




Graduation 2021

Graduation Discussion + Q&A

- Principal Grace will present a PowerPoint discussing Graduation.
 - Participants can use the chat for questions and comments.
 - Questions will be collected and answered in a Graduation FAQ document.
 - PowerPoint and FAQ will be emailed to parents.
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To The Class of 2021



As a school, we are sad about the traditions that we are missing and the losses that people are feeling from students, performers, athletes, and families, to educators and coaches.



We all enjoy the energy, creativity, and laughter of the spirit events, plays, games, and rituals of spring.



The activities and the interactions represent engaging and joyous times of the year. We are especially empathetic for our Seniors who are celebrating a huge accomplishment this year.

Why?



Governor's public health and PED rules determine what schools can do.



School events must follow max occupancy rules under the red to green to turquoise plan.



Continuing to monitor county color and what's possible.

What?



Graduation on Anaya Field (Red= not allowed, Yellow/ Green= 2 tickets per graduate, Turquoise= more tickets released)



Robing Ceremony Thursday, May 27th at 5:30 pm on Anaya Field (Seniors + 2)




MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL
5/28 at 1 PM

Senior Brunch: Tuesday, June 1st at THS

Prom

- After much research and consideration, it has been determined that THS cannot plan a prom.
- We are committed to providing the biggest face to face celebration possible for our Seniors at Graduation on Anaya Field and this is dependent on the county color at the time.
- High schools around New Mexico are being closed DAILY due to COVID rates (4 incidences in 14 days).
- **Currently, we are on the state watch list due to two COVID +s and are at risk of having our face-to-face program CLOSED. We may have to return to the remote model.**
- As a community we need to **mask, social distance, and work toward green and turquoise.** *The county colors/ public health orders will determine what we are allowed to do.*
- Since COVID vaccines are available for students 16+, we are encouraging students to get vaccinated at the Sagebrush.

May: Celebrate our Seniors! Part 1


- New Tiger traditions & history being made for Taos High School! Celebrations will be safe, unique and extra special!
 - To "kick off" the Celebrate Our Tiger Seniors month, Taos High School, will continue the **'Be the Light'** program to honor the class of 2021. On Friday, May 7th at 8:21 pm (20:21 military time) (& May 14th and 21st), the community is invited to show support for our seniors and have a moment of solidarity.
 - Anaya Field will be lit and we are asking the community to turn on their porch lights, house lights, headlights, flashlights, and outdoor lights at 8:21 pm.
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May: Celebrate our Seniors! Part 2

- The lights will be a beacon to show how proud we are of all our Seniors!
- Taos Municipal Schools billboard in Ranchos will be unveiled with a special message to our graduates very soon!
- **2'x3' Orange and black banners** with a picture of each graduate will be placed in the yard of every Senior (free).
- During May, Senior families are invited to continue to celebrate their senior by decorating their front doors and windows in honor of their graduates!



May: Celebrate our Seniors! Part 3

- Community members are invited to decorate their homes or businesses.
 - With safety first, all activities and events will strictly follow physical distancing guidelines, recommendations from the CDC, and requirements in the New Mexico Governor's Health Emergency Orders.
 - Along with the entire community, we invite you to participate!
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#TigerStrong#Seniors2021#THS Part 1

- 5/7, 5/14, and 5/21 #BeTheLight 8:21 pm Anaya Field and Community Light up the night at 8:21 pm (20:21 military time)
- 2'x3' Senior Banners (each senior's picture printed on a color 2'x3' banner) – “Big Reveal” on Anaya Field (Robocall when ready)
- 5/26 Return computers, books, school materials, cords, medallions, scholarships and graduation packets curbside. LAST CHANCE TO PAY SENIOR FEES @ THS 9 – 1
*If you do not attend, you will not participate in Graduation.
- 5/27 Robing Ceremony & Cupcakes at Anaya Field at 5:30 pm
- 5/28 MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL 1 PM *If you do not attend, you will not participate in Graduation.

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- 5/29 Graduation on Anaya Field 10 am. Live streamed for free via NFHS website – search events at Taos High and/ or find a link on the main Taos Municipal Schools website. <https://www.taosschools.org/en>
- 6/1 Senior Brunch at THS
- Taos News: SENIOR SPECIALS & GRADUATION EDITION COMING SOON!

Class Fees, Donations & Sponsorships

- The many changes and additions in the graduation celebration plans, due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, have added costs.
- ***Seniors, class dues and fees must be paid in order to participate. Class fees may be paid online or you can bring cash/ check to the school. [2020 - 2021 Class Fees / Class Fees Tickets / GoFan](#)***
- Typically, our seniors fundraise and pay for their graduation with class fees. If you would like to support any of the activities, please mail a check to Taos High School for the Class of 2021.
- The funds being raised now will go to the events described today. Anything raised above and beyond these amounts will be donated by the Class of 2021 to the Class of 2022. Sponsors and donors will be publicly recognized (unless anonymity is preferred).

In Closing

We live in a very special place and our seniors are our future. Thank you for all that you do to support and encourage them both now in this moment and throughout their lives.

#TigerStrong#Seniors2021#THS