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SENIOR PACKET

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January 24, 2023

Dear Senior:

Graduation from high school is a once in a lifetime event. Your parents, relatives, friends, and you deserve a dignified, memorable ceremony. Your cooperation is essential for this to happen. This packet contains all of the information you need to make your graduation a momentous, special occasion. Please read this information carefully to learn about the proper procedures, behavior, and attire at a Concord High School Commencement. Be sure to share the information with your family and guests.

If there are any questions regarding appropriate behavior or attire, the CHS Administration will make the final determination concerning your participation in the Commencement ceremony.

We want your graduation to be a special day for you. We want it to have style and to be done with pride. Please do your part to make your Commencement the best one ever at Concord High School. Additional resources about Senior events can be found on our Concord Web Page under Headlines- "Senior Information" - or on Student Schoology Group Class of 2023.

Best wishes as you continue to work toward your graduation on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.!

Your Proud Principal,

Mark Mayer

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Graduation of a son or daughter is among the proudest moments any parent can experience. It is the culmination of years of hard work and a tremendous amount of encouragement and support. It is a time that is most memorable; it is indeed a special occasion.

On June 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., approximately 235 Concord High School students will participate in our Commencement Ceremony at the University of Delaware Bob Carpenter Center. (Directions on page 6)

Your student deserves a graduation ceremony that will be dignified and memorable. You, other important family members, and close friends also deserve to witness this event in an atmosphere of pride and joy.

With these thoughts in mind, we are asking you to review with your son/daughter the enclosed information which covers a variety of items including, mandatory attendance at Commencement rehearsals, appropriate behavior, and dress. Additional resources about Senior events can be found on our Concord Web Page under Headlines- "Senior Information" - or on Student Schoology Group Class of 2023. If you have any specific questions regarding this information, please call me at 475-3951.

We feel strongly that, with your support, this year's Concord High School Commencement will be a very beautiful affair – one of which we can all be proud.

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SENIOR YEAR END CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 1 thru Friday, May 5, 2023	Prom tickets on sale all 4 lunches for \$80.00 per person. (All obligations to purchase at ticket must be satisfied by Friday, April 28).
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Senior Awards Program by <i>Invitation Only</i> – 6:30 P.M. ❖ The Senior Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 24 in the Concord Auditorium. Invitations will be sent to the award recipients. ❖ The program will begin at 6:30 P.M. ❖ Students are to arrive by 6:15 P.M. ❖ Parents and friends are invited to attend. ❖ Appropriate attire is required to participate in the awards ceremony.
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	Senior Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Half Day (subject to change)</i>
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	Senior Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Half Day (subject to change)</i> <p><i>Commencement Practice will be held 2:45pm- 4:45pm (Mandatory) in auditorium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cap & gown distribution</i>
Thursday, May 25, 2023	Senior Exams <i>Half Day (subject to change)</i> <i>Commencement Practice will be held 2:45pm- 4:45pm (Mandatory) in auditorium</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tickets distributed</i>
Friday, May 26, 2023	Senior Exams <i>Half Day (Subject to change)</i>
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	Prom at Waterfalls- 7:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 2023	Senior Parade (TBD)
Sunday, June 4, 2023	Commencement – 7:00pm Bob Carpenter Center, University of Delaware

Final obligations must be cleared on or before **Friday, May 26, 2023.**
 If an obligation is **not** cleared, a diploma and tickets **will not** be issued.
This is the same day as the last Commencement Practice.

