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TO: Class of 2021 Students and Parents

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SUBJECT: CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION INFORMATION

CCSD and James Island Charter High School are pleased to announce that the JICHS Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 18, 2021 beginning at 9 am. After careful planning and consideration, we are committed to celebrating this milestone achievement of the Class of 2021 with an in-person ceremony in our backyard and the opportunity to walk across the stage. To ensure the health and safety of our students, their families, and staff, safety precautions will be implemented based on guidance from the State Department of Education, the Governor's Office, and health agencies.

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for guests. The ceremony will also be live-streamed via our [TNN YouTube Channel](#) to allow family members and friends the opportunity to view this special event.
 - Ceremony programs will be delivered electronically to families via parent email and student email, and they will be made available on our school website prior to the event. Graduates are the only individuals who will receive a printed program at the venue.
2. Gates will open at 7:00 am for the 9:00 am program.
 - Only four (4) guests per graduate will be permitted to attend the ceremony. Children three (3) years of age or younger who will be held in an adult's lap can attend without counting against the guest limit. Guests must enter the venue at the same time as the graduate. Once a graduate has entered with his/her party, no additional guests will be allowed in for that graduate.

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- All guests and graduates **must** wear a face covering at all times while moving throughout the campus and ceremony venue (except for graduates while they are walking across the stage). Once the guests and graduates are seated, they have the option of removing their face covering. **NOTE:** Any person that cannot remove the face covering without assistance, or children 2 years of age and under, may not wear a face covering if necessary.
3. Graduates will be seated at least eight feet apart across the football field.
 4. Stadium stands will be marked to indicate where groups of guests will sit to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed. Groups will be seated at least six feet apart. Guests will not be permitted in the graduate seating area (e.g., on the field) before, during, or after the ceremony.
 5. Guests must remain in their seats unless visiting the restroom or being instructed to exit the venue at the end of the ceremony.
 6. A no bags policy will be followed that includes camera cases.
 7. No umbrellas, signs, balloons, or air horns will be allowed in the stadium.
 8. Restrooms will be available on a limited basis to ensure social distancing.
 9. Graduates will walk across the stage and receive their diploma covers, with no handshaking taking place. When exiting the stage, graduates will receive their diplomas and other information from Guidance. Tumbleston Photography will be on hand to take pictures of graduates after they receive their diplomas. Hand sanitation stations will be positioned throughout the stadium.
 10. Guests will not be allowed on the field after the graduation ceremony. Graduates and guests should refrain from gathering in groups on campus - including the parking lots, restrooms, and concession areas.
 11. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Friday, June 25, 2021.

CEREMONY ATTIRE

- a. Dress or a blouse with a dress skirt (Hem may not be visible below the graduation gown), neckline should be completely covered by the graduation gown, black dress shoes (no athletic footwear or flip flop type shoes). Please dress comfortably.

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- b. Dress pants (no denim/jeans or athletic pants; black or dark color required), collared dress shirt with a tie, black or brown dress shoes and dark socks (no athletic footwear, Crocs, sandals or flip flops) – NO T-SHIRTS or polo-style pullovers. Please dress comfortably.
- c. Headgear, flip-flops, tennis shoes are not permitted.
 - You are allowed to decorate the top of your cap. Cap decorations must be limited to the flat surface of the cap and 2D. No electric or digital displays allowed. Please note that no derogatory language, symbols, or graphics may be displayed on the cap.
 - If needed, sunglasses will be permitted.
- Unacceptable behavior during the graduation ceremony or failure to comply with appropriate dress requirements will result in removal from the ceremony.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021. Go Trojans!