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## **COLLINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Collingswood High School Seniors and Senior Families,

We wanted to provide an update on our planning of senior activities for this spring. Although planning has been challenging due to the pandemic, we are committed to providing several of our traditional celebrations for seniors, in addition to some other on-campus activities we believe will be enjoyable for the Class of 2021. In our recent conversations with various senior students, they have expressed enthusiasm about the idea of participating in school activities to reconnect with classmates and school staff, and to help restore a sense of normalcy that has been missing over the last year during the pandemic. We look forward to providing these opportunities for our seniors to safely gather and celebrate - which they certainly deserve after the challenging year they have endured! We appreciate the many contributions seniors have made to our school over the last four years, and we'd like to help them create some lasting memories of their final months as students at CHS.

As we plan, we continue to remain cognizant of the importance of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures. We will take the necessary precautions to maintain a safe environment for these senior celebrations, aided by the fact that the spring weather will allow many of the activities to take place outdoors. Please review on the following pages the list of senior activities being planned and the corresponding dates. More information about these events is forthcoming, but we wanted to provide some specific dates now for planning purposes.

Sincerely,

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## **CHS Senior Spring Activities**

**On-Campus Activities:** We are planning some activities (i.e. senior field day, senior dinner) for this April/May that will allow seniors to safely gather outdoors on campus in the afternoon/evening after classes. We'll be in touch with more specific information as plans are finalized.

**Last Dance** - Wednesday, May 19 in the evening. For this Student Council tradition, each senior can invite a parent/guardian to this celebration.

**Senior Awards Ceremony** - Instead of indoor awards ceremonies this year, we are planning an outdoor awards ceremony for seniors and their families. The ceremony will be Wednesday, May 26 in the evening on campus. Rain date is Thursday, May 27.

**Final Academic Week for Seniors:** When we return from the Memorial Day holiday, it will be the final academic week for seniors. We will have seniors wrapped up academically by Wednesday, June 2, so that they can fully enjoy the end-of-year senior activities and celebrations. \*Seniors who do not complete assignments by the final June 2 deadline may need to continue working beyond that date to satisfy graduation requirements.

**Pre-Prom Assembly** - Thursday, June 3 - in the morning during school hours, likely virtual, but possibly in-person at school

**Promenade** - Thursday, June 3 - in the afternoon in Knight Park

**Prom** - Thursday, June 3 - in the evening at the Camden Aquarium (outdoors, weather permitting)

**Senior Class Trip** - Tuesday, June 8 through Saturday, June 12 - Orlando, Florida

\*If current NJ travel guidelines remain in place, senior class trip attendees will be expected to quarantine upon their return from Florida.\*

**Yearbook Distribution and Signing** - The date of this event will depend on when yearbooks arrive, but we will offer the opportunity for seniors to get their yearbook at school and enjoy the company of their classmates as they sign each other's yearbooks.

**Final Week of School** - Monday, June 14th through Thursday, June 17th. This week we'll be completing the academic year for students in grades 9-11 and students of all grade levels will have designated times to return any school-issued materials. Senior's Chromebooks will also be collected this week.

**Graduation Practice** - Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 in the morning at school. Although we do not yet have graduation ceremony guidelines from the NJ Department of Education, we are anticipating some specific guidelines that incorporate COVID-19 safety protocols and procedures. It will be important for all graduating seniors to attend practice, since we will need to review how these guidelines will impact the way we conduct the graduation ceremony. Holding graduation practice on 6/23 and 6/24 will allow those who attended senior trip to participate because at this point they will have completed their post-travel quarantine.

**Graduation** - Thursday, June 24th in the evening on campus outdoors. Friday, June 25th will be our rain date for graduation.

**Project Graduation** - Thursday, June 24th immediately following graduation at the Big Event in Cherry Hill. Project Graduation would also be moved to Friday, June 25th in the event that we need to move graduation to Friday, June 25th because of rain.