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Dear Graduates and Guests:

Graduates: Congratulations! You have accomplished great things over the last four years and have reached your goal of graduation. We have seen you grow tremendously during your high school years and know you are ready to take that next step in your life. It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over and you will be graduating from Conroe High School. Soon, you will be walking across the stage to receive your diploma and celebrate this great accomplishment. Your dedication to education, extra-curricular activities, and CHS will be honored and celebrated at the Commencement Ceremony at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion on Friday, May 21st at 7:30 pm. **You must have completed all required coursework and EOC testing in order to graduate.** Here are some additional items concerning graduation:

GRADUATION CEREMONY Seniors should arrive for graduation at **6 pm**. Upon arrival, seniors will report directly to their assigned seat. The graduation ceremony will begin at 7:30 pm. For guests, the gates at the Pavilion will open at 6:30 pm, and we ask all guests to be seated by 7:15 pm.

GRADUATION PRACTICE Due to current restrictions, we will not be able to transport students to the Pavilion for graduation practice this year. Students will receive their seat assignments when they pick up their graduation tickets. When students arrive at the Pavilion, they will report directly to their assigned seats.

CAP AND GOWN PICK UP Students will pick up their cap and gown on Tuesday, May 11th in the foyer by the auditorium from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. Students may stop by during their assigned lunch. Virtual students may come pick up their cap and gown from 12:45-2:00 pm.

TICKETS Each graduate will receive **4 reserved tickets**. You will be issued your tickets the morning of May 21st from 8am - 10am. Outside of the four reserved tickets, family and friends are welcome to sit on the hill at the Pavilion in the chairs provided by the facility. There are six areas for handicapped seating. Handicapped guests **do not** need a ticket for these areas, and we ask that only one family member sit in this area if assistance is needed. Pavilion ushers will be available to escort handicapped guests to their seats. (Other family members may sit in the seats on the hill).

COVID PROTOCOL Students will be required to wear a mask during the graduation ceremony. All guests will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the ceremony.

SENIORS LAST WALK On May 19th, you will walk the hallways of Conroe High School for the last time. On May 20th, you are invited to walk to halls of your elementary school and/or intermediate school for the last time. You will be able to see and visit with the teachers and staff that helped you get to where you are today. Sign up will be sent out in the near future, but mark your calendars now for this wonderful event.

PARKING All parking areas for the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion will be available. You may enter the Pavilion from either side to avoid congestion and delays, so we encourage the use of all available lots. Please remember that parking at the mall and some surrounding areas is not permissible. Be sure to observe the “No Parking” areas, as they are strictly enforced. You may also use the Pavilion Parking Garage but they will be charging a parking fee for that area.

ATTIRE It is recommended that female graduates wear a dress or slacks, a nice blouse, and flat-soled shoes. It is recommended that male graduates wear slacks, a nice shirt, and dress shoes.

CAP DECORATIONS Class of 2021 will be allowed to decorate their graduation caps. Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony.

Graduation cap decorations: Cannot contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.

- Cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Cannot include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Cannot make noise. No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise.
- Only the flat, top area of the cap may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface, 3-D creations are prohibited. - No blinking lights; no moving parts; nothing battery operated.
- No glitter allowed.

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- Your graduation year
- The branch of the military you will be joining

Students, we highly suggest you trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate the cardboard. In case you make a mistake, you can start over with a new piece of cardboard. We will not furnish new caps if you mess yours up decorating. After you decorate it, stick it to your cap with double-sided tape or Velcro stickers. Velcro tape can be purchased at any fabric store, Target, Wal-Mart and throughout many CVS and Walgreens stores.

Administration will reserve the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for commencement ceremony.

SENIOR GRADUATION PHOTOS Flash Photography will take pictures as you graduate as well as when you leave the stage. They will contact you directly when the pictures are available. Guests will not be allowed near the graduate seating area to take pictures. We ask that you observe the formal and dignified atmosphere of this occasion.

CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR We are very excited to graduate at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Please remember that the graduation ceremony is a very special and fun, yet, formal and dignified occasion. We expect all participants and guests to conduct themselves in a positive and appropriate manner. Please understand that all graduates and their families deserve to hear each graduate's name and celebrate this accomplishment with them. Please do not create a distraction that would diminish this event or take away from any one graduate. Any inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the Pavilion. As a reminder, no air horns or noisemakers are allowed. Please be aware of the [security guidelines](#) at the Pavilion, as they will be enforced at entry. Currently, no bags or purses are allowed at Pavilion.

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This is such an exciting time and I look forward to celebrating the Class of 2021! If you have any questions please let us know. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rotasha Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

~Dr. Rotasha Smith