TO: Class of 2019

FROM: Ralph Aiello, Principal

DATE: May 2019

SUBJ: CLASS OF 2019

The Class of 2019 stands ready to graduate this June. Fortunately, the June 18th date stands firm and a dedicated group of seniors have been tirelessly working to ensure this year’s graduation ceremony will be a memorable one for our graduating seniors.

Graduation Field Setup

Cumberland Regional makes use of both the home and visitor side bleachers for seating during the graduation ceremony. The graduation class will face Love Lane. Graduation tickets will designate which side your friends and family members will sit on. Please see graduation ticket section for more information.

Graduation Planning Committee

A very talented graduation planning committee under the direction of Ms. Rizzo, Ms. Meyers, and Ms. Lupchinsky have been preparing for the multitude of activities associated with graduation. I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize these students, leaders, and staff members for the time and energy devoted to making the final days of your senior year memorable and enjoyable. The committee members are:

Galileo Wang | Senior Class President
Jaime Heath | Senior Class Vice President
Ms. Julie Lupchinsky | Senior Class Advisor
Ms. Marisa Rizzo | Student Activities Coordinator
Ms. Dana Meyers | Assistant Principal
Mrs. Lauren Tompkins | Student Council Advisor

In addition to the listed executive officers and advisor, several students and staff have been planning the graduation ceremony program. This program represents a lot of time, work, and planning, so be sure to thank the committee members when you see them.
END OF YEAR CALENDAR

A comprehensive calendar of all senior activities is attached for your information. Two formats are presented for you to use:

1. A listing of dates according to the type of activity
2. A standard calendar format

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATION

The only required expense for a senior is to purchase his/her cap and gown. Any hardship caused by this expense should be called to Ms. Rizzo’s attention. Cap and Gown prices, along with optional senior activities and the associated costs are listed for your planning and consideration:

- Cap and gown: $15.00
- Group class picture: $21.00 (non-laminated) $27.00 (laminated)
- Individual diploma picture: packages begin at $10.00

GRADUATION TICKETS

Each senior will be given six (6) tickets for the outdoor graduation ceremony.

• Orange tickets (2): are for the home side bleacher seating only and only tickets that will be accepted if we have an indoor ceremony
• Brown Tickets (2): are home side bleacher seating
• White tickets (2): are away side bleacher seating

• White tickets cannot be used for seating in the home side bleachers and orange and brown tickets cannot be used for seating in the away side bleachers. This will be enforced by security.

• If we have an indoor ceremony only the two (2) ORANGE tickets will be honored. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and all 6 tickets will be honored at the stadium.

• Admission is by ticket only and all children regardless of age need a ticket i.e. including a two-week-old baby.

• Please note the “ticket penalties” for missing graduation practice and required activities in the next section of this memorandum

• If someone in your family is handicapped or disabled a designated seating area will be available for them. The seating area will be in front of the home side bleachers. The ticket color will not be a factor.
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- Our staff will provide transportation (mini vans & golf carts) for the handicapped and elderly to the stadium before the ceremony and to the parking lot at the completion of graduation. At the completion of graduation, there will be a designated seated area on the home side entrance (Love Lane side) by the Tex Robinson dedication stone for those that need to be transported to the parking lot, if needed.

- Students who would like the opportunity to earn one (1) extra ticket may stay after practice on the last day of graduation practice and help set up the plants for the graduation ceremony. We are only accepting 50 students for this opportunity. To reserve your place please email Ms. Rizzo @ rizzo@crhsd.org at the conclusion of this meeting. Once she has received 50 names she will no longer accept anymore. She will email the 50 students so they are aware of their place on the list.

**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Attendance and promptness are essential at all senior events and rehearsals. You must participate in rehearsals in order to participate in graduation. Anyone with questions concerning his/her attendance or participation should speak with the administrator in charge of commencement, Ms. Meyers.

During senior final exams and graduation program activities, school activities have priority over job activities. Students with job obligations must make necessary arrangements with their employers. This should not be a problem in that virtually all the activities coincide with the seniors’ morning class schedule.

Absence from any individual practice will result in a loss of two (2) tickets, while leaving practice early or arriving to practice late (even by 1 minute) will result in a loss of one (1) ticket for each infraction. Absence from two (2) or more practices will result in the senior forfeiting his/her graduation program privilege.

**STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR**

The following information will guide the remaining days of your senior year. Please review each item carefully and recognize the need to be responsible and cooperative members of the Class of 2019. A copy of these guidelines is also being forwarded to your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) so they will be knowledgeable of this key information.

Seniors are not automatically entitled to participate in various graduation activities. The New Jersey Commissioner of Education has ruled in several cases that a graduation or promotion ceremony is separate and apart from school enrollment. Any inappropriate behavior during the commencement ceremony (i.e., silly string, yelling and talking during speeches, beach balloons, air horns, etc.) may result in the withholding of diplomas and possible complaints of disorderly persons depending on the severity of the offense. We want to celebrate your graduation from high school in a balanced and orderly way.
Each senior must realize the school administration, with the full support of the Board, will address violations of the regulations. **If necessary, students will be suspended through graduation, thus eliminating the opportunity to formally graduate with the class.**

The following regulations are set forth for seniors during June 14 - June 18:

1. After rehearsals, **you must immediately leave the campus.** No loitering in the parking lot is permitted. Any illegal behavior in the parking lot after graduation practice can negatively affect your participation in the graduation ceremony.

