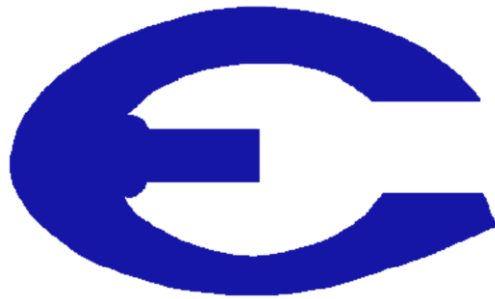


**EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**Graduation Packet**

**HOME OF THE REBELS!!!!**

**CLASS OF 2021**

**TO: THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**FROM: AMIE DICKERSON, PRINCIPAL  
R.U. KEITH MARTIN, SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR**

**SUBJECT: GRADUATION AND CLASS NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

**DATE: APRIL 26, 2021**

### **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

**The last day of school for seniors is Friday, May 21, 2021.** Graduation practice will be on **MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 25 and 26**, respectively, an abbreviated SENIOR WEEK. Seniors are expected to be prompt and be on Rebel Field at 8:25. All seniors will park in the Springfield Parking Lot. If you ride the bus, report to Rebel Field immediately upon arriving on campus. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE MAIN BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.**

Seniors will have dress-down days during Senior Week. Please make sure you are dressed appropriately following all dress down dress code policy outlined in the student handbook. Each senior is asked to bring two uniform shirts during Senior Week. Please make sure the clothing you bring is on hangers.

Practice will be as long as necessary each day. Plan to stay until noon daily. Please be reminded, again, that seniors are not allowed in the main building under any circumstances before, during, or after practice. Report to Rebel Field immediately upon arrival and depart the school grounds immediately after practice each day. If you need to enter the main building, a pass must be obtained from Mrs. Dickerson or Mr. Martin. On **Wednesday, 5/26**, Mrs. Dickerson and ECHS will serve breakfast to honor the graduating class.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL SENIORS ATTEND CLASS NIGHT ON MONDAY NIGHT (5/24) AND GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT (5/29).** Seniors must return a signed letter of intent attached with this information. Seniors must be present each day for practice. There are three days of practice for this abbreviated senior week, and time must be used wisely in order to insure perfection during class night and commencement, which are formal observances or ceremonies. Any unexcused absence will result in the senior **not being** allowed to participate in the activities. If you are going to be absent or late for any reason, Mrs. Dickerson must be contacted at (912) 754-6404 ext. 1226 or [adickerson@effingham.k12.ga.us](mailto:adickerson@effingham.k12.ga.us).

### **CONDUCT**

Appropriate school conduct is expected for all practice activities. Any violation of school system policies will result in appropriate disciplinary action which may include not being able to march at graduation. Sobriety is expected at all times.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards for seniors will be distributed on Monday or Tuesday of Graduation Week.

ANY SENIOR NOT GRADUATING WILL BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY AND FORFEIT PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITY RELATED TO GRADUATION. Seniors who are not eligible to graduate will be notified by the Counseling Staff, and information concerning Summer School will be made available.

## **HONOR GRADUATES**

Honor graduates must have a cumulative GPA of 89.5 or above for all high school years. All honor graduates will be announced at the beginning of practice on Monday. Honor graduates will be honored during Class Night when they will be given honor cords, which will be worn on Saturday as well. Congratulations honor graduates!!!

## **SCHOLAR ENDORSEMENT**

Students receiving the Scholar Endorsement medallion at our Class Night ceremony have challenged themselves by enrolling in four credits of honors, Advanced Placement, or Dual Enrollment coursework in each of the academic areas of math, science, and English along with three honors, Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment credits in social studies. In addition these students will have completed two units in a foreign language, have never failed a class, and will have completed three units of electives in one of three ways:

- 1) Completed three academic electives to include one additional AP or dual enrollment course in addition to the other scholar endorsement requirements.
- 2) Completed three courses in one CTAE pathway
- 3) Completed three courses in a fine arts pathway – band, chorus, or visual art

These Scholar Endorsement recipients will have successfully completed the most rigorous curriculum that Effingham County High School has to offer.

## **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

The Graduating Class of 2021 will have a celebration service at First Baptist Church of Rincon **on May 23, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.** It is highly encouraged for the Senior Class and their families to attend this special service. An inspirational message will be provided to help you prepare for Senior Week Activities and life after high school. You will need to wear your gowns only. No graduation caps are needed. Please meet at the church at 3:45 P.M.

## **CLASS NIGHT**

Class Night will be held at **7:00 P.M., Monday, May 24, 2021** on Rebel Field. **IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL SENIORS ATTEND THIS ACTIVITY.** Most senior scholarships will be recognized at this time. Seniors who have received any type of honor, especially scholarships, should notify Mrs. Mimi Hayes, College and Career Counselor, to be certain NAMES AND SCHOLARSHIPS are correct and scheduled on the Class Night program.

Seniors must be present at ECHS by 6:15 P.M. and park in the area closest to the stadium. Please go directly to your seats and remain seated until the program begins. No wandering around or walking between seats.

## **ATTIRE FOR CLASS NIGHT**

Seniors will wear appropriate dress under graduation gowns. No caps are necessary! Ladies should wear a dress under the gown and appropriate shoes. The dress should not exceed the length of the gown. Guys should wear a shirt and tie and dark slacks, with appropriate shoes. Finally, dark, navy blue gowns and white collars with a navy blue trim will be worn by all. Please do not forget to wear the white collar. There are no extras, so please do not inquire. **REMEMBER THERE SHOULD BE NO ADDITION (SUCH AS MONOGRAMMING) ADDED TO YOUR GOWN, COLLAR, OR HAT.**

## GRADUATION

Graduation will be on **Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, on Rebel Field. Seniors must arrive at ECHS no later than 6:00 p.m. Traffic will be heavy. Arrive earlier, if possible. We will also provide additional parking at the old ECMS (middle school). Buses will begin loading at 5:45 p.m.

