

CRESSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Class of 2022 Graduates & Families

From: Principal John Massaro

Date: May 16th, 2022

Re: Cresskill High School End-of-Year Events & Graduation Information

Hello Class of 2022 Students and Families,

Please review the information below for our 2022 Cresskill High School senior end-of-year events, first sent to you in February. We originally created this chart so that you have advanced notice for your family's planning purposes. The "Plan B" and "Plan C" contingencies were created due to weather conditions and/or possible building use restrictions during the upcoming MS/HS repair work. At this time we are no longer looking to use the MS/HS gym as an option for these events due to limitations involved with the building repair work.

Date/Time	Event	Location	Plan B
Thursday June 2nd 6:30pm	Senior Prom	Seasons, Washington Township	X
Wednesday June 8th 6:00pm	Senior Scholastic & Athletic Awards	CHS Football Field	Rain date: Thursday 6/9/22 CHS Football Field
Thursday June 16th 9:00am	Senior Scholarship Program	CHS Football Field	Rain date: Friday 6/17 CHS Football Field
Wednesday, June 22nd 6:30pm	Graduation	CHS Football Field	Rain date: Thursday 6/23 CHS Football Field

* Please note that families of students participating in the Senior Scholastic & Athletic Awards and the Senior Scholarship Program will be notified directly with invitations.

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SENIOR PROM

- All seniors will participate in a class meeting in the Chodae Plaza at the beginning of period 4 (10:42-11:12am) on Thursday, June 2nd. All seniors will be dismissed for the day following period 4.
- Prom guests who report to the event under the influence and/or in possession of drugs or alcohol will be denied entry and parents will be contacted for pick-up. Students will also serve appropriate school discipline consequences.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Cap & Gown Distribution- Graduates will obtain their graduation regalia (cap, gown, stole, & honor society cord) at rehearsal on Monday, June 20th. The price is \$60 and cash or check must be paid before picking up the items. Payments can be submitted any school day at the Chodae-Mosaic building. Please email Mrs. DiStasi (ldistasi@cboek12.org) if you have any questions.

Class Speaker for Graduation- The graduation ceremony also includes a "Class Speaker" speech from a student. Students, if you would like to be considered for class speaker, please submit to me a statement of interest and proposed speech by Monday, May 23rd. Speeches will be evaluated based on connection to the collective experience of the senior class and spirit of positive inspiration. Students, please contact Mr. Massaro (jmassaro@cboek12.org) if you have any questions.

Graduation Reflection Statements- Please email me your thoughts of reflection on your high school experience and what it means to your future pursuits. A sampling of these statements will be incorporated into the speaking points about your graduating class during the ceremony. You may also request that your reflection thoughts be referenced anonymously if you prefer. Students, please submit these optional statements to Mr. Massaro (jmassaro@cboek12.org) by Monday, May 23rd.

Graduation Rehearsal- All participating graduates will report for ceremony rehearsals on June 20th, 21st, 22nd at the football field from 10:00am until approximately 12:00pm. Attendance is mandatory and contact Mr. Massaro (jmassaro@cboek12.org) in advance if you have any questions or concerns.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

**Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30pm on the Arch Shaw Stadium Field (football field).
Rain date Thursday, June 23rd if gymnasium unavailable**

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Participation in commencement exercises is a privilege extended to all of our students who have fulfilled the requirements for graduation and a high school diploma. The commencement ceremony is a formal, dignified student-faculty-family experience. Seniors will be notified about expectations regarding behavior before and during the graduation exercises. Seniors will observe the following expectations to honor the dignity of the occasion.

Students must complete all work and tests in order to meet course requirements. In addition, students must return all books and all other school property (athletic, band uniform, other equipment) and pay all charges for book, library, parking tickets, and all other fines by Wednesday, June 1st.

Seniors participating in graduation must be present for all rehearsals. Students will not be excused from rehearsals unless the reason for their absence is submitted to and approved by Mr. Massaro in advance.

Guests are welcome to sit in the bleachers or stand along the fence. Priority seating only for senior citizens/disabled persons will be on the inside of the track fence. Please email Mrs. Lori DiStasi (ldistasi@cboek12.org) by Monday, June 13th 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.

The ceremony will be available for livestream viewing and the link will be emailed, posted on the school website, and shared via school social media the day of graduation. Thank you to Mr. Shane Kress, video productions teacher, and his students for their work!

Student expectations:

- Graduates must report to the soccer field at 5:30pm for procession organization.
- Graduates must wear the gown, gold stole, and honor society cord (if applicable) in a manner that is unaltered and consistent with traditional expectations. Caps and gowns will be distributed after the first graduation rehearsal on Monday, June 20th.
- 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. If you are unsure, please contact me for further discussion prior to making any alterations to the cap.
- 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.
- Seniors who report to the graduation ceremony under the influence will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

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Thank you and again, please email me (jmassaro@cboek12.org) if you have any questions. We are all looking forward to gathering to celebrate the Class of 2022 at these upcoming events!

Sincerely,

John Massaro

Mr. John Massaro
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