

May 2019

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians:

The month of May brings a sense of excitement and expectation as we enter the final days of the school year. For our seniors, May is especially exciting due to the anticipation of graduation and the beginning of a new stage in their lives. Congratulations, parents and guardians, on your continuous efforts, which have resulted in your child being prepared for their upcoming graduation!

With a short time to go before commencement, this letter is to inform you of all the exciting year-end activities for seniors, and to ask for your assistance in ensuring that your son/daughter completes all academic, financial, and behavioral expectations of Columbus North High School prior to commencement. The enclosed calendar of senior events describes the activities leading to the commencement ceremony.

If you have questions concerning academic requirements, check with your son/daughter's counselor at 812-376-4292. None of us wants to be surprised or embarrassed by last-minute complications. Notes about payments for book rental fees, library fees, and other student obligations will be posted for students Friday May 17th near the main office. Also, make sure your BCSC laptop, charger, and bag are in good working order. If you have needed laptop repairs, please go to the CNHS Tech Center ASAP! Recently students picked up their previously ordered cap and gown on Thursday, April 25th. Items not picked up are in the main office. The cap and gown is rented by the student and must be returned in order to receive their diploma. It can, however, be used for church programs or family pictures as long as those happen BEFORE graduation.

Another area in which we seek your assistance is that of positive student decision making. The spirit and enthusiasm of a few senior classmates sometimes cloud students' abilities to make good decisions about "fun" activities. Acts that disrupt the normal school process, prevent teachers from teaching or students from learning, cause destruction or vandalism or create additional work for others may place your son or daughter at risk of not marching at commencement or graduating from high school.

The commencement ceremony is planned to be a dignified activity and student participation is voluntary. Please assist us in communicating to your son or daughter the dress code for this special event. Dress is more formal than school, clean and well maintained. Dress shoes, polished and in good repair, required. (No sandals, gym shoes, flip flops or tennis shoes.) Dark slacks, pants, collared shirts or party dress required. (No shorts or items so colorful that it distracts from the formality of the graduation gown). Any item of clothing that is visible under the graduation gown should be clean and in good repair, appropriate for a formal ceremony. If you have a question regarding the dress code or any other questions about the graduation activities, please call the main office at 812-376-4431. Please assist us by reminding your student that the day is for parents, grandparents, and others to honor and recognize ALL the graduating students and the thirteen years of formal education that brought them to this great occasion.

We know that you, as parents, are looking forward to next month's activities and realize the significance for your senior. We encourage you to join with the faculty, staff, and students at North High School to ensure a safe and exciting finish to the school year and a beautiful commencement ceremony. As you await that special moment on June 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. of a name read, a handshake, and the cherished diploma presentation, please share your desire for a great month with your senior.

Sincerely,

David D. Clark, Principal
Columbus North High School

Spring 2019

Calendar of Senior Events

Month of April:

Graduation materials distribution occurred **April 25th**. Pre-ordered materials not picked up at that time are available in the main office. Graduation Name Card: Seniors should have received and returned a green diploma card that shows their proper full name for the diploma and for the reading of names during the 2019 graduation ceremony. (No nicknames or non-formal names will be allowed.)

Month of May:

- Awards Day: CNHS Auditorium **Friday May 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** Invitations will be mailed.
- A “Diploma Names” list will be posted near the main office. Please see one of the secretaries in the main office for changes.
- Make sure you look at the displayed lists near the main office for any obligations that you might have and for your marching number. See the secretaries in the main office if you have questions.

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Remind.com for
updated Senior Info!**



Seniors' Final Week

Monday, May 20th	Senior Obligations completed (Bookstore, Counseling Center, Media Center (& BCSC laptop pickup – May 22nd – 29th)
Tuesday, May 28 th - 7:20 a.m.	Senior meeting, picture, and breakfast – Gym two
Wednesday, May 29 th - 7:45 a.m.	Seniors report directly to Memorial Gym for commencement rehearsal (ALL students <i>must</i> attend rehearsal or they will not march). ALL financial obligations must be taken care of prior to rehearsal.
Thursday, May 30th	Any senior, who still needs to fulfill outstanding or incomplete obligations, should report as directed by the school administration....
Commencement Saturday June 1st - 1:00 p.m.	Memorial Gym Doors open at 11:40 a.m. All seniors must be in the CNHS Commons for line up by 12:00 p.m. Enter Door 1.

There is no limit to the number of family members or guests who may attend.

- 1. Seating for the physically challenged will be on the gym floor behind the faculty seating.**
- 2. Due to limited space, only one able-bodied person may accompany each physically challenged guest (Faculty members will be available to assist you to your seat.)**

Proper Dress Required - Please assist in making sure your senior is on time and dressed appropriately.

Appropriate Clothing: Party dresses, collared dress shirts, dark slacks or pants (no shorts)

Appropriate Shoes: Dress shoes (NO gym shoes, tennis shoes, flip flops or sandals)

Inappropriate Clothing for Graduation —thus not allowed:

- Jeans, t-shirts, and clothing with advertisement or wording printed on them.
- Brightly colored clothing.
- Clothing dirty or in poor repair.
- No markings or alterations of the cap and gown.

*If you have any concerns or need any assistance in meeting these guidelines, please contact your counselor at 376-4292.

Commencement is a dignified ceremony to recognize the Class of 2019 at Columbus North High School. Commencement is a voluntary activity and seniors who participate must be willing to adhere to the policies that assure a dignified ceremony. Thanks for allowing us to recognize and read the names of each and every eligible graduate and for holding your applause to the end.