Seniors will be assigned to classrooms in the “100 wing” and “200 wing” with teacher supervision. A list will be provided and posted outside each classroom, and seniors will report to the appropriate classroom and remain there until called for the procession.

A live stream video of the graduation ceremony will be available in the ECHS Cafeteria for the elderly and for people with heat intolerance.

## ATTIRE FOR GRADUATION

Ladies, please wear dark-colored shoes or dressy sandals. Do not wear heels. Please wear a dress under the gown not to exceed the length of the gown. Please, do not wear slacks.

Guys please wear dark-colored pants and a shirt and tie. Please wear dark shoes.

No jeans or sneakers may be worn by any seniors.

For the graduation ceremony, please note the following requirements:

1. DO NOT DECORATE OR MONOGRAM YOUR CAP!
2. DO NOT DECORATE OR MONOGRAM YOUR WHITE COLLAR (the piece that you will wear on top of your navy gown)!
3. DO NOT DECORATE OR MONOGRAM YOUR GOWN!
4. DO NOT DYE OR COLOR YOUR HAIR!
5. DO NOT WEAR PIERCINGS!

Any cap, gown, or white collar that is decorated or monogrammed will be replaced. Hair that is colored or dyed will be covered up.

## TICKETS AND PASSES

Seniors, remind family and friends that they are not allowed in the area where the procession will be, nor will they be allowed on the field for pictures until after the ceremony. Graduates and faculty members only will be allowed on the field. Mrs. Dickerson, Dr. Ford, and Board of Education members will remain on the field following graduation for pictures if desired.

If a graduate has ***a parent employed by the board of education***, the senior will be given **four (4)** tickets for preferential seating for immediate family. Seniors must inform Mrs. Dickerson about preferential seating. Mrs. Dickerson will issue tickets. Only family members with tickets issued by Mrs. Dickerson will be allowed onto Rebel Field for preferential seating. Security and faculty will check for authenticity of tickets.

There is also preferential seating for physically disabled persons for which passes must be obtained. Only one (1) guest is allowed per handicapped pass (two passes total). **These must be obtained by Wednesday, May 26, 2021.**

## FINAL GRADES AND DEBTS

All senior grades must be completed by Wednesday, May 19, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. All debts must be paid by Friday, May 14, 2021. Failure to comply will result in a hold on the diploma. All Media Center books are due by Monday, May 10, 2021.

Please inform parents of this information and have parents or guardians sign the letter of intent. Seniors also need to sign the letter of intent. All forms must be returned to Mr. Martin by Thursday, May 20, 2021. Failure to return forms results in seniors remaining with Mr. Martin after graduation practice until a specified time.

Any senior in questionable condition of sobriety for any graduation activity will be disciplined accordingly. That senior will not be allowed participation in any graduation activity and will be referred to the proper authorities.

April 26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the Graduating Class of 2021:

**Senior Week will be May 24, 2021 – May 26, 2021.** Seniors will be allowed to leave campus early each day immediately following graduation practice. All seniors must be present each day for graduation practice and must attend Class Night and graduation activities. Any unexcused absence from practice will result in the senior not being allowed to participate in graduation activities. The only excused absences will be a death in the immediate family and personal illness with a doctor's note. Any violation of system policies will result in disciplinary action, and the senior will not be allowed to march with the graduating class.

Any senior in questionable condition at Class Night or Graduation will be removed from the procession or activity, will not be allowed to participate, and will be referred to appropriate school and law enforcement authorities.

Parents must sign below indicating their acknowledgement of the aforementioned policies and to grant the senior permission to leave campus each day. This also will indicate that parents, guardians, and seniors are aware of actions which will be taken if there are violations of school policies, including the uniform policy.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to Principal, Mrs. Amie Dickerson, or to Mr. Keith Martin, Senior Class Advisor at ECHS.

Sincerely,

R. Urbano Keith Martin  
Retired, Part-Time Teacher  
Advanced Placement  
Credit Recovery  
Senior Class Advisor  
912.754.6404  
[kmartin@effingham.k12.ga.us](mailto:kmartin@effingham.k12.ga.us)

**PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED FORM WITH SENIOR'S PRINTED NAME AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE BY THURSDAY, May 20, 2021.**

My son or daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to leave campus each day following graduation practice. I understand the rules and regulations related to Senior Week, including Class Night and Graduation, and we will comply accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

I have read and understand all the rules and regulations related to graduation activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**THIS FORM IS FOR THOSE NOT PARTICIPATING IN GRADUATION**

**Please return this page if applicable.**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Senior:

In keeping with Board of Education policy, seniors who do not wish to participate in graduation may request permission to not participate. Those wishing not to participate in Graduation must sign, date, and return the form below to Mr. Martin on or before **Thursday, May 20, 2021**. If this option is chosen, seniors will not be allowed to attend graduation activities. Diplomas for those not participating may be picked up on **June 1, 2021**.

Sincerely,

R. Urbano Keith Martin  
Senior Class Advisor

My son or daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to exempt graduation activities. The diploma can be picked up from ECHS on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in the Counseling Department of the school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date

I have read and understand the rules for seniors choosing to exempt graduation activities. I DO HEREBY DECLARE I WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date