

CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Cape Central Senior Parents:

As you are likely aware, Commencement is quickly approaching, and our plans are well underway for the many events we will enjoy together as a school community to celebrate and honor our graduating seniors. Please review carefully the information below so that you are aware of the myriad of events and responsibilities between now and May 14.

Commencement 2017

Our 2017 Commencement ceremony will be Sunday, May 14, 4:00 P.M. at the Show Me Center. Our graduates are expected to arrive by 3:00 P.M. and doors will open for guest seating at 3:00 P.M. as well. Since there is no reserved seating for guests, please know those guests who arrive first may be seated first. We ask you to assist us in reminding our graduates that Commencement is a formal and dignified experience at Cape Central, and we expect our graduates to dress accordingly: dresses or dress pants and dress shoes for lady graduates, and dress shoes, dress socks, dress pants, shirts and ties for gentleman graduates. Please know, we reserve the right to exclude those who choose not to meet our expectations in order to protect the dignity of our ceremony for all. We ask you to do all you can to encourage our guests to assist us in having the most dignified ceremony we can offer our graduates and our families by honoring our Cape Central traditions of formality. We respectfully ask guests to remain seated throughout the ceremony and to refrain from going on the floor or from approaching the stage for pictures during the ceremony. We also ask our guests not to bring noise makers or other types of distraction that would call for confiscation by Show Me Center Security.

Commencement Rehearsal

Please know, our graduates are not required to participate in Commencement, and most years there are a few students and their families who make that choice. Those who choose not to participate may receive their diplomas on Monday, May 15, or any time thereafter by contacting our Senior High School Counseling Office. Those who choose to participate in Commencement are required to attend rehearsal, and we do reserve the right to exclude from our ceremony those who do not attend rehearsal. Our rehearsal is Friday, May 12, 9:00 A.M. at the Show Me Center. Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns for rehearsal as Cheekwood Studios will be present for individual pictures and for our official graduation class photograph. If all goes well, we should be finished by noon.

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Scholarship Announcements for Commencement Program

Please find enclosed with this letter a form for you to report scholarships your graduate may have received. Unfortunately, each year we have some disappointment because we were not able to be completely accurate in listing all scholarships. This happens as a result of our students and families being notified directly by colleges and sponsoring organizations they are to receive scholarships without notifying the school directly. We must depend on you and your graduate to complete and return the enclosed form by April 28 in order for us to include your graduate and to meet our printing deadline for our program. Please know, we certainly want to be fully inclusive, but this particular challenge is nearly impossible to manage when we do not have full access to all information.

Missouri A+ Schools Scholarships for Seniors

If you believe your daughter or son has fulfilled the requirements to receive an A+ Schools Scholarship from the state of Missouri, please be certain she or he contacts our A+ Coordinator, Joe Boguslawski, by April 28. Mr. Boguslawski will need to verify all requirements have been met so that the recipient may be recognized as part of our Commencement ceremony. The student is an official A+ Scholarship recipient when the A+ seal is stamped on his or her transcript.

Baccalaureate

Our graduates are invited to participate in a traditional Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 7, 3:00 P.M. at Lynwood Baptist Church (2935 Lynwood Hills Dr.). Please know, Baccalaureate is sponsored and organized by Cape Central Seniors and their parents. Participation in Baccalaureate is voluntary and will include a variety of religious elements. Those who choose to participate are expected to dress accordingly in their caps and gowns and to be at the church by 2:30 P.M. to prepare for our processional of graduates into the church sanctuary.

Graduation Photography

Cheekwood Studios will provide the following photography services for graduation.

Class photograph in caps and gowns taken during Rehearsal on May 12.

Individual photographs in cap and gown taken during Rehearsal on May 12.

Individual photographs of seniors receiving diplomas taken during Commencement on May 14.

All photographs must be purchased and paid in full on Friday, May 12, during rehearsal. Please find an order form included in this mailing, and forms will also be available in the Main Office, May 1-5.

Last Full Day of Classes for Seniors

Our last full day of classes for seniors will be Thursday, May 11. Please know, Friday, May 12, is a required day of attendance even though our seniors will have an abbreviated day that will include Commencement Rehearsal only. Seniors should report directly to the Show Me Center at 9:00 A.M.

Elementary School Visits

The Elementary Schools in our district would like to celebrate our graduates and help their own students see the end result as seniors are invited to walk the halls of their old elementary school at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 12. Any students that didn't attend an elementary school in Cape, are invited to walk the halls of Cape Middle or Junior High School at 1:00 P.M. Local media will be invited to cover the event as well. This is a great way for students to reminisce on their time in Cape Girardeau Public Schools while giving back to the schools that have been a part of their lives.

Senior Textbooks, Computers and Fines

All seniors should turn in all items (textbooks, computer including charger and case, uniforms, etc.) and pay all fines by the end of our academic day on Thursday, May 11 in order to avoid a delay in releasing their

diploma and final transcript. If you have questions about textbooks, computers or fines, please contact our CHS Library at 334-0644, 7:00 A.M. -3:30 P.M. daily, and ask for Mrs. Siemers. Please know, we want to distribute all diplomas and release all final transcripts as soon as possible. I am sure you understand our graduates really cannot afford to have their transcripts delayed as a result of missing textbooks, computers or outstanding fines.

Senior Skip Day

Please know, there is no sanctioned Senior Skip Day at Cape Central. Rumor is that Monday, May 1, the Monday after Prom, has been unofficially designated as Senior Skip Day by some of our students. Please do all you can to encourage our kids to be present for all remaining days of school. The official time we have set aside for our graduates to relax are the days before and after Commencement when our undergraduates are hard at work on their CAP Exams.

2017 Girardot

Our deadline for ordering our 2017 Girardot yearbook is April 28. Yearbooks may be ordered by internet at www.jostens.com; however, Jostens must receive your payment by May 3 (this is not a post-mark date), or your order will not be processed. If you have already ordered a yearbook and are making payments, please be certain your account is paid in full by the May 3 deadline so that your order will be fully processed.

Certainly, our seniors have worked long and hard to reach this monumental moment in their lives as have you as their parents and families. Our goal is that we do everything we can to be certain these final days of senior high school are a dignified balance of academic achievement, shared accomplishment and personal celebration for all of our graduates and their families.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Kristy Mehner, administrative assistant to the principal, extension 6004, and she will gladly assist you in providing any additional information you may need.



Chris Kase
Principal