

Dear Parents and Class of 2021 Graduates:

Raymond S. Kellis High School will be holding graduation ceremony at State Farm Stadium on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The stadium has required that **we change the start time of our graduation to 3:00 pm** (instead of 5:00 pm as previously set.) The stadium will also provide a limit of **6 tickets per graduate**. Seats are assigned in groups of 2. Each guest must have a ticket to be allowed admission. Upon arrival each guest will be asked to sit in their assigned seat printed on their ticket. If ADA seating is required, a stadium representative can assist. Tickets will be distributed at the school (date to be determined, but early May is projected).

Other important information regarding the end of the school year and graduation:

- **Computer Check-In** for Seniors will begin on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after 11 am and continue through Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. All Seniors **MUST** turn in school computers they have checked out before they attend the graduation ceremony, or they may not participate in the ceremony.
- **Graduation Practice** will be held at RSK on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 am. Starting at the RSK Football Field. Students must attend practice to participate in graduation ceremony. Seating for graduates will be assigned at that time. Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is a 12:20 pm dismissal day. Graduates will be dismissed at that time and that is also their last day.
- **Graduation:** Doors open at 2:00 PM. Graduates must arrive by 2:00 PM
  - **Masks are required by all students, staff, and guests. NO GATORS.** In accordance with CDC guidelines, face shields are not acceptable replacement for face covering. Students should wear a disposable mask and will each be given a special RSK graduation mask.
  - It is suggested that parents plan to arrive at the stadium with their student. We have been assigned the WEST PARKING LOT and our ENTRANCE for GRADUATES and PARENTS is GATE 1.
  - Parents/Guests will then proceed to seating areas and graduates will proceed down the instructed set of stairs (Stairwell 10 for RSK) to the stadium floor. No guests are allowed on Stadium floor.
  - A Parking Map with directions for both general parking and handicapped parking will be posted on our Website.
  - Graduates should wear their cap and carry their gowns into the stadium, after checking in with school staff they may put on their gown.
  - Once graduation has ended, the guests will be instructed to exit at the same gate they entered(GATE 1 for RSK). Graduates will also exit this gate. Graduates and guests will be asked to refrain from congregating outside the stadium.
  - The event will be live streamed. More information to come.
- **Diplomas can be picked up at RSK on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 3:00 pm. The office will also be open the following week from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm, Monday – Thursday.**

**See additional attachment for a timeline of events and more information.**

