



# KENSTON

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## Kenston High School

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Dear Senior Parent(s):

Congratulations to the Class of 2019! Graduation is a proud moment for all parents as their children are recognized for outstanding academic achievements. This event marks both an ending and a beginning with memories of the past and new dreams for the future.

Commencement will be held on *Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.* at Parkside Auditorium. Below is important information to be aware of:

- commencement rehearsal will be at **8:00 a.m.** sharp clarifying all expectations
- students will begin with a class breakfast prior to rehearsing
- after rehearsal students will be dismissed with their caps and gowns
- failure to participate in rehearsal will negate participation in commencement
- students should arrive no later than **6:15 p.m.** for the ceremony in caps & gowns
- enclosed are your graduation tickets required for admission to Parkside
- for dual households both parents will receive **three** tickets each
- should you need additional tickets, please ask fellow students or families

Parkside has a large overflow room that sits approximately 250 people for those family members who do not receive tickets. A live stream of the ceremony will be playing in this room throughout the evening. After the ceremony, family members will reunite to celebrate with their graduate. For those family members out of town, the live stream can be accessed from anywhere in the world through the high school's website beginning at 7:00 p.m. @ [www.kenstonlocal.org](http://www.kenstonlocal.org).

Recorded DVD's will be available for purchase if you would like to have one for memorabilia. A DVD order form has been enclosed for your convenience.

### **Mandatory Graduation Attire:**

**Ladies:** Light colored clothing should be worn under the white gown with dress shoes (no heels over 3").

**Gentlemen:** Dark colored dress pants, dark dress shoes and tie with a light colored dress shirt should be worn under the navy gown.

Graduation guidelines listed on the back of this letter provides specific information for the evening of commencement.

Best Wishes,

Tom Gabram  
Principal

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# GRADUATION GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Please help to make your graduation the best it can be for you and the entire Kenston Community:

1. Leave your home in time to arrive at Parkside by 6:15 p.m. wearing your cap and gown.
2. When you arrive at Door C in the back of the building, go to your alphabetical location in the lobby (assigned during rehearsal).
3. Your "ticket" into graduation is wearing your cap and gown. **Enter Parkside wearing your cap and gown** - put your cap and gown on when you exit your car. Do not carry them into Parkside.
4. You wear a cap and gown for three reasons: (1) to show your unity with the class, that the ceremony is a group, not an individual activity; (2) to hide your individuality; and (3) to recognize the seriousness of the ceremony. Practice walking in a cap and gown to guarantee you will be able to walk wearing them without an accident. Your tassel needs to be on the **RIGHT SIDE**.
5. Proper dress for females is a light-colored dress or skirt and appropriate footwear. **No flip flops or heels over 3 inches! Note ladies:** Colors and patterns show through the white gown.
6. Proper dress for males is dark shoes, dark socks, dark slacks, with a light-colored shirt with a collar; **must wear a tie!** (If you forget, you will be given one from our "historical" collection to wear!) Appropriate footwear is required. **No flip flops or tennis shoes!** Students not adhering to the dress code will not be permitted to participate in commencement.
7. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. We will begin the processional at 6:55 p.m. The ceremony will end around 8:30 p.m.
8. Once you enter the Parkside property, you enter the authority of their security staff. Renovation has been completed and they are very strict about the condition of their facility. Proper behavior is expected and all school rules apply.
9. Each graduate family was given six tickets for family and friends. Contact peers for extra tickets or additional guests may sit in the overflow room at Parkside where the ceremony is live streamed.
10. Only those with tickets, graduates and Kenston faculty participating in commencement will be seated in Parkside Auditorium.
11. To accommodate those unable to attend commencement, the ceremony will also be streamed live online on our website.
12. Graduates are not allowed to carry purses, cameras, phones, etc. Leave all personal belongings at home or with family members.
13. **Chewing gum** at any time, both at rehearsal and in the evening, is strictly **prohibited**.
14. Polite applause is an appropriate response to the ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation and respect.
15. Any behavior that disrupts the ceremony will be stopped and subject you to possible removal.
16. Final activities include moving of the tassel from the right to the **LEFT** side of the cap, under the leadership of class president, **Andrew Britten**.
17. After the ceremony, recess in a quiet, orderly manner to the designated area (as instructed at rehearsal) to receive your diploma. **Students**, not family members, are to pick up their diplomas.
18. Exit to the parking lot or commons area so all graduates have the opportunity to greet their classmates and families.
19. Videos of the graduation ceremony, including the senior slide show, will be available for sale. Order forms are in Guidance and the KHS Main Office.