May 5, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The year has flown by, and this letter is to inform you that the Dobie 2023 graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. Graduation will take place at NRG Stadium. It is very important that your senior finishes the year strong (passing classes and clearing fines) to ensure their place in the ceremony. Below are some important dates for your senior before graduation takes place.

Please note the important changes to the senior schedule.

Senior schedule for the last few weeks of school:
- May 13th Makeup hours are due
- May 12th Girl’s Gown pick up in the front lobby of Dobie from 11 am to 1 pm
- May 15th Boy’s gown pick up in the front lobby of Dobie from 11 am to 1 pm
- May 16th Senior Panoramic during HR
- May 17th Finals 1st, 6th & 7th periods
- May 18th Finals 4th & 5th periods
- May 19th Finals 2nd & 3rd periods
- May 19th Tablet turn in
- May 19th Seniors last academic class day Mandatory attendance will be taken
- Saturday, May 20th - Senior Prom at Galveston Convention Center at the San Luis Resort 7pm-11pm
- May 22nd Senior Breakfast at 9 am in Cafeteria Mandatory attendance will be taken
- May 22nd Senior elementary walk sign-ups and schedule is on Schoology
- May 23rd Graduation Practice 9 am Mandatory attendance will be taken
- May 24th Report to Dobie Gym at 3:15 pm to be transported to Graduation at NRG Stadium at 7 pm
- May 25th Diploma pickup in the auditorium hall wall 9 am to 1 pm.

A separate list of general information for you and your senior has been included, as well as directions and graduation protocol for your student.

No flowers, balloons, drinks or food will be allowed in to NRG Stadium.

Please do not hesitate to email or call Lauren Calderaro (lcalderaro@pasadenaisd.org) or Carey Sink (csink@pasadenaisd.org) if you need additional information or have questions. Thank you for your support of the students and staff at Dobie High School.

Sincerely,

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Graduation Protocol

1. Graduation exercises will take place on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm at NRG Stadium. Seniors will report to the J. Frank Dobie Gym at 3:15 pm, and line up for the loading of buses.

2. During the Processional, walk in a stately manner, following one another at a normal pace, maintaining two steps between graduates. Your homeroom teacher will direct you into your appropriate row. Remain standing until Mr. Thomas seats you. Mr. Erickson and Mr. McNeill will lead the homerooms in the Processional. Mr. Erickson will lead the odd number side, and Mr. McNeill will lead the even number side. All graduates will remain standing until after the invocation.

3. Mr. Thomas will then introduce guests. There will be a commencement speech, and Mr. Thomas will speak and certify the senior class.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: Mr. Thomas certifies the senior class: Members of the Board of Education, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to present the 2023 graduating class of J. Frank Dobie High School. I certify that all those students receiving a diploma tonight have met all requirements set by the State of Texas and the Pasadena Independent School District. The last sentence, “I certify that all those students receiving a diploma here tonight have met all requirements set by the State of Texas and the Pasadena Independent School District” is the cue for the top 30 to rise and move into position. As each row clears their row, the next row will rise and fall in behind. Be seated immediately as you return, leaving a seat for your homeroom teacher.

4. After the entire class has been certified, the first row of graduates stands and moves to the spot marked “STOP”. The Top 30 students will receive their diplomas first, followed by 12-01 and so on. Students will leave their row to the left and will approach the podium from that side in alphabetical order by homerooms. Each graduate should step to the spot marked “STOP” and wait for their name to be called. The graduates will then proceed across the stage, receive their diploma, and return to their original seats. Homeroom teachers will come to the podium and call the names of their students.

5. Receiving Diploma. Take the diploma with the left hand; shake hands with the right hand. (If your name is not called, tell Mrs. Griffin and she will notify the appropriate personnel to get you back in line and have your name called)

6. Wear cap straight. Tassel should be worn on the RIGHT throughout the ceremony. Mr. Thomas will then have the class move their tassel to the LEFT to signify graduation. Keep hat on throughout the ceremony. Do not throw caps into the air you will not be able to get them back.

7. There will be a formal recessional. Immediately following the Benediction and the playing of the school song, students will exit their row the same way they entered. Mr. Erickson and Mr. McNeill will direct homerooms when to exit their rows. Students will be escorted to the southwest Ford Concourse exit.

8. Reminders:
   - No gum during Graduation Exercises.
   - Pictures are to be taken only from the stands. Photographers are to remain in the stands. No one is allowed on the stadium floor in the area of the graduates.
   - Keep the occasion dignified. There should be no displays that draw attention to yourself after you receive your diploma, such as raising your hands, gesturing to the crowd, etc.
   - Remind your parents to be seated before the Processional begins.
   - There is a Reccessional. Students will be escorted out the same way they came in and then directed to the southwest Ford Concourse exit.
   - Dobie approved cords only
9. Parents need to meet their student in the blue parking lot. (see map) There will be alphabetical signs posted to help find your student.

10. Be sure to check your cap and gown packets. Each should have a cap, a gown and a tassel.

11. Graduation is a very serious and most solemn occasion. It is very much like a religious ceremony, it is very important for you, your family and friends. Your parents have sacrificed and have done much for you. Remember, you owe it to yourself, your family, friends, and Dobie High School to be at your very best and conduct yourself with dignity. Use your last moments together as a class to show appreciation to your teachers and say goodbye to your friends. Keep in mind that your permanent records will reflect any misconduct.

**Dress Code**

**Guidelines for Girls.**
- Wear dress shoes you can walk well in. **All shoes must have backs.**
- Excessive jewelry such as necklaces and bracelets should not be worn.
- Corsages cannot be worn. **No flowers are to be delivered to NRG Stadium.**
- **No purses or cameras are to be carried in the Processional. Leave them in your car.**
- **No cell phones or cameras are to be brought to Dobie.**
- Press gown on the reverse side.
- **No writing of any kind on caps and gown**

**Guidelines for Boys**
- Wear white shirts, dark ties, and dark slacks. **A tie must be worn.** A coat is not required.
- No jeans, shorts or leisure walking attire allowed.
- Wear dark dress shoes and socks. **No tennis shoes or sandals are allowed.**
- **No cell phones or cameras are to be brought to Dobie.**
- Press gown on reverse side.
- Be clean shaven. **No facial hair is permitted.** This includes mustaches and beards.
- **Shave before you leave home.**
- No earrings.
- **No writing of any kind on caps or gowns.**

**Consequences of Misconduct**
- Graduates will be inspected during the lineup before graduation. Any violation could result in a student being denied a chance to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
- Records will be flagged and a letter will go on file. This letter of misconduct will be sent with any request for a transcript.
- In extreme cases, the student will be cited by police for disorderly conduct and receive a citation.
Directions to NRG Stadium

Parents can take I-45 to the 610 loop west take the Kirby Exit or take 288 to the 610 loop west then take the Kirby exit.

Parents and guests are to utilize the South Kirby parking lot (Blue Lot) entrances 8 or 9 and will be allowed to enter NRG Stadium at 6:30 p.m. Entrance into NRG Stadium will be through the Budweiser Plaza entrance. There will be a $20 Credit Card only (no Cash) (Subject to change) parking fee for each vehicle. PISD will provide bus transportation for any parents or families that will need to utilize this service.
BOUQUETS & ORCHID LEIS

will be onsite at the J. Frank Dobie Graduation!

Preorder online to pickup the day of the event.

Bouquets: $39
Orchid Leis: $45
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Attn: 2022 Graduates & Parents

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