



Due to COVID protocols, Tustin High School is planning three small IN-PERSON commencement ceremonies on Tuesday, May 25th at 8:00 am, 11:00 am, and 2:00pm at Northrup Stadium.

#### **Graduation Will Feel Different**

Graduation will look and feel very different than it has in the past. The format we will use this year will not require a rehearsal and will allow us to try some new things that we have never done at Tustin High. Graduates will be able to choose the ceremony and sit near their friends instead of the traditional alphabetical order. We will focus on keeping speeches and performances lighthearted. We will NOT be issuing tickets to the ceremony. Graduates and their guests must check in at the same time, 40 minutes prior to their selected ceremony.

## **Graduation Ceremony Reservations**

Graduates are limited to 3 quests and will only be allowed to make a reservation for ONE ceremony. All 3 guests must arrive with the graduate 40 minutes prior to the start of their confirmed ceremony. The THS Graduation Ceremony Selection Form link will go LIVE on Wednesday, April 14 at 10:30am and will close on Sunday, April 18. This link can be found under the #SENIORSEVERYTHING tab located on the THS Website (https://tustink12caus.finalsite.com/tustin-high/resources/seniors-everything) and can only be accessed from the student's @mytusd.org email. Plan ahead as to which ceremony the graduate and guests will be attending. Make sure guests will be able to attend the chosen time prior to submitting your response. Requests are time stamped and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please keep in mind your preferred time may fill up, so you will be required to select a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. Once the 180 student spots have been filled in each time slot that ceremony time will close. A receipt response will be emailed to the student's email immediately after the form is completed. You will receive confirmation of your confirmed ceremony time the week of May 3 via the graduate's @mytusd.org email address. All graduates must submit the THS Graduation Ceremony Selection Form to participate.

Advance notice will be sent BEFORE the THS Graduation Ceremony Selection Form link opens to the graduate's @mytusd email address and will be limited to 1 response to prevent multiple entries. The THS Graduation Ceremony Selection Form link will open on Wednesday, April 14 at 10:30am. Once the graduate has requested their ceremony time, another Google form will be sent on Wednesday, April 28 at 10:30am for the graduate to select their seating choice, "Red Side" or "Black Side". Family members will want to sit on the same side in the stadium to best view their graduate. Requests are time stamped and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The graduate will be informed of their side in May.

# **Tips for Ceremony Selection**

Graduates will want to coordinate with their friends and parents to select the same ceremony. If you plan to attend a graduation ceremony, you must sign-up via the <a href="https://documents.com/THS Graduation">THS Graduation</a>
Ceremony Selection Form using the graduate's @mytusd.org email account. If you do not submit, we will assume you do NOT wish to take part in the Commencement ceremony.

#### **Graduation Tickets**

Graduation tickets will not be used this year. Graduates and their 3 guests must check in at the same time, 40 minutes prior to their confirmed ceremony. Be on time.

## **Cap and Gown Distribution**

Seniors will be able to pick up their purchased or borrowed caps, gowns and free yard sign at the Cap and Gown Distribution event on Friday, April 30 in the Plaza from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Deadline to order your cap and gown for pick up at the Cap and Gown Distribution event on Friday, April 30 is Wednesday, April 21. Students who did not pre-purchase a cap and gown package may do so on Friday, April 30 for \$40 (cash only). The next available opportunity to pick up your cap and gown will be later that evening, April 30, from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Senior Movie Night in the THS Plaza.

What If I am using my sibling's gown? If you will be using a black gown worn from a previous Tustin High graduate, you may purchase any of the following items at the Cap and Gown Distribution event on April 30: a cap for \$10, tassel for \$10 and a medallion for \$10.

What If I want to "borrow" a cap and gown? If you want to order a "borrowed" cap and gown, you must do so by emailing Scott Pennington, our Josten's rep at:

Pennington.office@Jostens.com. In the subject line, write "Loaner" and in the email, include your full name, height and weight for the correct gown size.

