

*Chandler High School*  
*2016 Graduation*



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT  
GRADUATION ENCLOSED**

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March 4, 2016

Dear Parents:

Graduation is quickly approaching. The following information outlines everything students need to know about graduation. Please take the time to read through it with your son or daughter so that you are aware of the time line for graduation, and all final activities for seniors. Mid-year graduates must fulfill all checkout and graduation practice requirements as well.

Graduation is an especially poignant time for our students and their parents because it signifies the end of the public educational process, and the commencement of adult responsibilities and future educational endeavors. It is also a time for our students to reflect on what their family, friends, and teachers have done to make this day possible. Students should behave with dignity to show appreciation to them.

We are committed to having a dignified commencement exercise, and we know that with your help the commencement will be memorable for your family. **Please do not bring foghorns or balloon bouquets** to Austin Field as a courtesy to other families and friends who want to hear and see the ceremony.

As in prior years, the Class of 2016 graduation ceremony will be streamed live via the internet at <http://www.ustream.tv/user/chswolves>.

We also would like to inform you that our inclement weather plan will be as follows:

- ◆ Light to moderate rain, wind, dust – the ceremony will continue but may be shortened
- ◆ Severe rain, wind, or lightning – a shortened ceremony will take place the following morning at 8:00 a.m. with line up at 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ If weather appears to be a concern on graduation day, we will communicate via the school website at [www.cusd80.com/chs](http://www.cusd80.com/chs).

The administration at the high school is extremely proud of the students of the senior class of 2016. They have achieved great goals. Chandler High School, under their leadership, has continued to increase the number of awards and hours of community service that have become a part of Chandler High's rich traditions. You should be proud to know that your child is among the ranks of an outstanding graduating class from one of the finest schools in the State of Arizona.


Sincerely,

Margaret Tierney  
Assistant Principal  
Chandler High School

## **SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE, GRADUATION PRACTICES and SENIOR CHECK-OUT**

Senior exams will be given on **Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, 2016**. All Seniors must attend all of their classes both days.

**NOTE:** 0 and 7<sup>th</sup> hour Seniors need to check with their instructors for the 0 and 7<sup>th</sup> period exam schedule.

 **Mark your calendars!** Here are the key dates and times with more details on following pages:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Senior Exams</b>	<b>Time</b>
May 19, 2016	Senior Final Exams	Periods 1-3-5
May 20, 2016	Senior Final Exams	Periods 2-4-6
May 23, 2016	Senior Make-up Exams (MUST have prior administrator approval)	Periods 1-3-5
<b>Date</b>	<b>Graduation Practices—Mandatory</b>	<b>Time</b>
May 23, 2016	A-L—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	7:30am
May 23, 2016	M-Z—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	9:30am
May 24, 2016	Final Graduation Practice—ALL on Austin Field	5:45am
May 24, 2016	Graduation—report to assigned classroom for line-up	7:15pm

### **SENIOR CHECK-OUT—by May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Senior check-out sheets will be distributed in English class on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you do not receive one, you can ask for a copy in the Registrar's office. The senior survey is required for check-out; you must have completed the survey and submitted your confirmation sheet to your English teacher by **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Seniors should return all current year textbooks to their classroom teachers; the Bookstore will accept textbooks if teachers are unavailable on check-out day. Completed check-out sheets are due as soon as students have completed their final exams; students may check out earlier. Check-out will be held in the Bookstore. Seniors should check with the Bookstore prior to Prom for outstanding debts and non-returned textbooks from past years. Mid-year graduates are required to check out in the Bookstore prior to **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**NOTE:** You will not be able to purchase Prom tickets or walk at Commencement and transcripts will not be sent if textbooks are not returned or debts are left unpaid.



### ***FIRST GRADUATION PRACTICE—Mandatory***

**Who?** ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS

**When?** Monday, May 23, 2016 - last names A-L at 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 23, 2016 - last names M-Z at 9:30 a.m.

**Where?** Chandler Center for the Arts (CCA)

**Why?** Name-reading for correct pronunciation; Cap and Gown Distribution

**NOTE:** Please try on gowns for proper fit. The speaker will work with you on the correct pronunciation of your names for commencement.

### ***COMMENCEMENT DAY—May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

#### ***FINAL PRACTICE— Mandatory***

**Who?** ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS—A-Z

**When?** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 5:45 a.m.

*The early morning practice allows us to finish all preparations before extreme heat.*

**Where?** Austin Field

**NOTE:** Refer to your index card for seating assignment, wear a hat for sun protection, wear sunscreen, and bring plenty of water.

The faster we get through practice, the more free time you will have. Be prompt, listen carefully, and practice will go quickly.

**NOTE:** IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND PRACTICE, YOU WILL **NOT** BE ASSIGNED A PLACE IN LINE AND, THEREFORE, NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION.



