

GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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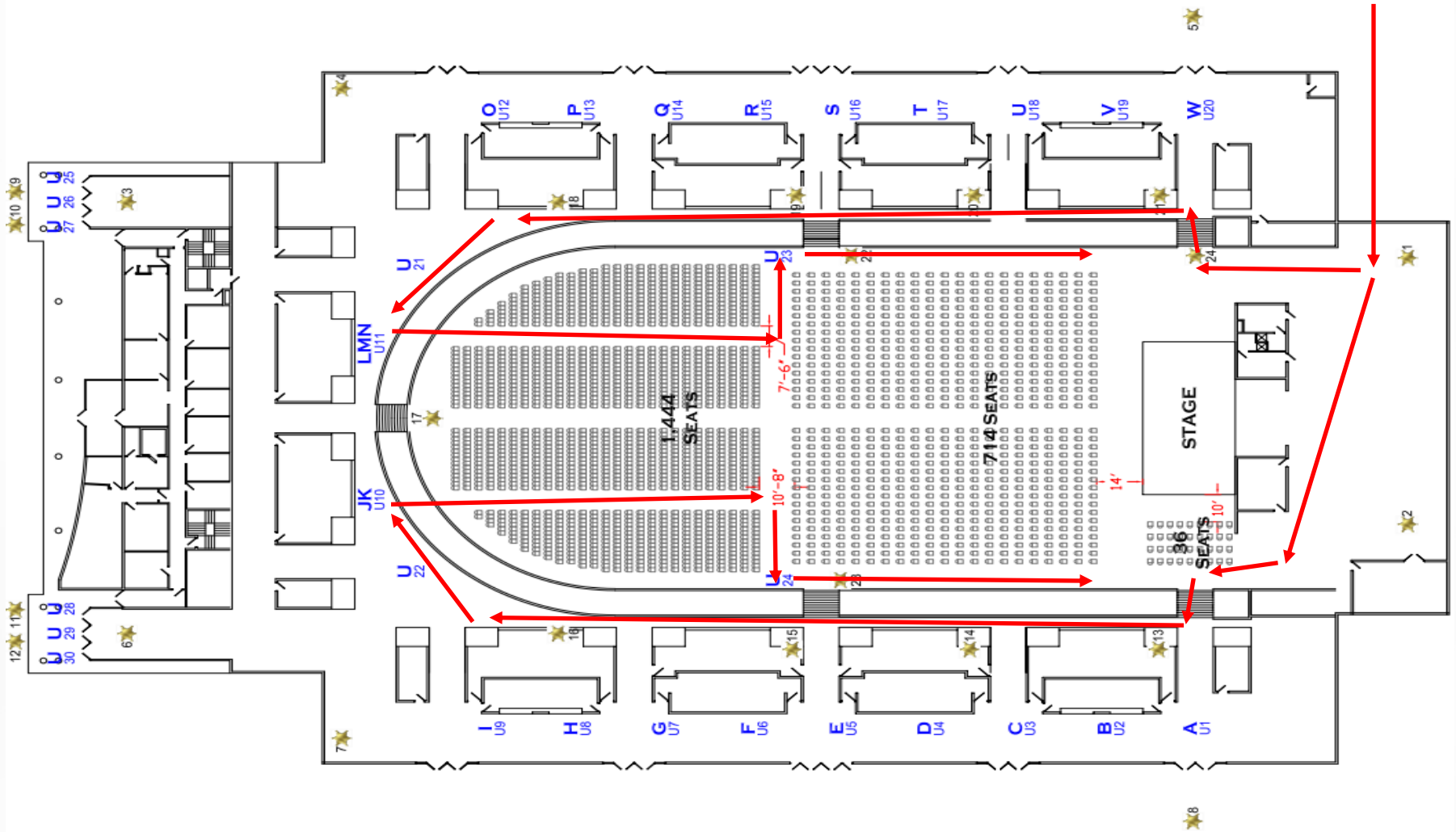
PRACTICE INFO

(Students Only)

• **PRACTICE: Thursday, May 23rd, 3:00pm**

- Enter in the North Gate lot entrance and park in either lot nearest that North Gate entrance to the fairgrounds
- Proceed towards the clock tower and turn left to meet in the Multipurpose Livestock & Exhibit building (staff will be around to direct you to the correct location)
- Arrive IN THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING (at the Ag Center) no later than 2:30pm.
- Dress casually, but not like you're going out for teen night or just rolled out of bed!! Board of Education representatives, community members, and your faculty will be there, and we want to be well-represented
- Come prepared to pay attention! Things will move quickly, and you will be getting A LOT of directions!! You don't want to be the one doing it wrong!
- This day will be the LAST OPPORTUNITY to pay for any fines, or you will not be allowed to participate (CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY...EXACT CHANGE)!!
- Herff Jones representatives will be on-site to make last minute changes for cap/gown issues, but please call them as soon as you know of needed changes to ensure they have what you need at practice.
 - Herff Jones – (912)764-9314
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND PRACTICE!**

GRADUATE CEREMONY ENTRANCE



- After practice, your student will be able to tell you on which side they enter. This should guide your seating choice for the ceremony!