**Deadline to order for pick up on Friday, April 30 is Wednesday, April 21**. Caps and Gowns will also be available to borrow free of charge at the Student Store starting on Friday, April 30. Borrowed caps, gowns, and tassels must be returned at the Student Store between **Tuesday, June 1- Friday, June 18 from 2:00pm-4:00pm**.

What if I still have not purchased my cap and gown? There is still time to order your cap and gown. Visit <a href="www.jostens.com">www.jostens.com</a> by Wednesday, April 21 in order to pick up your order on Friday, April 30. Order online: <a href="www.Jostens.com">www.Jostens.com</a>, order by phone: 800-567-8367, mail in: PO Box 512, Owatonna, MN 55060, or order in person: (Hours: Mon-Thurs 12pm-4pm) at 711 W. 17th Street, Unit E-7, Costa Mesa, Ca 92627.

# **Parking**

This will all depend on which side of the field the graduate is sitting on. Graduates will be placed on either the "Black Side" or "Red Side". Graduates and Parents will be notified by email whether they will be sitting in the "Black Side" or the "Red Side". (see attached map). It is advised that the graduate and guests arrive in the same vehicle to the ceremony.

#### **Seating**

<u>Black Side Seating</u> - Attendees and graduates that will be sitting on the "Black Side" (Visitor bleachers) will park on the field behind the Visitor bleachers off San Juan Street. "Black Side" attendees and graduates must check in between the Sports Pavilion and the Portable 800 buildings. Once the ceremony is over, the graduates that are on the "Black Side" will be exiting the field area behind the visitor bleachers to meet up with their guests or family members (see attached map).

**Red Side Seating-** Attendees and Graduates that will be sitting on the "Red Side" (Home bleachers) will park in the main parking lot at Tustin High. Please be aware that this lot may fill

up. Once the ceremony is over, graduates on the "Red Side" will exit out to the parking lot to meet up with their guests or family members (see attached map).

## Ceremony to be Livestreamed

The plan is to livestream graduation. Barring any technical issues, graduation WILL BE livestreamed with details about how to be shared at a later date.

#### **Dress Code for Graduation Ceremonies**

It is our expectation that each student will be properly dressed in a "business casual" manner at the Graduation Ceremony. Graduates who are not appropriately attired may be removed from the lineup. Graduates may not deface/decorate their caps or gowns in any manner. This includes writing, decorations, pins, etc. Any student who does not meet the dress code will not participate in Graduation. Items issued by the school such as the CSF Seal Bearer gold stole, CSF Lamp of Knowledge pin, and Tustin High School medals and cords may be worn by the graduates. For questions regarding wearing traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance, please contact a school administrator.

### **Appropriate Dress Code for Students:**

Cap and Gown

Dress slacks, dress shirt (tie optional), blouses, skirt/dress (not visible below gown)

Dress shoes-FLATS ONLY!!

Absolutely No high/spiked/wedge heels (because you will be on the football field),

No sandals/flip-flops, gym shoes, or slippers

No jeans, shorts pajamas, yoga/sweatpants

No backpacks, purses, bags

No Food or Drink

# **Graduates/Spectators may NOT bring these items into the Ceremony:**

No Food or Drink

No Noise Makers

No Balloons

No Sians

No Umbrellas

No items that detract and distract others from the ceremony.

Fireworks are illegal. Persons violating this law will be removed from the ceremony. Please respect the dignity of the ceremony and adhere to these guidelines.

**Behavior:** Graduates are expected to behave in a mature and dignified manner before, during and after the ceremony. All senior activities and ceremonies are school functions; therefore, all school rules apply and will be enforced. Inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the ceremony.

# **Photographs**

There will be a professional photographer taking pictures after each graduate receives his/her diploma. These photographs will be available for you to purchase. To view your graduate's proofs, check online at www.southcoastphotographic.com. For further assistance, you may call South Coast Photographic at 714-630-8584. **All graduation photos will be available for viewing and ordering on May 28.** 