Cap & Gown Ordering Information

You must order directly from Jostens immediately. Please note all orders come directly to the school. Call 1-800-854-7464 or order online at: www.jostens.com

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SENIOR PROM and AFTER-PROM INFORMATION

The 2023 Senior Class Prom will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at Waterfall 3416 Philadelphia Pike Claymont, DE 19703. This is a formal dinner and dance activity. The Prom begins at 7:00 P.M. and ends at 11:00 P.M. Dinner will be at approximately 7:30 P.M. ***Absolutely no entry will be permitted into the prom after 8:00 P.M.***

The Prom tickets are **\$80.00 per person**. All guests must be age appropriate. **Tickets will be on sale May 1 – May 5, 2023** during all four lunches in the cafeteria (Payment Plan option is forthcoming) Seniors who are bringing guests must fill out a guest form. All guests must be approved before guest tickets can be purchased. Guest Forms will be available from April 24 through April 28, 2023. **NO** tickets will be sold after May 8 or at the door. ***Student obligations must be cleared before you can purchase a Prom ticket.***

Prom Attire for CHS students and their guests:

- Female students are to wear formal evening gown attire (no short dresses)
- All Gowns must be below the knees and cover the midriff
- Male students are to wear formal tuxedos and dress shoes (no casual sneakers, or boots). A business suit is acceptable.
- Students who identify binary or transgender may choose one of the dress codes listed above.
- Participants not in compliance with the dress code, will be asked to make adjustments to their attire or asked to leave the prom/after prom at the discretion of the administrative team. No refunds will be provided.

The Senior parents are sponsoring an After-Prom party at Concord for students attending the Prom. For all Concord Families, we hope that you will consider joining the parent committee and participate in the fundraising events. Concord families play the primary role in planning the event, decorating the school, and raising money to support a fun and safe time for our students.

- The After-Prom will be from 11:30pm to 2:00am.
- No one will be admitted to the After-Prom after 11:45pm.
- After-Prom attire must be consistent with the district's dress code of conduct.

If students leave either the Prom or After-Prom party, they may not re-enter. The Brandywine School District Code of Conduct is in effect for all activities: Prom, After-Prom, Awards Ceremony, and Graduation

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL AND ATTIRE

MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT REHEARSALS:

- ❖ Rehearsal will be held at CHS in the auditorium at 2:45 P.M. on May 24 and 25.
- ❖ Please be prompt and find your seat quickly.
- ❖ You must attend **both** rehearsals in order to participate in Commencement. Please make the necessary arrangements to attend.
- ❖ All instructions for the Commencement Ceremony will be discussed and procedures practiced.
- ❖ If an emergency situation arises and you will be unable to attend the rehearsal, you must contact Mr. Mayer immediately at 475-3951.
- ❖ Work obligations will not be considered as emergency circumstances for missing rehearsal.
Let your employer know now in advance.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR COMMENCEMENT:

- ❖ **In order to participate in Commencement, all students must wear a cap and gown. You must order directly from Jostens immediately. www.jostens.com or call Jostens at 1-800-854-7464.** Please note that there is a three-week processing period and all orders come directly to the school.
- ❖ No decorations or flowers may be worn on the cap, gown or person. No sunglasses.
- ❖ Tassels are worn on the right side of the mortarboard (cap).
- ❖ The cap is worn flat, not at an angle or on the back of the head.
- ❖ Wear cool clothing under your gown. Wear light colored materials which will not show through.
- ❖ Gentlemen will wear light colored dress shirts, long dark dress slacks, long tie, dark socks, and dark dress shoes. **No casual sneakers.**
- ❖ Ladies will wear light colored skirts and blouses or dresses and dress shoes (heels or flats). **No casual flip-flops.**
- ❖ **Please note:** Students wearing shorts, jeans, T-shirts, sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, informal attire, etc., or any decoration or deviation from a traditional cap and gown will not be permitted to participate in Commencement.
- ❖ If you have any questions regarding acceptable or appropriate dress for the Commencement ceremonies, please call Mr. Mayer at 475-3951.
- ❖ When you receive your cap and gown, check for tassel, cap and gown. Check gown for length. Gowns will be distributed during the first Commencement rehearsal.

NOTE: To maintain the dignity of the ceremonies, any student inappropriately dressed or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc. will not be permitted to participate. Students will be removed from the Line of March for violations of dress and behavior guidelines. Any student displaying inappropriate or distracting behavior will be excluded from the ceremony.

