday	April 4	Herff Jones Delivers Announcement - 1000's Wing		Lunches
Saturday	April 6	Prom	Renaissance Hotel	8:00 p.m.
Monday	April 10	Senior Class Meeting	PAC	Pride Time
Friday	April 26	Powder Puff Football Game	Bible	5:00 p.m.
Tues./Wed.	April 30/May1	Caps & Gowns Delivery	1000's Wing	Lunches
Wednesday	May 1	Senior Class Meeting	PAC	Pride Time
Thursday	May 2-24	AP & IB Exams	Various	Various
Wednesday	May 15	Seniors begin Laptop Turnin	Library	Various
Friday	May 17	Spring Pep Rally	Competition Gym	
Friday	May 17	Scholarship Info. Deadline	Back Office	Ms. Byers
Monday	May 20	College Signing Day	Competition Gym	10:10 a.m.
Thursday	May 23	Senior Final Exams	Periods 7 & 8	Full day for seniors
Friday	May 24	Senior Final Exams	Periods 3 & 4	Full day for seniors
Monday	May 27	STUDENT/TEACHER HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	May 28	Senior Final Exams	Periods 5 & 6	Early Dismissal
Wednesday	May 29	Senior Final Exams	Periods 1 & 2	Early Dismissal
Tuesday	May 28	Senior Awards	PAC	5:30 Srs./6:00 Guests
Thursday	May 30	Elementary Sr. Walk (most schools on this date: See grad website in May for dates/RSVP)	Various	7:15 a.m.
Thursday	May 30	Graduation Practice	Competition Gym	9:00 a.m.
Friday	May 31	NO SCHOOL for Seniors		
Saturday	June 1	All Graduates arrive at LHS	Science wing	9:45 a.m.
		Load Buses		10:45 a.m.
		Graduation	Cedar Park Center	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 1	Project Graduation	Leave from LHS	10:45 p.m.
		Check in at LHS from 9:45-10:30 p.m./YMCA Cedar Park 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.		