Dear Seniors and Parents,

We are looking forward to the next few weeks as we prepare for graduation. This letter contains the information you need to know in order to have your name on the graduation list and walk at the commencement exercise on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. <u>Please read it carefully</u>.

## **Important Graduation Information & Timeline**

<u>April 28th</u> - Mandatory Senior Class Meeting (10:00 a.m.) in the auditorium. Important graduation information will be reviewed by the counseling department.

## May 1st - CHECKOUT PROCESS:

Beginning May 1st, students and parents will receive a regular email notifying you of requirements for checkout. This email will contain information about graduation requirements, textbooks, library books, outstanding fees, and if a yearbook has been purchased. Chromebooks also need to be purchased or will need to be turned in. *(See Below)* 

**Honor Cords** - Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible to purchase honor cords to wear at graduation. A list will be posted outside the counseling center. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.69 will qualify for silver honor cords and students with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 to 4.0 will qualify for gold honor cords. If your name is on the list, please go to the finance office to pay \$5.00 for your honor cords. Do not bring the receipt to the counseling office - we will get a list from the finance office of students who have paid for their honor cord. We will include your honor cords in your cap and gown packet.

<u>May 10th</u> - The Senior Scholarship/Awards Assembly will be held in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. This event is best dressed for all seniors. We invite any parents who would like to attend this special recognition program. *Students receiving a recognition will be notified by the counseling office.* 

<u>May 12th</u> - All obligations for graduation must be met. You must have all outside credit completed and turned in to the counselors. If you do not have all obligations met by this date, you may still be able to graduate but must meet with a counselor ASAP.

May 12th - Textbooks and Chromebooks DUE for seniors.

<u>May 12th -</u> All fees/fines including lunch fees need to be paid at the finance office. If you have a locker, make sure it is cleaned out.

*Chromebooks*- Seniors may purchase Chromebooks for \$25.00. You need to pay at the finance office then take your receipt to D-111. Your Chromebook will be wiped clean so you can take it home. If you don't want to purchase your Chromebook it must be returned to the Chromebook office (D-111) by May 12th.

## Friday, May 19th - LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS

If you have received an email saying you have everything turned in with all fines paid and graduation requirements have been met, then your cap, gown and diploma will be available for pick up from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the upper auditorium hallway. After that they will be available in the counseling

center. <u>We are handing out your Diploma with your cap and gown. Please be careful with your</u> <u>Diploma. We cannot get another one printed for you.</u> If you can't pick up your cap, gown and diploma on Friday the 19th, we will have them at practice on Monday, May 22, for you to pick up or you can come to the counseling center from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. that same day.

<u>Yearbook Distribution</u> - Also on Friday, May 19th, students will be allowed to pick up yearbooks. This will be done in conjunction with the cap, gown, and diplomas. Yearbook distribution will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. near the Skyhawk head in the "team room." Students must have all checkout procedures completed before obtaining a yearbook.

Juniors and Sophomores will also receive yearbooks that afternoon 4th period and 5th period will be a school wide yearbook signing activity in the gym.

## May 22nd - Graduation Practice at UVU

Graduation practice will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the UCCU Center at UVU. Do not be late! Attendance at the practice is mandatory! Be sure you have checked your seat number and know where to line up when you arrive at the practice. Your seat number is located in your cap and gown packet. Two buses will be available if you need a ride to practice. They will leave the school promptly at 8:45 a.m. Otherwise, you are welcome to drive over. Be safe and buckle up.

**May 23rd** - Graduation is Tuesday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the UCCU Center at UVU.\* Seniors must be lined up in the tunnels at 1:00 p.m. DO NOT BE LATE. MAKE YOURSELF A LIST OF THINGS TO REMEMBER TO BRING...CAP, GOWN, TASSEL and HONOR CORD, ETC. This is a great accomplishment for you and your family. Please wear your best dress and help make it a great experience for everyone involved. Gowns must be zipped up. Caps cannot be decorated.

<u>Senior Graduation Party</u> - from 8 pm - 12 at Salem Hills High. All seniors are invited to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Please watch your email and social media for the details.

I hope that this letter helps you to understand what you need to do to be prepared for graduation. As your principal, it gives me great pleasure to be involved with you at this time in your life. I will miss you at Salem Hills High School. If you have any questions regarding graduation, please feel free to call the counseling department at the school.

Way to go Class of 2023,

Ryan McGuire