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Chris Alber, Principal

May 7, 2021

Dear Class of 2021 Parents/Students,

The La Porte High School Class of 2021 commencement service is scheduled for Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Field. If we have inclement weather we will have commencement in the main gym at 7:00 on Thursday, June 10th. We will communicate weather updates by the afternoon through our school website and social media.

Our plan for the commencement service for the Class of 2021 has been approved by the local health department. A COVID-19 Mitigation/Response Plan was necessary to ensure safety for our graduates and guests. The plan includes social distancing procedures and personal protection equipment measures in place for the benefit of all attendees of this special event. Family groups will be expected to sit together to allow for proper social distancing. Masks are required for the ceremony. Students will be provided a Slicer mask.

TICKET PLAN FOR BLUE, YELLOW, OR ORANGE THREAT LEVEL: Parents/guardians and graduates will receive **six (6) ORANGE tickets** per graduate for this year's ceremony if we are outside at Kiwanis. However, if we are inside the main gym due to inclement weather, graduates will receive **four (4) WHITE tickets** for their guests. **Please take special care of the tickets you are issued as they will not be reissued.**

TICKET PLAN FOR RED THREAT LEVEL: Parents/guardians and graduates will only be able to use **four (4) ORANGE tickets** per graduate for this year's ceremony if we are outside at Kiwanis. If there is inclement weather, graduates will only be able to use **two (2) WHITE tickets** for their guests.

While we realistically and regretfully have to limit the number of attendees at this year's graduation in order to ensure pandemic safety measures, we are grateful that we are able to have an in-person ceremony for the graduates to walk the stage. Our graduates have earned the celebration!

This year's service will be modified in many ways for safety while also honoring several features and characteristics of traditional graduation ceremonies at Kiwanis Stadium. We are very excited to see our graduates and their families on this special day at Kiwanis Stadium. As a reminder, the ceremony will be streamed live by the LaPorte Slicer Network.

Tickets will be distributed during SRT to our seniors later in May. Distance learning students will need to show their ID and pick up their tickets from Mrs. Rice in the front office later in May. *We will communicate the specific date for tickets in a separate communication.* We will also meet with all graduates in a senior assembly here at LPHS. The assembly will be held later in May at a date and time to be determined.

Anyone who has not ordered their cap/gown needs to immediately place their order with Herff Jones. Caps/gowns are required to participate in the service. Call the Herff Jones office number at 574-583-3420 or go online to <http://www.kingsley-inc.com> to click on the graduation accessory button. If you have a financial hardship, please contact any LPHS administrator and we will try to help.

Sincerely,

Chris Alber, Principal

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