

Graduation 2021 Updates

We are very excited that we will be able to offer a traditional ceremony this year to our graduating Seniors and their families. Our ceremony will take place at 5:30 on Friday, June 4, 2021 in our athletic stadium. To ensure all family members are able to witness our graduation, we will do everything possible to have our graduation outside. In the event of light rain or a shower, we will still have our graduation outside so we recommend to bring a small umbrella. If there are thunderstorms that evening, the decision might be made to adjust times slightly or to postpone the graduation ceremony until Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 10:30.

Because this is the first time graduation will be held in our stadium, and the fact that we must follow COVID safety regulations and protocols, it will be extremely important that those Seniors eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, and their families, follow the expectations below

1. Each senior that is eligible to participate in graduation is expected to arrive to school by 7:45 on Friday morning (June 4th) to participate in graduation rehearsal. As seniors arrive to school, they are to report directly to the stadium and sit in designated area in the stands. Those seniors that do not attend rehearsal or arrive late, will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. At the conclusion of rehearsal, each graduating senior will receive 4 tickets to be given to family members (due to social distancing guidelines and safety protocols only 4 family members per student will be permitted to attend). **Those students receiving Purple tickets will sit on the HOME side of stadium and those students with Yellow tickets sit on AWAY side of stadium. Unfortunately, any lost tickets cannot be reissued.** Seniors will be dismissed from school at the conclusion of the rehearsal.
2. All seniors are to report to the school's cafeteria by 4:45 on Friday evening (June 4th) to get checked off and begin lining up. Because this is a formal affair, seniors are reminded that appropriate dress is recommended. Gentlemen will wear dress shoes, dark pants, a light colored shirt, and a tie. Ladies are to wear a light colored dress or pants and light colored shoes (due to our turf field regulations, shoes must be flat or have a low heel). If you need formal attire to wear for the ceremony, please see Ms. Wilcox. **As a special reminder, no student is permitted to decorate their graduation caps. Those that do and are unable to remove the decorations will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Also, any sash that is not an approved CCPS sash, will not be permitted to be worn during the ceremony.**
3. **Because this is a "ticketed event," under directive from the Governor, masks must be worn by all family members and all of our graduates at all times during graduation.**
 - After crossing the stage, masks may be removed for seniors to have their picture taken with their diploma. Masks must then be placed back on when student returns to their seat.

4. For those family members attending graduation, gates to our stadium will not open until 4:45. As families enter the stadium, a volunteer will direct them to the appropriate side of the stadium where they will be seated (Purple tickets home side and Yellow tickets away side) with their group of 4. **Because of social distancing requirements, families will not be given extra tickets and will be required to sit in a group of 4 at a seat that has been appropriately labeled.**



5. While we will do our best to park everyone in the most organized way that we are able to, parking is limited. If you are able to carpool with another family, it would be greatly appreciated. To drop off handicap ticket holders in front of the stadium, a handicap MVA sticker must be visible on the car. Additionally, handicap seating is limited so if you need handicap seating you are encouraged to arrive early as we cannot reserve seating for any of our families.
6. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we encourage students and families to take pictures with one another. When leaving the school, we will have Police Officers assisting with traffic.

We are looking forward to a great graduation ceremony for our class of 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office.