



La Vernia High School

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TO: Graduating Seniors and Parents
FROM: Anthony Kosub, Principal
DATE: May 11, 2021
SUBJECT: Graduation Information/Requirements

Graduation - Friday, May 28, 2021 @ 8:00 p.m. at Bear Stadium

We are SO excited to celebrate our Seniors and their accomplishments! Despite the challenges we have faced this year, we are pleased to be able to hold graduation at Bear Stadium to celebrate Senior achievements while keeping our community healthy and safe.

For those guests unable to attend, LVHS Graduation will be live-streamed at the following link:
<https://vimeo.com/lvisdtx>.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

The La Vernia High School Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be held at 8:00 p.m. on May 28, 2021, at Bear Stadium. Students are to report to Gym #4 (by the cafeteria) no later than 6:00 p.m. on the day of graduation.

All Seniors must attend a mandatory rehearsal on Friday May 28th at 9:00 a.m. to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 28th. For the mandatory graduation practice, students are to report to Gym #4.

Graduating Seniors with last names beginning with A-J will be seated on the home side of Bear Stadium. Graduating Seniors with last names beginning with K-Z will be seated on the visitor side of Bear Stadium.

Visitors to graduation will follow our board approved COVID-19 Mitigation practices as follows:

- Follow the pre-screening procedure (located below) before attending graduation.
- Bring a mask if attending the graduation ceremony. Mask usage is encouraged.
- For safety reasons, mask usage will be required when interacting with staff or walking through crowds.
- Practice 6-foot social distancing from people not in the same household when possible.
- Practice hand washing and hand sanitizer use.
- Respect individual choice of mask usage.

Visitors to graduation need to complete COVID-19 Pre-Screener Procedures:

1. Exclude any student, parent, caregiver, visitor, or staff showing symptoms from entering the stadium (COVID-19 symptoms include)
 - a. Cough
 - b. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - c. Chills
 - d. Repeated shaking with chills
 - e. Muscle pain
 - f. Headache
 - g. Sore throat
 - h. Loss of taste or smell
 - i. Diarrhea
 - j. Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - k. Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate health agency. For clarity, close contact is defined as:
 - i. Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a face covering); or
 - ii. Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a face covering.

No gifts of any kind will be allowed in the stadium (i.e. cards, balloons, flowers, etc.).

There will be a concession stand that will have water for purchase.

TICKETS:

Each graduate will receive two tickets for reserved seating on the track area. **All tickets will be distributed on Wednesday, May 26th, at the Mandatory Senior Check-Out/Graduation Meeting. Students must be in attendance on May 26th.**

Graduates may invite as many guests as they want, but please know that the open seating in the bleachers will be on a first come, first serve, basis. The stadium has ramps and seating that are accessible to individuals with mobility issues. For guests unable to attend in person, there will also be a livestream video of graduation.

ARRIVAL, PARKING, AND ENTRANCE:

Graduating Seniors will utilize the 400 and 500 building parking lots, the senior parking lot, and parking lots behind the 300 building. Upon parking, Seniors will report to Gym #4.

Parking for graduation guests will be available at the junior high campus, stadium parking lot, at the La Vernia City Park, around the high school campus, and across FM 775 from the high school 400 and 500 buildings. Graduation guests will enter Bear Stadium through either the Home or Visitor entrances, which will open at 6:30 p.m. Golf carts will be available to shuttle guests from the parking lot areas to Bear Stadium.

While waiting to enter the stadium, make sure to maintain safe social distancing protocols.

SEATING:

Upon arrival, graduation guests may enter Bear Stadium at either home or visitor entrances. Seating for guests will be available in the bleachers and on both sides of the track for reserved ticket holders. Each graduate is provided two reserved seats on the track. Bleacher seating is on a first-come, first-serve, basis. Individuals will not be allowed to loiter along the bleacher railing before or during the ceremony. Restrooms are located in the concession stand area.

Reserved seating for people with mobility issues will be available. The parent of the graduate must call the high school at 830-779-6630 by May 21, 2021, for any special concerns or accommodations.

PHOTOS:

Photos will be taken by the school district's designated photographer, Mr. Hellmann. No one in the bleacher area is permitted to move about to take pictures. Individual photos will be taken by Mr. Hellmann when graduates walk to the stage with their diplomas. Digital copies of these pictures will be posted on Facebook and shared with parents of Senior students free of charge.

FAMILY & GRADUATE DISMISSAL:

At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will be dismissed. Graduates and ceremony guests may congregate on the field area after the ceremony.

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS:

In the event of a prolonged power outage, heavy rain, or inclement weather of any kind, the graduation ceremony will be held on another date. This information will be provided to students and parents if necessary. If there is inclement weather and the graduation ceremony is moved to another date, the decision to move graduation will be made by 2:00 p.m. on the day of graduation, and notifications of the change will be sent out via: parent email, postings on district/campus web-pages and Facebook, and a phone message.

Ceremony Requirements and Important Notes

Graduates must attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal on May 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Gym #4.

There will be an instructional video shared to help Seniors prepare for our commencement ceremony.

All graduates need to be in compliance with the Secondary District Dress Code.

Graduates may decorate their graduation caps. There should be no vulgar language, political messaging, or hate speech on graduation caps. Seniors have been given specific requirements for cap decorating with their graduation materials.

Graduates should arrive to the commencement ceremony fully dressed in cap and gown.

Any graduation candidate who arrives for the graduation ceremony under the influence of illegal substances or alcohol will not be allowed to participate.

Congratulations! LVHS Class of 2021, we love you and are proud of you! We know you will continue to do great things as you begin the next chapter of your lives.