



Senior Information

January-February 2017

Senior Status-Credit Check Appointments: Seniors will be given an appointment time to review credits and graduation status with their counselor in February. Please be aware that this appointment is mandatory. See Ms. Weeks in the counseling center, if you need to reschedule.

Mandatory Classes and Grade Checks: Keep track of your current grades, especially in mandatory classes that you need to pass in order to graduate. Periodically during 2nd semester, your counselors will be checking on your grades. **If you are failing**, you will be placed on a “no walk” list. If you remain on this list, you will not receive graduation tickets and **you cannot participate in the graduation ceremony**. Do NOT wait to the last minute to communicate and work with your teachers to improve your grades!

High School & Beyond Plan: Seniors must complete their High School and Beyond Plan and Senior Interview, in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive a diploma. See the CHS website under “Career Center-High School and Beyond Plan” for detailed information. Please visit our Career Center, if you need assistance. Wednesday morning late starts are a great time to receive help in the Career Center. Please note: Senior Interviews will be during the months of March and April. You will be assigned an interview day/time through the Career Center.

Fines: All fines must be paid in full, in order to receive graduation tickets and your diploma, participate in the graduation ceremony, and to have transcripts sent to colleges. Again, do not wait to the last minute to pay fines. Our ASB office and Ms. Anderson, our registrar, have updated lists of students who need to pay fines, along with how much money they owe. You can also see your fines through Student Access.

Caps and Gowns: Seniors should have already placed their order for a graduation cap and gown. If you have not done so, please contact Jostens ASAP! Go to www.jostens.com to place your order. If you have questions, you may also contact Jostens at 1-800-567-8367. Please see your counselor, if you need assistance in paying for your cap and gown, due to family hardship.

FAFSA: Any students attending a four-year university, community college, or technical college in the fall must fill out their FAFSA form online as soon as possible (typically schools want it filled out in January). If you have any questions, you can refer to their website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility> or contact your counselor! The form is available at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Graduation Program Recognition: Seniors, who have received scholarships from organizations or colleges/universities and would like to have their name and scholarship in the graduation program, must deliver a copy of the award letter to Ms. Morgan in the counseling center by May 12th. We will not accept any scholarship award letter after this date, due to printing deadlines. Also, Seniors who wish to have college

scholarships named in the program, can only submit award letters from the one college they plan on attending in the Fall. Please do not submit a college acceptance letter, unless you have received a scholarship and wish to have it in the program.

Scholarships: Many scholarship applications are now available in the career center. A current “Scholarship List” is also available on the CHS Website under “Career Center”. Please see Ms. Beers in the Career Center, if you have questions or need help finding scholarships and college financial aid.

College Admission: If you have already been accepted and have chosen a specific four-year university/college to attend in the Fall, please make sure that you follow directions and adhere to all due dates in regards to updated transcripts and other necessary paperwork. Grades are very important! Admission has been revoked in some instances, where students have failed classes during their last semester in high school. If you do not plan on attending a college that sent you an acceptance letter, make sure you take the time to notify them. Other students including some of your classmates and friends-may be on that waiting list- and will hopefully then be able to take your place! Some universities require a math placement test prior to beginning in the Fall. See your college website for details and directions.

Graduation Party on June 13th:

Please Read the following letter from the Senior Parent Committee- Greetings Seniors and Senior parents of the graduating class of 2017! It's a night that every student (and every parent!) has looked forward to for a long time. What better way is there to celebrate than a parent organized **OVERNIGHT** graduation party? This year we've partnered with Grad Nights to bring to you a fun-filled event that will help cement the memories and friendships of your seniors. The night will start off with buses taking the seniors to the Edmonds Family Fun Center for three hours of food, bumper cars, video games, miniature golf, laser tag, Euro bungee and more! Then we will head to the Lake Union Cafe that offers a sunken dance floor with a nightclub feel and the beats of one of Seattle's top voted DJs and light show. There will be a fantasy casino and hypnotist show. There will be food, music, and opportunities to win tickets for the end of the night drawing for prizes such as a remote control drone, TV and other items just in time for summer. Prepare for some very tired, but happy CHS graduates to get off the buses early the next morning!

Tickets are available for \$120 and can be purchased either by mail or in the CHS commons during Wednesday and Friday lunches. Please make checks payable to CHSPO Grad Night with the name of your senior in the memo. If you are mailing your payment, please send to Annette Settle 61st Ave NW Olympia, WA 98502. We are also setting up a PayPal option that will be linked soon to the CHSPO website. Early ticket purchases result in extra raffle tickets for the drawings at the end of the night. All seniors who attend will receive at least one raffle ticket. For more information, please feel free to call or text Kim Overstreet at 360-789-8070 or email your questions to capitalgradnight2017@gmail.com. Look for us soon on Facebook!

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact your counselor or the CHS Career Center if you have need assistance in completing your mandatory graduation classes and/or need assistance in planning for your future! Don't delay!