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Dear Parent or Guardian:

I am writing to share preliminary information regarding our end-of-year events so that you may begin to plan accordingly. As you know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to adjust many of our events to comply with mandates regarding gathering limits and safety. Please keep in mind that although we are sharing our preliminary plans, we may need to make further changes as we approach the end of the year.

PROM

Currently, we are planning to hold this year's Prom outdoors at Lyon Oaks Golf and Banquet Center on June 4th, the last day of school for seniors. Please remember this event is limited to South Lyon East High School seniors only. Based on our current survey results, we believe we will have numbers that fall within their mandated capacity limits, but in the event that we have more students register to attend than the allowable number for Lyon Oaks, Prom will be moved to an outdoor location at South Lyon East. In either case, the Junior Class will make the event elegant and special with a catered dinner and other activities. Unfortunately, we cannot allow dancing at this event due to COVID-19 safety restrictions. We know seniors have missed out on many opportunities this year and we plan to make this a special moment for them, regardless of the location and with or without dancing. We hope seniors will take this opportunity to celebrate with their classmates.

We will need all attendees to pre-register so that we can have an accurate number accounted for. We will notify all registered attendees and send a confirmation and instructions for paying for tickets. Students will need to bring their pre-registration form and present them at the time of payment. Ticket prices will be comparable to previous years. More information about this process will be coming soon.

SENIOR HONORS NIGHT

We are planning to hold Senior Honors Night outside in the South Lyon East High School Athletic Stadium on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM. Invitations for eligible seniors are coming soon. We have reserved Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 PM as a rain date. If your senior has been awarded a scholarship to the university or college she/he has chosen to attend, please contact Mrs. Judy Martin in Student Services at (248) 573-8711 by May 11th with the name of the scholarship, the dollar value and the number of years for which it can be renewed.



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GRADUATION

At this time, we have not been able to confirm that Eastern Michigan University can accommodate our commencement program within the boundaries of current gathering limits. Therefore we have made the decision to proceed with planning to hold a ceremony outside at the South Lyon East High School Athletic Stadium. We are hopeful that current gathering limits will be maintained or are less restrictive, however, we may need to make further adjustments if necessary.

We are currently planning to hold the ceremony at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 12th. We have selected this time to provide the best chance for comfortable weather and temperatures for our graduates and their family members during an outdoor ceremony. In the event that we have inclement weather, a drive through graduation event (similar to last year) will be held at South Lyon East High School on Monday, June 14 beginning at 6:00 PM. This date and time has been selected to prevent interference with graduation parties and other family events that have been previously scheduled.

Due to current gathering restrictions, we are anticipating a limit of two family members per graduate. Further details regarding entry procedures will be forthcoming. We will certainly adjust this number if we are able. We are working with a contractor to provide videotaped and livestream coverage if we are able. We will update you on how to access as it becomes available.

Graduation is a wonderful, dignified ceremony where we pay tribute to our graduates and their families. Our graduates have demonstrated model behavior during past ceremonies, and we are confident that this year's graduates will do the same. We hope that everyone attending our ceremony (including spectators) will respect the occasion and join us in our efforts to have a memorable event. I am respectfully asking that all of our guests be mindful of our desire to protect everyone's opportunity to hear and see all aspects of the ceremony. With that in mind, I am requesting that our attendees refrain from bringing anything (including beach balls, air horns, or other noise makers) to the ceremony or engaging in behaviors that will distract from the personal recognition of each graduate.

We also ask that our graduates wear appropriate attire for this special event. Past graduates have worn shirts and ties, dress pants, skirts, and dresses. Graduates should also keep in mind the possible impact of outdoor temperatures when selecting their attire. We recommend that graduates choose sensible shoes as they will be required to walk quite a distance in the processional and recessional. This will include walking on the turf field and track. We always remind students to iron or steam their gown ahead of time and we do not allow decorations on



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their caps. Masks will be required as well. We appreciate your support and request that you remind your graduate of this prior to graduation day.

Our graduates will have two graduation rehearsals: Friday, June 4th at 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium and Friday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. beginning at designated line up locations. Caps and gowns should not be worn during either of the rehearsals. **ATTENDANCE AT BOTH REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE.** Students who have questions about this requirement must speak with administration. In addition, all books and materials must be returned and fines must be paid by the date indicated on the attached end-of-year activities document. Any graduate who does not plan to attend the ceremony will need to fill out the following [form](#).

We are very excited to celebrate the Senior Class of 2021 and recognize the importance of making this day special. Thank you in advance for understanding the challenges involved with switching venues and we hope this will be a memorable celebration for you and your graduate. We will keep you posted regarding details and updates as they become available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Karen Fisher
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South Lyon East High School Class of 2021 End-of-Year-Activities

May 7	Graduation Audition Videos Due (speeches and performances submitted by those interested)	
May 3-21	AP Testing by Subject	
May 28	Senior Locker Clean Out/Materials Check Day	
June 2	Last day for Seniors at OSTC	
June 3	Seniors Last Full Day	
June 4	Senior Breakfast (Outside)	7:00 AM
	Graduation Rehearsal #1 (Auditorium)	7:30 AM
	Cap & Gown and Yearbook Distribution (All materials must be turned in and fines paid)	9:00 AM
	Senior Video (Auditorium)	9:30 AM
	All seniors depart	10:30 AM
	SLEHS PROM- Lyon Oaks	7:00 PM -10:30 PM
June 8	Senior Honors Night East Athletic Field	7:00 PM
June 10	Senior Honors Night (Rain date) East Athletic Field	7:00 PM
June 11	Graduation Rehearsal #2 Meet at designated line-up location and proceed to East Athletic Field when directed.	9:00 AM
June 12	Graduation South Lyon East Athletic Field	
	Line up	9:00 AM
	Entrance time for families	9:20 AM
	Ceremony Begins	10:00 AM
	Diploma Pick up for those not attending (by request)	1:00 - 2:00 PM
June 14	Rain Date- Drive through Graduation - East HS Campus	6:00 PM