



## SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Class of 2017 and Parents:

The Science Hill High School Class of 2017 will graduate Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 9am in Kermit Tipton Stadium. Your high school graduation is the last time that you will be together as a class. Science Hill High School will seek to conduct a dignified and inclusive graduation ceremony. Many are working very hard to make commencement a special occasion for you and your family. We are extremely proud of all that you have accomplished during your years at this school, and we hope that each of you is willing to demonstrate the high standards of behavior that identify you as a Science Hill High School senior. It is certainly our desire that every one of you participate in this meaningful ceremony.

Because graduation is such an important event for you, your family, this school, and this community, I expect that your behavior during the ceremony will reflect your maturity as seniors and your awareness of the dignity of this occasion. Please note that diplomas and final transcripts are not received as students walk across the stage – only the diploma cover. Diplomas will be picked up in the end zone after the graduation ceremony. Any action by any senior that distracts from the graduation ceremony, interferes with a classmate's individual recognition, or disrupts the graduation exercises as inappropriate and unacceptable may result in me holding the senior's diploma and final transcripts. Noisemakers are inappropriate and not permitted. Police officers may remove individuals who choose to disrupt the ceremony.

The proper attire for graduation is cap, gown, and business/casual. It is requested that gentlemen wear shirts with collars, ties, dark or khaki pants, dark shoes, and socks. Sun glasses may be worn for outside graduation. Ladies are requested to wear a dress or slacks and shirt and dress shoes. Please choose your shoes wisely as you will be walking from Topper Nation Gym to the Football Stadium for the Processional. Decorations or messages on caps are not permitted. If you need help with meeting the request, please see your counselor. Please open the cap and gown package early and check for size. The gowns also need to be freshened before wearing.

Graduation practice will begin promptly at 1pm on Friday, May 26, 2017 in Topper Nation Gym. Students arriving after the seat adjustments have begun will be seated at the end of the alphabet. Therefore it is imperative that seniors be on time. All obligations and community service hours must be cleared prior to graduation. Seniors should be in the Topper Nation gym by 8am for graduation on Saturday, May 27, 2017. We ask that all guests please arrive and be seated in Kermit Tipton Stadium by 8:55am.

Tickets will not be needed for this event. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Handicap seating is available on the upper level entrance on the Home Side. Handicap parking is available in the Guaranda Drive Parking lot on the Home Side.

The ETSU Mini-dome will be our rain and heat venue. A final decision will be made on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to determine if this location will be used due to weather. If we move to the Mini-dome, we will post new directions and information on our school webpage at [sciencehillhighschool.weebly.com](http://sciencehillhighschool.weebly.com). We will also send a rain/heat plan home by seniors at the senior meeting on April 20, 2017.

I am very honored to be able to share your graduation day with you as your principal. You have been a memorable class with many accomplishments.. Thank you for making this year so great! I love you and will miss you greatly!

Sincerely,

Melanie Riden-Bacon, Principal