2. No coolers, tents, or cookouts will be permitted on campus. Refreshments, cold drinks, and snacks will be sold by the Freshmen class during breaks.

3. School rules always apply i.e. **no vaping** on school grounds.

4. Modifications to the school dress code:

   ~ Hats are permitted at during outside practices. **Do not wear hats in the building.**

   ~ Thick strapped tank tops or sleeveless shirts (midriffs and undergarments may not be exposed)

   ~ **Any form of indecent dress may exclude you from rehearsals and/or graduation.**

4. Cell phones will not be permitted to be used during the formal part of graduation practice. You will be allowed to use cell phones during the breaks of practice.

5. Parking—you must use your assigned spot in the student lot. If you do not have a parking permit you may not drive.

6. You are not allowed in the building during rehearsal days except on school business such as paying outstanding fines (books, equipment, etc.) Do not loiter or “hang around” in the building.

**ACADEMIC DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

Academic tradition sets forth standards for student dress on the two occasions when the cap and gown is worn. Accordingly, the following is forwarded for your review and compliance:

~ Required dress for graduation is the approved cap and gown.
Underneath your gown students may wear a light-colored dress shirt with tie or bow tie, and slacks with formal shoes OR a light-colored shirt with a skirt, dress, or romper with formal shoes. No jeans, sneakers or work boots are permitted. If you choose to wear heels, please make sure you can walk in the grass properly with them. If you have any questions or concerns about your attire, please see Ms. Meyers or Miss. Rizzo.

Wear your tassel over your right eye; change to left during the turning of the tassel ceremony. The point of the cap is worn forward.

Cap decorating – Forms must be completed along with your sketched design and turned into Ms. Meyers by 3:00 on June 12th – form is attached to the back of your packet

Any form of non-compliance in dress will result in removal and not participating in the graduation ceremony.

FINAL NOTES

Cap and gowns will be sold in the Main Office during the week of June 6th – June 13th during SERA, or if you have early release see Mrs. Mauro in the main office during lunch June 6th–13th. Caps and gowns must be purchased by the first day of graduation practice, June 14th.

The Senior Awards Program will be held in the PAC at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6th. Business attire is required—no shorts, jeans, or sneakers. Students who are being recognized at this event will be notified. However, all seniors are invited to help congratulate their classmates.

Seniors are to report directly to the PAC on Friday, June 14th, by 7:30 a.m. WITH their cap and gown. The senior picture will be taken at 9:30 a.m. Any student who does not have an appropriate cap and gown will not be allowed to be part of the senior picture. Payment is due when the class picture is taken.

The Curriculum Awards Assembly will be held in the GYM at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14th. All students attending the awards assembly must be dressed appropriately—no shorts, jeans, or sneakers.

Best wishes for a great time during your final days at CRHS!!!
2019 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SENIOR CLASS MEETING - MANDATORY

May 28th - Tuesday  A meeting will be held at 9:45 in the PAC. No other meetings will be held. Please be there!

CAP & GOWN SALE

June 6-13 Thur. – Thur.  In the Main Office

SENIOR EXAMS

June 12 and 13  Wednesday and Thursday

RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

June 6 – Thursday  Senior Awards Program, 6:00-8:30 p.m. in PAC

June 9 – Sunday  Baccalaureate – 4:00 pm in PAC
                 Students should wear cap & gown

June 14 – Friday  Curriculum Awards Assembly, 1:30-3:00 pm in GYM

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

June 14 - Friday  Graduation practice, 7:30-11:43 a.m. in PAC
                 Cap & gowns required for class photo

June 17 – Monday  Graduation practice, 7:30-11:43 a.m. at Stadium

June 18 – Tuesday  Graduation practice, 7:30-11:43 a.m. at Pac & stadium
                  Tickets distributed at end of graduation practice.

                  Line up 5:30 p.m.

                  42nd Graduation program, 6:30 p.m. at
                  Cumberland Regional High School Stadium
Class of 2019 Graduation Activities Calendar - June 2019

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Class of 2019 Graduation Cap Decorating

I understand that being allowed to decorate my cap for graduation is a privilege. I also understand that not following the rules will have consequences, up to and including removal from participation in graduation. I have discussed this with my Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and their signature on this form indicates their understanding of the rules. I ______________________________ agree to follow the rules as prescribed in this contract:

1. I understand that I must have this paper handed in as well as my sketched design for my cap to Ms. Meyers no later than 3:00 pm Wednesday, June 12th.

2. I understand that my cap may not differ from my approved design. If the cap is inappropriate and not matching what I submitted, I understand I may not be allowed to walk in graduation.

3. Finally, I understand that I must meet all deadlines and follow all rules if I wish to participate in the graduation activities and ceremony.

I ______________________________ have read all the conditions above and agree that if I fail to follow them I may be prevented from walking in Graduation.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Please be aware the top of the cap is not super stiff, like some of the college caps are. This will limit the weight of any “decoration” you place on your cap. It may deform if decoration is too heavy.