Horseshoe Bend School District High School Graduation Information May 12, 2020

We have put the final touches on our May 30 "socially-distanced" graduation ceremony. Here are the details:

- **Banners**. A photo banner for each graduate will be hung from power poles along Highway 55 from the bridge to the Mason's Lodge on May 19. We will remove the banners on June 1-2, and the banners will be available for graduates to pick-up at the high school office on June 3-4.
- **Parade**. On May 30, we will have a parade through town with graduates in their vehicles being led by local first responders (Fire/EMS/Sheriff) ending in the high school parking lot, and followed by our presentation of diplomas.
 - $\circ~$ 9:45am Graduates will line up in their vehicles on Old Emmett Rd (the "dump road") by no later than 9:45am.
 - 10am Fire/EMS/Sheriff will lead the parade beginning at 10am (highway will be closed).
 Graduates will follow Fire/EMS/Sheriff to the school. Graduates will finish their processional by parking in their designated space. Spaces will be marked with their initials and will go alphabetically, with A being at the tree by the sidewalk and Z being near the baseball field.
- **Presentation of Diplomas**. Following the vehicle parade, we will present diplomas to each graduate. There will be a small stage set up along the east side of the high school facing the high school parking lot with tables set up with diplomas and gift bags for each graduate, and there will be a backdrop set up for photos.
 - Graduates will be called up one by one. They will walk to the table, retrieve their gift bag and diploma, walk across the stage, pose for photos, and then return to their vehicle.
 - We ask that only immediate family members of each graduate exit their vehicle to take photos, and then return to their vehicle after their graduate has left the stage. The school will also have an individual taking photos of each graduate, and those photos will be made available to family and friends.
 - After every graduate has received his or her diploma, they will exit the parking lot in their vehicles alphabetically. Family and friends will exit the parking lot in their vehicles after the graduates have all exited the parking lot.

• Other Notes

- Guests will be allowed to park in the high school parking lot to view graduates receiving their diplomas, but they will be asked to remain in their vehicles.
 - Parking space is limited, so each graduate will be issued 3 parking passes. Please inform Alex Mayer (<u>mayera@hsbschools.org</u>) if you will not need all 3 passes, or whether you would like more than 3 parking passes (we will try to accommodate requests). Parking passes will be available for pick-up at the high school office May 19-21.
- Valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, and the senior slide show, will be posted on the school's Facebook page and district website at 9:30am on the morning of the May 30 graduation ceremony, and everyone is invited to view them at their convenience.
- Events will be livestreamed on the district's Facebook page for the general public to view.

This is a very unique ceremony for a very unique group of young people. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at chesnutd@hsbschools.org or Senior Class Advisor Alex Mayer at mayera@hsbschools.org.

Kind regards,

Dennis Chesnut, Superintendent / 6-12 Principal Horseshoe Bend Schools