



Tates Creek High School

An International Baccalaureate School

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Dear TCHS Seniors and Families -

I know I've mentioned previously that we are committed to ensuring the Class of 2021 is able to participate in prom and graduation - two milestone events that are very important to our seniors, our families, and our school community. I'm extremely happy that I am able to begin sharing information/details. Students are not required to attend either event – attendance is optional for both.

TCHS Senior Prom – 2021

Who:

- TCHS 12th Grade Students
 - Each 12th grade student may invite (1) one guest of his/her choice. Seniors are not required to invite a date – this is optional.
- The guest application for any person attending who is **not** a TC Senior will be available starting **Monday, April 26, 2021**
 - For instance, if a TC Senior invites a TC underclass student to attend, or a student from another high school, the guest has to be approved and complete the guest application.
 - Guests may not be younger than a 9th grade student and no older than 20 years old.
 - Guests applications are due **May 14, 2021, 3:30PM**

When: Saturday, May 22, 8p-11p

Where:

- TCHS Parking Lot (A 40 x 100 tent will be on-site in case of inclement weather)
- Parking for the event will not be in the same area/near the tent/prom
- A backdrop will be provided for photos and a DJ will be present

Cost: \$25 per ticket (cash or check only)

- Ticket sales begin **Monday, April 26, 2021 and end Thursday, May 20, 3P**

Additional Important Information:

- All students and guests will enter campus via Centre Parkway (between the elementary and middle schools) and pass through a checkpoint for a search (car and belongings) and temperature check.
- No tickets are sold at the door or on the day of the event
- No outside food or drink are permitted
- Bottled water will be provided, but no food
- All TC students and guests are expected to remain in compliance with FCPS Code of Conduct and TCHS behavioral expectations
- Attendees will have access to restroom facilities
- There will not be any tables, but chairs will be provided. Social distancing is expected.
- No re-entry once a student leaves
- No one is permitted to enter after 9:30PM

- Attendees will be required to wear a mask at all times
- Attendees will sign a student assurance stating that he/she agrees to remain home if he/she is not feeling well and that he/she is aware that he/she may be quarantined from participating in FCPS-related events for 10 days as a result of attending the event if there is a positive exposure to COVID
- Sanitation stations will be present at the checkpoint entrance and at the tent
- Custodial staff will be present to assist in keeping the facility sanitary
- Law Enforcement will be present as well

Prom Court:

- Only TCHS Seniors can submit a nomination
- Nominations will take place **May 10 - May 14, 8a - 3p**
- King & Queen Voting is **May 17 - May 18, 8a - 3p**

TCHS Graduation Information, Class of 2021

- **Wednesday, May 19, 6PM, Rupp Arena**
 - Students planning to participate in graduation are required to attend graduation practice on **Tuesday, May 18, 8:30a.**
 - Students are required to wear a mask during graduation practice.
 - Additional details related to graduation practice and “what to do” will be provided in May.
- Each graduating Senior will be issued (4) four tickets
 - More information about ticket distribution is forthcoming. Central office made the decision about the number of tickets per student due to COVID restrictions.
- Any TC Senior student who participates in the graduation ceremony is required to wear a cap/gown and a mask during the ceremony.
- Seniors are permitted to decorate his/her cap; all caps will be reviewed for appropriateness prior to walking out on the floor. Administration reserves the right to confiscate a cap if the message is not appropriate.
- TCHS Graduation Student Speaker nominations will take place **April 12- April 16, 8a - 3p**
- TCHS Graduation Student Speaker voting will take place **April 22 & 23, 8a - 3p**
- If a student elects not to attend/participate in graduation, he/she may pick his/her diploma up from TCHS after May 20.
- COVID-19 safety protocols will be employed for all attendees’ safety.

We are over-the-moon excited the Class of 2021 is able to experience an in-person prom and an in-person graduation ceremony. Additional information is forthcoming related to both events and if there are any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Dr. Marty Mills

Principal: Dr. Marty Mills

Academy Principal: Meredith Bordas - Academy Principal: Justin Cheatham - Academy Principal: Dr. Kevin Crosby

Academy Principal: Chris Long – Academy Principal: Matthew Ward

Academy Coach: Amanda Wickersham - IB Coordinator: John Hatfield - Athletic Director: John Dixon