



Graduation 2020



Greetings CCHS Seniors and Families,

The end of this school year has been unlike anything anyone have experienced or could have imaged. Regardless of the situation the administrative team alongside district leadership has been working to provide a graduation ceremony that follows all state laws and guidelines. We do understand that there is a strong desire by our seniors and their families to have the opportunity to celebrate as a group. Believe me, the entire CCHS team feels the same way!

Seniors were polled regarding two possible choices, virtual only or modified in-person. Upwards of eighty percent of our seniors preferred the modified in-person option, which was clearly defined as to what that entailed.

We have been able to work with our videography/photography companies and have moved our individual graduation appointment dates to June 5th and 6th at the same time slots for each senior. We hope that this unexpected opportunity provides our families with additional time to prepare and make arrangements with work and other schedules to be part of your senior's special moment on that day.

Currently, Governor Northam and the Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Lane have not approved schools to have large scale public gatherings. Please know, we will follow the guidelines set forth by the state. Anything otherwise is unlawful.

Our current graduation plan has been vetted, approved, and encouraged under the guidelines we have in place by the Secretary of Education of Virginia and State Superintendent for Instruction and meets the current social distancing requirement. While this year's graduation ceremony certainly does not resemble graduation ceremonies of the past, we must and will follow current state laws and guidelines.

We understand graduation represents many years of dedication and the efforts of students/parents, guardians, and teachers. For that reason, we will be planning an additional event in late summer/next school year where the graduates of 2020 and their families can be recognized and celebrated as a group. Please note the timing of this celebration/get-together is entirely dependent on if large gatherings are permitted at that time.

Unfortunately, there is much uncertainty still ahead concerning the COVID-19. We hope soon it will become safe to return to school and host public gatherings. I do ask that you please be patient and adhere to all the rules and regulations that will be put in place on your scheduled appointment time. Please know that all requirements that will be put in place are for your safety, the safety of others, and to abide by the laws set forth by the state.

I look forward to seeing you and your parents/guardians at your scheduled appointment times as we honor the Class of 2020 for its hard work, positive attitudes, and grit. Lastly, listed below are the details of what each senior will receive compliments of CCHS & CCPS for graduation:

What seniors will get free of charge:

- Yearbook (mailed)
- Senior Signs (5/18/20)
- Free Cap & Gowns
 - Those who paid will get a refund from Jostens.
- No Senior Dues
 - Those who paid will get a refund from HS (Summer)
- Special Edition Newspaper (Chronicle)
- Picture & DVD
- 2020 Graduation Program

Sincerely,

Marcus L. Petty Sr.

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CCHS Principal

P.S.

If your original graduation appointment time was on May 27th, then the new date is June 5th same time. If your original graduation appointment date was May 28th, then your new date is June 6th same time.

Go Panthers!