



By Carolyn Lee The Imperial Republican

The colors cobalt blue and silver will flow down the aisle Saturday as members of the Class of 2014 receive their diplomas in gowns of their class colors.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Chase County Schools Longhorn Gym, with the school band accompanying the graduates.

Secondary Principal Mike Sorensen said Tuesday that there are 62 students in the graduating class. However, he said it wouldn't be known until Thursday how many would walk across the stage. There are a few students "riding the fence" on their graduation requirements, he stated.

Valedictorians, selected for their 4.0 grade point average, will be Anna Bauerle, Andrea Hogsett, Cassie Burpo and Korey Krutsinger.

Salutatorian is Bridget Langin, who will give the prayer.

School board members handing out the diplomas will be Tom Gaschler and Dirk Haarberg.

Sorensen characterized Class of 2014 members as "Very personable. They work hard and take school and their extra-curricular activities seriously.

"Look at what the kids have done in FBLA, FFA and FCCLA," he added, referring to state awards received, state offices held and national participation.

Sorensen said of the large class, "You do have quite a few kids that have achieved well academically in the classroom, on their ATCs and their college preparedness.

"There is quite a variety of unique personalities" in the graduating class. "I mean that in a good way," he concluded.

Graduates have the opportunity to reserve six seats each anywhere in the gym for the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.