

# Becker High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Senior Student:

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The purpose of this letter is to provide you with important information that you should know as we prepare to celebrate the Class of 2021's Commencement Ceremony on May 28.

### **Last Day for Seniors**

The last instructional day for senior students is Thursday, May 27. Seniors will attend blocks one and two. Lunch will then be provided, followed by Commencement practice on the football field.

### **Commencement Practice**

Commencement practice is Thursday, May 27 at 11:15 on the football field. Students participating in the ceremony must attend practice. Please note that school rules continue to apply to seniors through Commencement Day. Make good decisions.

### **Graduation Requirements**

A Becker High School diploma is granted to a student who has completed 28 credits and has met state and local requirements. In addition, all school obligations should be satisfied, such as all fines paid and all school owned equipment and materials returned. Based on the unique circumstances over the last year, ALL seniors are permitted to participate in Commencement. Students must still meet the graduation requirements in order to receive their diploma.

### **Commencement Ceremony Eligibility and Participation Fee**

Participation in Commencement is optional. Diplomas will be available for pick up in the high school office beginning June 1st. Please stop by the office during normal school hours to pick up the diploma. Again, ALL seniors are permitted to participate in Commencement. Students must still meet the graduation requirements in order to receive their diploma. In addition, students need to pay a \$35 fee to participate in Commencement. The fee defrays commencement expenses such as cap, gown, tassel, flowers, and program printing. The fee needs to be paid online at <https://lobby.wordwareinc.com> (same location where prom was paid, iPad protection plan, etc.) prior to May 10. Gowns will be distributed during lunches on May 12 to all students that have submitted their fee. Contact the BHS Office if there is a need for financial assistance.

### **Commencement Ceremony**

Commencement this year will be held at Eppard Field. Ticketing information will come in the near future, but there will be a limited number per graduate. Commencement begins at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 6:45 p.m. On the night of commencement, seniors will report to the Main Gym at 6:45 p.m. Students should be dressed in semi-formal attire, wear appropriate footwear, and are required to wear their cap and gown during the ceremony. If weather does not permit an outdoor ceremony, we will hold the ceremony indoors at the same time, while following current MDH guidelines. The actual diploma is not inside the diploma cover on commencement night. Diplomas are available for pick up the week of June 1st in the High School Office.

### **Post Graduation Party**

The All Night Graduation Party will be held at River City Extreme in Monticello. A \$50 payment (checks to Becker All Night Graduation Party) is due by May 9th in the HS office or through Community Education to guarantee a prize. This event is sponsored by the Becker All Night Graduation Party Committee.

### **Senior Scholarship Night**

The ceremony is Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The High School Counseling Office is organizing this occasion. Invitations are sent to the families of seniors receiving awards.

### **Clearance Forms**

All seniors must complete a school clearance form. These forms will be given to students during the week of May 17. Students who are full time PSEO need to pick up a form in the High School Office. Forms must be returned to Lynnea Henry prior to commencement practice.

### **iPad Collection**

Students will turn in their iPads on May 26. If students misplaced their charging block, the replacement cost is \$19. The charging cord is also \$19. The charge for a replacement iPad is \$299.99. Payments can be made at <https://lobby.wordwareinc.com>.

### **Baccalaureate Service**

The Baccalaureate Service will be held Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. It will likely take place at Becker High School in the Performing Arts Center.

### **Hat Decorating**

The Graduation Committee (composed of 8 seniors) has decided to once again allow students to decorate their mortar boards (hats) for the ceremony. This is optional for students. Students must use good decision making on what to include on their mortar board. Oftentimes, graduates will include some symbol of their pathway after high school.

**Post Commencement Parade**

The Graduation Committee has also decided they want the Class of 2021 to participate in a drive around town, led by local law enforcement. This event will take place right after the completion of the ceremony. The route will be shared at a later date.

**Future Communication**

Please stay tuned for future communication on the number of tickets per graduate, the parade route, parking expectations, live streaming options, and other areas of awareness. We continue to monitor guidance from MDE and MDH to provide a safe and memorable experience.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! The last weeks of school are filled with exciting events and will move so quickly. Cherish each moment you have with each other Class of 2021!

Sincerely,

David T Kreft, High School Principal