



PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2023 Graduation Important Public Information

Outdoor Plan

Date: May 26th, 2023

Place: Dragon Stadium @ 500 Dragon Drive | Jasper, GA 30143

Access to Dragon Drive (Campus Opens): 4:30 p.m.

Graduates Report: 4:30p.m. to New Gym/PAC entry

Event Time: 7:00 p.m. (Access to PHS Stadium begins at 5:00 p.m.)

Tickets: No limit on number of guests, unless weather forces this event indoors.

Parking: Graduating at night creates a few logistical and safety issues that must be addressed. Among the most important of these issues is parking. We have worked closely with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office to devise an effective and efficient plan to ensure the safety of our guests is our top priority. Multiple shuttling options, traffic flow plans and parking strategies have all been considered. To create the best and safest experience possible for our guests, please adhere to the following:

- Parking alongside Dragon Drive will **not** be allowed for this event. Returning to vehicles in the dark on an unlighted road poses a significant danger to our guests.
- We have enough space to park three cars per graduate on campus. Therefore, each graduate will receive **three** parking passes for them and their family to access Dragon Drive on May 26th beginning at 4:30 p.m. We realize that this may take some forethought and planning on the part of the families. **Graduates will receive their parking passes at the 5/24 graduation practice.**
- Parking passes should be displayed on the dash (driver's side) upon entering Dragon Drive. Cars attempting to enter without a pass will be directed to a shuttle location. This pass should be visible in each vehicle throughout the event.
- Guests will also have the option of utilizing shuttles to access this event. The following locations will offer a parking area and air-conditioned school bus shuttle options for our guests:

Pickens Junior High School: The bus shuttles will load on the gym side of the school and will depart between 5:15 -6:00 p.m. for to the PHS Stadium.

Chattahoochee Technical College: The bus shuttles will load at the front entry of the school (parking lot at Burnt Mountain Rd. and Pioneer Rd.) and will depart between 5:15 and 6:00 p.m. for to the PHS Stadium.

Royston, LLC: The bus shuttles will load at the main parking lot. A tent will be set-up at the loading area. Shuttles will depart between 5:15-6:00 p.m. for to the PHS Stadium.

****If you are planning to ride a shuttle back to the location you parked after the ceremony, please load within 30 minutes of the ceremony's conclusion.***

Indoor Plan (Only if weather forces us inside)

Date: May 26th, 2023

Place: PHS Gymnasium @ 500 Dragon Drive | Jasper, GA 30143

Access to Dragon Drive (Campus Opens): 4:30 p.m.

Graduates Report: 4:30p.m. to New Gym/PAC entry

Event Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Tickets: Each graduate will receive **six** guest tickets for the PHS Gym. In the PAC, the event will be live-streamed. **All** guests will be required to present a ticket upon entering the event. **Graduates will be given the allotted number of tickets for their guests at the mandatory graduation practice on 5/24.**

Parking: The same guidelines as mentioned for the “outdoor graduation plan” as identified on the previous page.

It is our duty and responsibility to make this event as safe as possible. Our hope and plan are to have this traditional graduation ceremony outdoors at our stadium. If the weather does not look favorable to do so, we will move to the indoor plan. This decision will be made no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26th, 2023. Thank you for doing your part in pledging to assist us in making this a safe and memorable event for the Pickens High School Class of 2023!*