

May 06, 2020

Families of Aztec Seniors:

It was so heartwarming to see all of our Seniors as we delivered yard signs earlier this week! It was a great way to kick off Senior events and a collective effort to finish the school year strong.

Yesterday, the Texas Education Agency provided much-needed guidance on commencement, enabling us to complete and share a timeline of important dates for your senior:

May 13- Cap and Gown Pickup

May 13 - Deadline for Individual Senior Slide Info via Google Form

May 19 - Graduation Meeting via Zoom

May 22 - Senior Zoom Party

May 25-29 - Senior Final Exams/Final Grades

June 6 - Commencement at Westover

In making a decision about the format for this year's commencement ceremony to honor the hard work of our Seniors, it was important that we not only observe TEA guidance and current health and safety guidelines, but also what is important to our learning community - families, connections, traditions, and more – and our past experiences.

HFA: Alameda School's 2020 Commencement Ceremony will be held in what TEA calls a "hybrid" format. At an individually assigned time, and in observance with health and safety precautions, each graduating Senior will cross the stage in cap and gown in June to receive their diploma and have their accomplishments recognized, with their family present. Our Valedictorian and Salutatorian will have the opportunity to share their speeches. A video of each of these elements and more will be compiled so each graduate also has a collective experience.

We realize that this is not what you might have envisioned at the beginning of the school year, but with continued uncertainty for the summer, it is a timely celebration that ensures each Senior has their moment to shine and to appreciate their classmates' moments as well.

Be assured that you will receive details about each item in the timeline above. If you have any questions interim, please reach out to us at <u>info@thealamedaschool.org</u>.

Educationally yours,

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