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 - Enter in the **North Gate Entrance** and park in the **North Lot** where you can find a spot
 - Please be sure to allow time for heavy traffic for the event!
 - **Students**: Proceed to the MULTIPURPOSE Building (same building in which you started practice)
 - **Students**: Arrive IN THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING no later than 2:30pm to begin lining up
 - **Students**: Check and double-check your graduation apparel for all pieces:
 - Gown
 - Cap – NO DECORATION ON TOP!!!
 - Tassel (HOCO or Gold for Beta Club)
 - Stole (HOCO or Nat'l Honor Society)
 - Cords and/or Gold Honor Stole (if received)
 - NO décor from organizations not affiliated with HCHS or HCCA

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 - Male Dress Code
 - White Shirt
 - Black Tie/Bowtie (small design is okay, but must be school colors)
 - Black Pants
 - Black Socks
 - Black Shoes
 - Female Dress Code
 - Black Dress (if showing from underneath gown)
 - White Top (if showing out of the top of your gown or out of the sleeves)
 - If the dress and/or blouse doesn't show at all, it is not required to be black or white, but please avoid "loud" colors, as the gown is not very thick material and bright colors may show through
 - Black Shoes (cork/brown wedge bottoms are okay, but must be black on the top)

GRADUATION INFO

- Parent/Visitor/Guest Information
 - Graduation is held in the Reaves Arena, near the clock tower at the center of the fairgrounds
 - Each graduate has been allotted ten (10) tickets for graduation attendees.
 - Tickets will be distributed to graduates in a pickup format on Monday, May 20th, using the following schedule:
 - Students Last Name A – G: report at 4:00
 - Students Last Name H – P: report at 4:30
 - Students Last Name Q – Z: report at 5:00
 - Tickets will be picked up in the middle cafeteria
 - Park on the bus ramp side of the building and enter through the double doors
 - Student or a guardian listed on Infinite Campus must pick up the tickets.

GRADUATION INFO

- Doors will open for guests at 2:30pm.
 - Since the event is ticketed, and everyone with a ticket is guaranteed entry, there is no need to arrive earlier and stand in line prior to this time.
- Handicapped guests will have allotted handicapped seating inside the arena
- Seating is First Come/First Served
- Seating will be available on the arena floor as well as in the permanent stadium seating area of the arena.
- No reserving seats outside of your allotment of ten (10) tickets
- The arena allows enough seating capacity for all guests with tickets to enter.
- When the ceremony is over, please exit as quickly as possible and take pictures OUTSIDE. You can meet your graduate at the clock tower, where they will be led as they exit the ceremony. The staff must begin promptly preparing the arena seating for the next graduation.

