

Class of 2020

Plan B

10am graduation last name A-L

Gates open at 9:15 with social distancing guidelines

2pm graduation last name M-Z

Gates open at 1:15 with social distancing guidelines

South Side High School will hold two graduation ceremonies on Tuesday, May 19th for the Class of 2020. Graduation ceremonies will be held at 10am and 2pm respectively. Each graduation will take place at South Side Stadium and limited to 100 seniors in order to adhere to safe social distancing guidelines. Each graduating senior will be provided with 6 tickets. Ray Washington, Director of Schools and the Madison County government, has set the limits on tickets and there is no wiggle room in this requirement. This means that every single person, regardless of age, must have a ticket to get through the gate. Seniors are asked to park at the South Side baseball field and Meridian Baptist Church. Seniors are also required to enter and exit from the baseball stadium gate. All family members and other guests will be required to enter at the main stadium entrance.

Additionally, all guests invited to attend will be required to wear face coverings while at the stadium. Both graduation ceremonies will be live streamed via YouTube. More information regarding streaming will be shared via the Remind along with other announcements.

Seniors will pick up ticket, cords and other items for graduation on Friday, May 15th from 9am-11am at the Tech Prep Office. **The senior must pick up the tickets in person.**

Graduation dress code:

Preferred Dress:

- Males: White button up shirt with collar, dark tie, black belt, black socks, black pants and black shoes
- Females: Black dress and black shoes. A nice solid black pantsuit is acceptable.

Due to shopping closures:

- We understand that shopping may be a challenge for the seniors. If you are unable to get the preferred dress, we would like to stick as closely to a uniformed look as possible. School uniformed dress code is an option. A preferred dress would be dark pants and dark polo accepted in the JMCSS dresscode guidelines.

Shoes:

- Ladies please, Please, PLEASE do not wear heels!!!! We will be on the football field and skinny, pointy heels will sink in the field easily and you will fall!!!!
- The weather may leave the field wet so wear shoes that you will be comfortable wearing and that even if they get wet you can still walk in smoothly

GRADUATION NOTES:

- Seniors should arrive at 9am and 1pm depending on which graduation you are in.
- LEAVE EVERYTHING YOU CAN IN YOUR CAR! Leave cell phones in your car and make sure your keys aren't going to jingle too much. Don't bring purses or personal items in, there is no place for them to be monitored.
- Enter through the baseball gate and make your way to the visitor's side.
- You will be lined up in the stands by senior sponsors regarding what row you will be on
- We will march into pomp and circumstance with each row being led by a senior sponsor. The sponsor will direct you on when to rise and when to approach the podium to receive your diploma. This year along with your name, any awards, scholarships and recognitions will be read as well. It will be graduation and awards day combined.
- You will receive both your diploma and any records you requested from guidance at this time.
- The valedictorian, salutatorian and class president will speak at both graduations.
- CAPS – write your name in your cap. Lisa Webb will sing the alma mater and caps will be thrown then. If you want to throw your cap you are responsible for finding it before leaving the field. You will not be allowed back on the field to collect them.
- Red Art will be doing pictures this year.

DVDs WILL BE MADE BY HAWK TV AND DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY SENIOR WHEN AVAILABLE. The dvd will be edited to show both graduations as one. Be looking for a text to request these through Greg Hammond. One will be made free of charge for each senior that requests the DVD.

Rain Plan:

- If it rains, graduation will be moved to the west gym.
- Graduates will arrive at the same specified time
- Enter through the back-hallway door by the field house.
- Walk together as a group, led by a senior sponsor for each row into the gym
- Graduates will exit the same way they walked in and depart through the same door

Jostens Orders & Cap and Gowns

- If you have not paid your Jostens order, you will not be allowed to walk at graduation. Your full balance must be paid. You can go to the Jostens website, enter your school name, city and state. The sales rep is sending out messages to those that owe money. Check the email address you registered with for that information!
- IF YOU HAVE NOT PLACED YOUR ORDER FOR CAP AND GOWN YOU NEED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY!!! You can place orders online at <https://www.jostens.com/>

Parking:

- Seniors park in the baseball lot and Meridian Church
- Stadium parking - Handicapped only parking
- All others will park across the street in regular school parking