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Classical High School, a demanding college preparatory examination school, serves a diverse community and provides its students with the means to achieve high standards in rigorous learning environment. Classical encourages its students to pursue academic, athletic, artistic and personal growth so that they will experience success in colleges and universities, and will demonstrate excellence and leadership within the community.

May 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians and Graduates:

Congratulations! We have made it to a significant checkpoint along the road of our educational journey and I would like to acknowledge all of this year's graduates in their quest for excellence. We have shared much during these four years and we want you to know how very proud we are of each and every one of you and your varied accomplishments.

While the expectation is that your child will meet graduation requirements, it is my responsibility to inform you that any student who does not meet the graduation requirements or fulfill other obligations will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. The guidance counselors have sent notices and have been in contact with families throughout the second semester where graduation may be in question.

In order to mark this impressive event, we are preparing a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 P.M., which will honor each and every one of you. In order to insure that our graduation ceremony proceeds with appropriate grace and dignity, we are asking for your full support in honoring the following guidelines:

1. Students and audience members are asked to demonstrate their respect for the occasion, their accomplishments and each other by being properly attired and by observing proper assembly etiquette. Everyone is asked to observe moments of respectful silence for speakers, for honored guests and for the students as they have their special "moment" when their names are announced. Please do not applaud until all the names are announced.
2. Audience members are asked not to congregate in the aisle for the taking of pictures. We do not want to prevent other audience members from observing that moment when their students walk across the stage. Please no noise makers of any kind.
3. In order to accommodate proper seating arrangements, all students will be limited to five guest tickets. Tickets will be distributed to all students during the mandatory graduation rehearsal held at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on June 7th at 8:30 am. Each guest must present a ticket in order to gain admission to the ceremony. Children ages 1 year old and older must have a ticket for admission and sit in a seat. No child is allowed to sit on the lap of an adult. Access to the auditorium will be limited once the procession has begun. Latecomers will have limited access to the auditorium through only one door in the balcony section.
4. **In an effort to honor the dignity of the ceremony, graduates should not adorn their caps and gowns with any accessories.**

We regret any inconvenience this may cause on your part, but we are working hard to honor all of you and we ask that you support us in our efforts. Again, congratulations to all of you and we ask that you support us in our efforts! Again, congratulations and best of luck to all of you and may your future endeavors be successful and help better our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Barr".

Scott D. Barr, Principal