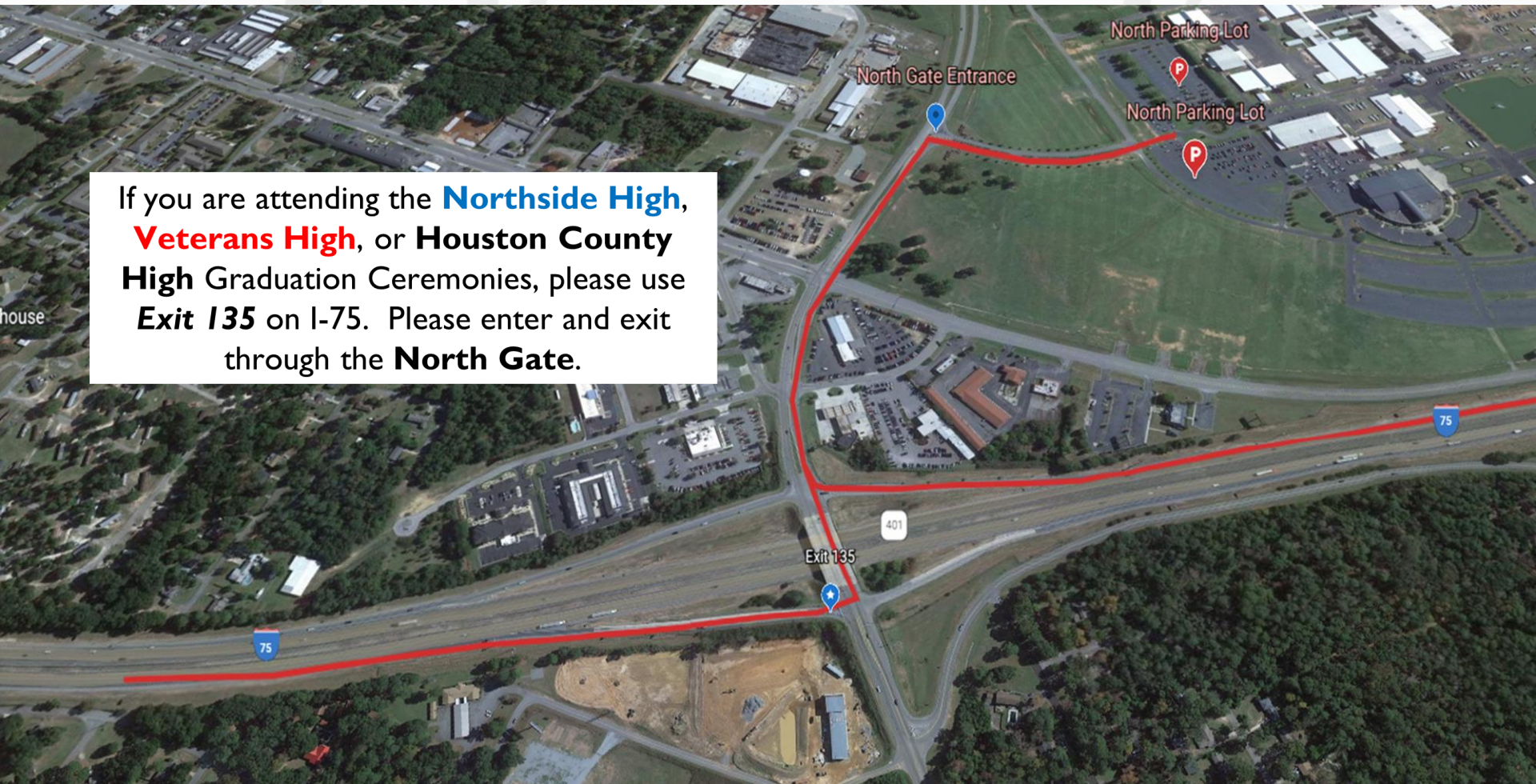
Parking Information

- Parent/Visitor/Guest Parking (maps included)
 - All guests attending the HCHS graduation should enter the NORTH GATE ENTRANCE (using I-75 exit 135) of the fairgrounds and park in the NORTH LOT.
 - All guests should enter the North Gate of the fairgrounds and proceed towards the clock tower to find Reaves Arena to the left, after the tower.
 - After the ceremony, guests should exit the NORTH GATE ENTRANCE of the fairgrounds, as other patrons for the next graduation will be utilizing other entrances/exits.
 - Handicapped patrons who have a handicapped parking decal should follow the normal traffic pattern and proceed to the NORTH LOT, where they will be directed to designated handicapped parking near Reaves Arena.

Parking Information

Please refer to the map below to assist with parking locations referenced in this presentation!

If you are attending the **Northside High**, **Veterans High**, or **Houston County High** Graduation Ceremonies, please use **Exit 135** on I-75. Please enter and exit through the **North Gate**.



Handicapped Parking



HANDICAP PARKING (ALL GRADUATIONS)

Please use **Exit 135** on I-75. Please enter and exit through the **North Gate**. Please have your Handicap decal prominently displayed. Handicap parking will be in the courtyard behind the Georgia Grown Building.

Graduation Ceremony

Students: Etiquette and Behavior

- Entering the ceremony
 - Enter the arena in a respectful and professional manner
 - It is okay to speak and wave to family as you pass by, but you must not get out of line for any reason (hugs, high fives, etc.) and you must keep moving
- Respectful Behavior is **EXPECTED** and will be monitored and maintained
 - This is a Dignified Ceremony
 - Loud cheering by graduates for individuals as they are called is **not allowed**
 - Disrespect of any graduate or the ceremony by graduates is **not allowed**
- Consequences for not adhering to expectations
 - Removal of the graduate from the graduation ceremony
 - Holding of your diploma after the ceremony pending a meeting with Dr. Jones, Mr. Allen and your parents/guardians

Graduation Ceremony

Parent/Guest: Etiquette and Behavior

- Before the ceremony
 - Remember that seating is first come, first served and seating **CANNOT** be reserved/saved for others arriving later.
 - Please be courteous of handicapped guests and allow wheelchair patrons and those accompanying these guests easy access to their seating locations.
 - Failure to follow these guidelines or other instructions of the ushers helping to seat guests will possibly result in removal from the ceremony site.
- As graduates enter the ceremony
 - Feel free to speak to your graduate, take pictures of them passing, etc.
 - Please DO NOT ask your graduate to stop and hug family members or pose for a picture. This will cause the line to stop and significantly delay the ceremony.
- Respectful Behavior is **EXPECTED** and will be monitored and maintained
 - This is a Dignified Ceremony
 - Loud cheering by family members for individuals as they are called across the stage that significantly interferes with the ceremony will be grounds for removal from the event.
 - Disrespect of any graduate or the ceremony by audience members will not be tolerated and will possibly result in removal from the event.

QUESTIONS??

- If you have questions about any aspects of this special day, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Jared Allen, HCHS Assistant Principal, at 988-6340 ext. 1713.
- No question is a bad question!
- We are proud of your Senior and we hope this information will help this day run smoothly for your family and guests.