

CRESSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Class of 2021 Students & Families
From: Principal John Massaro
Date: May 27th, 2021
Re: Cresskill High School Updates for End-of-Year Events

Hello Class of 2021 Students and Families,

Please review the updated information below for our 2021 Cresskill High School senior prom, senior scholastic & athletic awards, and graduation ceremony next month. In particular we are pleased to announce updates that our guest limits for the awards and graduation ceremonies are now lifted.

Prom

Thursday, June 3rd 6:00-10:00pm at the school front entrance area (Rain date Friday, June 4th, same time & location).

There will be a mandatory in-person meeting on Thursday, June 3rd at 10:00am in the auditorium for any seniors attending the prom. The daily Covid screening form must be completed prior to the meeting. All students who are not attending class in person and arriving only for the meeting will complete the [main entrance daily screening form](#). Seniors will be dismissed for the day when the meeting is finished.

All guests must complete the [main entrance daily screening form](#) on the day of the prom as well.

Masks must be worn at the event except when eating in the designated area.

Students driving themselves to the prom will park in the side parking lot. Once parked, no students will be allowed to return to their cars until they leave. Students may not leave until after 9:00pm.

Please contact Mrs. Sicheri and/or Ms. Roberts if you have any event-related questions or concerns not addressed in this message.

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Senior Scholastic & Athletic Awards Event

The Senior Scholastic & Athletic Awards event will be held on Wednesday, June 9th at 6:00pm on the football field (rain date Thursday, June 10th). Students who will be receiving at least one award will be notified directly by Mrs. DiStasi (scholastic awards) or Ms. Del Vecchio (athletic awards) about attending the event.

There will no longer be a guest limit for the event based on recent Covid guideline updates in New Jersey. Social distancing will be set up in the bleachers with every other row designated for seating. All non-vaccinated guests must wear a mask and all guests are encouraged to wear masks. Students will take any seat that is set up on the football field in a socially distanced manner and will not be required to wear masks.

Students will stand at their chair when their name is called for any awards and/or recognition. Distribution of awards will begin the following day, June 10th, in conjunction with graduation cap & gown distribution described below.

The event will be livestreamed and a link will be shared via email, school website posting, and Twitter on June 9th.

GRADUATION

Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:30pm on the Arch Shaw Stadium Field (football field), Rain date Wednesday, June 23rd, same time & location

Cap & Gown Distribution- Beginning on June 10th, graduates can obtain their graduation regalia (cap, gown, stole, & honor society cord) from the main office. The price is \$60 and cash or check must be paid when picking up the items. Please email Mrs. DiStasi (ldistasi@cboek12.org) if you have any questions.

Graduation Rehearsal- All participating graduates will report to the football field at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 22nd for a one-time ceremony rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory and contact Mr. Massaro (jmassaro@cboek12.org) in advance if you have any questions or concerns.

There will no longer be a guest limit for the event based on recent Covid guideline updates in New Jersey. Guests may sit in the bleachers with every other row designated for seating. Seating will also be set up on the track. All non-vaccinated guests must wear a mask and all guests are encouraged to wear masks.

The livestream link and digital program will be available on the Cresskill High School website

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Parking is in front main lot with handicap parking allowed beyond side lot checkpoint

Graduate arrival & seating instructions: Graduates must arrive by 6:00pm. Students will be directed onto the field area and select a seat from among the rows set up on the field, assisted by class advisors and other school staff. Students will take any seat that is set up on the football field in a socially distanced manner and will not be required to wear masks. During the individual student recognition portion of the program, students will stand at their seats when individual names are announced.

Please email Mrs. Lori DiStasi (ldistasi@cboek12.org) by Monday, June 14th if you have any requirements for handicap parking, golf cart shuttle assistance from the parking lot, and/or handicap seating in chairs on the track.

Student expectations:

- Must wear gown, gold stole, and honor society cord (if applicable) in a manner that is unaltered and consistent with traditional expectations
- Cap decorating will be allowed. It is very important that your decorations maintain the dignity of the ceremony. If any decorations are inappropriate or offensive, such that they would not be appropriate for school, we will confiscate the cap and we do not have extras to distribute. If you are unsure, please contact me for further discussion.
- Graduates are expected to behave in a mature and dignified manner before, during, and after the graduation ceremony. Any student who acts in a manner that is distracting and/or disrespectful to the ceremony will be reprimanded and/or removed from the ceremony. Any student who attends the ceremony under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance will not be permitted to participate.

Diplomas will be available for pick up in the main office Wednesday, June 23rd through Friday, June 25th from 9am-12pm. Graduates will also receive three printed graduation programs. Please contact Mrs. DiStasi (ldistasi@cboek12.org) to confirm an alternate day/time for pick up if needed.

Thank you and again, please email me (jmassaro@cboek12.org) if you have any questions. We are looking forward to all gathering together in person to celebrate the Class of 2021 as we enter into the month of June next week!

Sincerely,

John Massaro

Mr. John Massaro
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