



## EJCHS Senior Newsletter



May 5, 2021

### **Final Herff-Jones Senior Delivery: (May 14th) - Ms. Byers**

The final balance must be paid with cash, money order, or cashier's check.

May 14th will be the final date for delivery of any graduation supplies. **This is your last chance to pick up graduation supplies!**

*The longer you wait to order your cap and gown, the more expensive it will be.*

**\*\* Herff-Jones Call Center - #770-795-1626    \*\*Customer Service - [info@herffatlanta.com](mailto:info@herffatlanta.com)**

**\*\*Order Cap and Gown - [www.highschool.herffjones.com](http://www.highschool.herffjones.com)    \*\* If you have a financial hardship, please see Ms. Byers ASAP.**

### **Senior Indebtedness: (DEADLINE was Monday, May 3rd; 3:30 p.m.) – SEE MS. BOLTON!!**

All senior indebtedness for lost/damaged textbooks, band fees, library fines, uniforms, fundraiser money and other miscellaneous charges must be cleared by 3:30 p.m. **Seniors owing for school items will not be allowed to practice or march for graduation.**

### **Senior Academic Honors Night: (Thursday, May 13th; 6:30 p.m.) – Ms. Erin Nickerson**

Special recognition will be given to seniors who have excelled. Senior subject area awards and scholarships (that are known at that time) will be announced at Academic Honors Night. Seniors are expected to dress up and look their best for the occasion (no shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc.). Many of the award winners will have pictures made for the local paper. Students will receive invitations the week of May 3rd. Immediate family (those living in the household with you) may attend with those students who have received an invitation. Masks are requested of all students, guests, and presenters. Seniors will sit on stage, so plan your attire accordingly (i.e. no short skirts).

### **Testing: Ms. Julie Crouch**

- **May 3-14**– AP Exams
- **Senior Exams:** - Seniors will take their finals exams early. The schedule below will be during REGULAR class periods:

**Monday, May 17th**  
7th period

**Tuesday, May 18th**  
2nd, 6th, and 8th periods

**Wednesday, May 19th**  
1st, 3rd and 5th periods

**Final Grades:** All course work should be completed by May 14. This includes online coursework.

**Technology Return:** Seniors will be required to return their school-issued chromebooks and chargers. You will turn in your chromebook and charger to your 5th period teacher after your last exam on Wed, May 19th. Your second opportunity to return your materials will be at graduation practice on Tues, May 25th.

### **Yearbooks: Ms. Melanie Lawhorn**

**End of May - Date of delivery is subject to change. All Yearbook balances were DUE by Friday, April 30th.** Your balance on your yearbook must be paid in full in order to receive it.

### **Lunch Accounts: Ms. Vickey Minish (cafeteria manager)**

All seniors should have a \$0 balance at the end of the year. This can be achieved by paying off your account, moving a remaining balance to a younger sibling, or having the cafeteria staff refund any existing money on the account. Please see Ms. Minish to take care of this. Make sure your parents have disabled autopay.

## GRADUATION:

**Graduation Dress Code:** The required dress code is listed below.

### **Males:**

Cap, gown, tassel, white button-up dress shirt and dark tie, black or navy dress pants, dark dress shoes and dark socks. (You may not decorate the top of your cap.)

### **Females:**

Cap, gown, tassel, dress/skirt and **black or navy** dress shoes (no **pants**). Your dress should not show beyond your gown. (You may not decorate the top of your cap.) Wear comfortable shoes; it is a long walk to the stadium.

Masks will be provided so that all graduates present a uniform look. Graduates may remove their masks once they are outside.

***\*\*If you are unsure if your clothing meets the requirements, please see Ms. Palmer.***

***\*\*If you have a financial hardship, please see Ms. Byers, Ms. Chaisson, or Ms. Turton ASAP!!***

### **Cap and Gown Pictures: (Tuesday, May 25th; 8:00 am) Ms. Lawhorn**

Cap and Gown pictures will be taken beginning at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 25th in the main gym.

**Seniors must be dressed in the appropriate attire for graduation including their cap and gown.** A postcard will be mailed with information on how to purchase your pictures and information will also be posted on the school's social media.

### **Graduation Practice: (Tuesday, May 25th; 9:00 am) Ms. Ware, Ms. Canup, and Ms. Hardigree**

**ALL** seniors will be required to report to the gym by 9:00 am on Tuesday. Please report to the small gym when you arrive. There will be important information and materials given out at this time.

It is mandatory for seniors marching at Thursday's graduation to attend the full practice on Tuesday, May 25th. All seniors are directed to report to the gym beginning at 9:00 am. There are no exceptions to this unless approved by Ms. Palmer. The principal is the only person authorized to grant this exception, and it is done so only on the basis of extreme hardship. If you have car trouble or a medical emergency on the way to practice, it is your responsibility to get confirmation from Ms. Palmer. Seniors should not enter the academic building as we do not want to disrupt underclassmen exams.

Each senior will be assigned a row and seat in which they will sit during the graduation practice and ceremony. It is at the discretion of the EJCHS administration as to where your placement will be.

***A senior who is disruptive in the graduation practice will be dismissed and directed to return with his/her parents for a conference with Ms. Palmer prior to graduation.***

### **Parade of Seniors: (Wednesday, May 26th; 7:00 p.m.)**

We will have our 2nd Annual "Parade of Seniors" on Wednesday, May 26th. Decorate your cars if you like (school appropriate). Show your school spirit and EJ pride. The parade will start at EJCHS then travel to EJMS and from there on to the elementary schools. Each graduate can have only ONE vehicle in the parade. Graduates should sit in the front passenger seat wearing graduation caps. Do not decorate your caps. Only one graduate per car unless you are siblings. No riding in the back of trucks, etc. A parent or other responsible adult should be in the driver's seat. (The senior vote revealed that the parade was more valued than the Elementary Walk. Thank you for participating in the survey.)

### **Graduation: (Thursday, May 27th; 8:00 pm)**

The graduation ceremony for the EJCHS Class of 2021 will be held in Eagle Stadium, weather permitting.

**Seniors will report to the small gym at 6:45 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. \*\*\*In the event of rain, there will be an alternate plan for an indoor ceremony - same date and time. The indoor ceremony will be in the large gym and seating will be limited.**

Graduates will receive 15 tickets for the outdoor ceremony and 4 tickets for the indoor ceremony. Only guests with tickets will be allowed into the venue, regardless of their age. Graduates will receive their tickets at graduation practice. No additional tickets can be purchased.

When you arrive at school for graduation, please report to the small gym. You will enter through the back door of the auxiliary gym. Carry your cap and gown in with you. Once you enter the gym you will not be allowed to leave for any reason. Please secure all valuables before entering the gym. Do not bring cell phones, purses, keys, etc. in with you. We will not have anywhere to secure these items once you are inside, and you will not be allowed to bring those items onto the field during the ceremony. Herff Jones will be on site with extra items (tassels, etc.) to purchase, if needed. No friends or family are allowed in the gym--only graduates.

**Graduation Video: Ms. Traci Smith**

Ms. Smith will video the graduation ceremony and post to YouTube the following day. For those who wish to purchase a copy, videos will be available for \$10 later in the summer.

The ceremony will also be live streamed by district office staff for those friends and family who were unable to secure tickets.