## **COMMENCEMENT DAY—May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**COMMENCEMENT** is at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Austin Field.

***BE PROMPT! BE EARLY! BE PROMPT! BE EARLY!***

**NOTE:** Be at your assigned classroom in Old Main by **7:15 p.m.** **Be in line** and ready for roll call at 7:30 p.m.

Diplomas will be pulled for any student not in line by 7:40 p.m. Therefore, you will not be allowed to "walk" if you are late! Leave your house early so that traffic, flat tires, etc. do not delay you past the "point of no return."

**Audience:** Please do not bring foghorns or balloon bouquets to Austin Field as a courtesy to other families and friends who want to hear and see the ceremony.

We are able to reserve seating for disabled individuals and **one** companion only. State issued parking tags are required for access to handicapped parking. ***Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016***, please call **480-812-7700** to make seating arrangements.

### ***DIPLOMA PHOTOGRAPHY***

We will have a raised platform for awarding diplomas.

A professional photographer will take your picture receiving your diploma. The tradition at CHS is to wear your tassel on the ***left*** for the best photos and move them to the ***right*** after graduation.

A proof will be sent to you via email or US Mail (yours to keep). If you like the proof, you may order the picture. (Parents/friends will not be allowed at the podium for photos.)

 **APPROPRIATE DRESS for COMMENCEMENT**

BOYS		GIRLS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Dark trousers	Sandals	Shoes with medium or low heels	Sandals or flip flops—open toe
Light colored shirt	Shorts	Light weight dress or neat slacks/	Shorts
Shoes—shined	Jeans	Although the gown comes with a collar we do not use it.	Jeans
Dark colored tie*	Bow Ties		

\*The graduation gown looks incomplete without a tie.

### **CAP AND GOWN**

We wear the cap and gown to signify graduation and to graduate as one. Our uniformity displays togetherness and an "all the same" pride. No deviations in dress will be allowed. No floral leis or cap decorations, please.

At CHS the tassel is placed to the ***left side*** of the mortarboard before graduation due to the flow of the commencement program and the location of the photographer.

***Honor Society Members***, please pick up your gold tassel at the first graduation practice. Highest Honor and Scholar graduates will receive their stoles from Mrs. Graffeo after paying **\$28.00** (estimated, subject to change) to Mrs. Barthelme in the Bookstore by **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **FINAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Final transcripts will be sent via Parchment. Seniors will need to set up their account at [www.parchment.com/](http://www.parchment.com/).

### **TEXTBOOKS**

All textbooks must be returned to teachers prior to senior check-out day which is **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Check-out will be held after school in the Bookstore on **May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (after final exams)**. Seniors may check out earlier than **May 18<sup>th</sup>** if all books and uniforms have been returned and debts paid.

**NOTE:** Transcripts will not be sent if textbooks are not returned or debts are left unpaid.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

**Processional**—led by scholar and honor students, played by CHS Band,  
Seniors remain standing and quiet please

**Presentation of Colors** - AFJROTC

**National Anthem** – performed by CHS Band and Chorale

**Welcome and Introductions by Senior Class Officers** – you may be seated

**Speeches and music**—remain seated

**Presentation of Class**—Mr. Rother will ask the class to please rise to be presented to the Board of Education. After the presentation, the class will sit to await the awarding of diplomas.

### Awarding of Diplomas

⇒ Each row will stand in unison one row at a time. Do not crowd!



⇒ Only ONE senior at a time will go to the podium.

⇒ Do not go to the podium until your name is called.

⇒ The Board member will hand you the diploma. Receive it with your left hand, and then shake hands with your right hand.

⇒ After you receive your diploma, **DO NOT** do anything to draw attention away from the student in line behind you receiving a diploma. Please walk calmly to your seat.

**\*Remind your family and friends not to bring foghorns or balloon bouquets.**

⇒ After the last diploma is awarded, the Board member will congratulate the Class of 2016, ask you all to stand, and instruct you to move your tassels from left to right.

⇒ Remain standing for the closing remarks.

⇒ After the closing remarks, stand to sing the Alma Mater.

⇒ Remember, this is a serious ceremony and proper behavior is expected. Do not behave in such a manner as to embarrass yourself or your family or you will be escorted off the field. Walk and sit erect; do not chew gum; no electronic devices!

**NOTE:** If you receive the wrong diploma, please hold it until after the ceremony. Return it to Mrs. Graffeo and she will make the correct exchange.

**REMEMBER** if behavior is inappropriate, Commencement Exercises may be stopped and diplomas issued through the principal's office on **May 26<sup>th</sup>** (CHS is one of a few schools in AZ to issue diplomas during the ceremony).

*“In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.”*

*~ Ansel Adams ~*

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