2023 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

The Fifty-Third Commencement of Concord High School will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 7:00 P.M. at the Bob Carpenter Center on the University of Delaware campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- ❖ Doors will open at **6:15 P.M.** for all guests and family members. Graduates should arrive at 6:00 P.M. All guests will enter the Bob Carpenter Center through the main entrance.
 - ❖ **All guests will be subject to a wand and bag search.**
 - ❖ We ask that you leave noise makers and other similar devices at home. We understand and appreciate your excitement on this occasion, but also recognize that this detracts from the ceremony.
 - ❖ Picture taking is permitted during Commencement. Photography may be taken from your seat only.
 - A professional photography studio, Lifetouch Photography, has been contracted to take photographs of every student as he/she receives a diploma. Lifetouch Photography will contact each student's parent/guardian with details on how to purchase this photo.
 - OK Video will be taping the Commencement and they will also contact you with details on how to purchase the video.
- Please do not attempt to approach the stage with photographic equipment. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ The Commencement Group will be selling flowers, class t-shirts and other items. Pre-orders are also accepted at www.commencementgroup.com/concordhs
 - ❖ We ask that guests remain in their seats during the ceremony (unless otherwise noted in the program) and until all of the graduates have recessed.
 - ❖ To maintain the dignity and formality of the ceremony, any graduate or guest under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc. will not be permitted to enter.

COMMENCEMENT:

Directions to U of DE Bob Carpenter Center: 95 South to Rt. 896N – After 3rd traffic light U of DE Bob Carpenter Center will be directly on your right.

- ❖ Commencement is on Sunday, June 4 at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Seniors should report to The Bob Carpenter Center by 6:00 P.M
- ❖ The procession line up begins promptly at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Girls will wear caps throughout the ceremony. Boys will remove caps for the Star Spangled Banner.

TICKETS:

- ❖ You will receive ten (10) tickets for Commencement, extra tickets **will not** be available as they are issued pre-counted for each Graduate. Each guest is required to have a ticket to attend the Commencement Ceremony. Tickets & Diplomas will be held for two reasons - **financial obligations** and **academic failure**.

SPECIAL SEATING:

- ❖ *Note: Handicap Seating will be handled at the door by University of Delaware staff.*

PARKING:

- ❖ General parking is available at The Bob Carpenter Center.
- ❖ Handicapped parking will be available directly in front of the Bob Carpenter Center. Vehicles must bear a state issued handicapped parking permit or license in order to park in the handicapped spaces.

UNMET OBLIGATIONS:

- ❖ **All** unmet obligations, including past due library books, lost or unreturned textbooks, elevator keys, transcript fees, and cafeteria balances must be cleared before students receive tickets or diplomas.
- ❖ Students with outstanding unmet obligations will not receive tickets or diplomas. Please take care of your obligations as soon as possible.
- ❖ Financial obligations must be paid by **cash or money order** payable to Concord High School (**no personal checks accepted or credit cards**) in the main office no later than **Friday, May 26**.
- ❖ **No payments will be accepted on the day of Commencement.**

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS- Students graduating in 2023 will need 24 credits as indicated below in order to meet graduation requirements:

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| ❖ English | 4 Credits |
| ❖ Social Studies | 3 Credits |
| ❖ Mathematics | 4 Credits |
| ❖ Science | 3 Credits |
| ❖ World Language | 2 Credits |
| ❖ Health | .5 Credits |
| ❖ Physical Education | 1 Credit |
| ❖ Career Pathway | 3 Credits |
| ❖ Other Electives | 3.5 Credits |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- ❖ Academic failures will be announced as soon as possible after your exams are completed.
- ❖ Students who fail any course required for graduation will not be permitted to participate in Commencement. Diplomas will be held until all graduation requirements are met.

REMEMBER:

- Commencement is a **formal** ceremony. You are representing your families, your school, and most importantly, yourselves.
- Remember to pick up your diploma and other graduation material immediately following the ceremony.

