

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENIORS AND PARENTS, CLASS OF 2022

DATE: April 25, 2022

RE: GRADUATION

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises will be held at the Cross Creek High Stadium on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES

Participation in all senior activities is a privilege. Students who have discipline problems may be prohibited from participating in graduation, Honors Day, and/or the senior breakfast.

In order to participate in graduation exercises, students must meet all requirements for the Georgia High School Diploma, or a Special Education Certificate. A student may participate in graduation exercises only once.

DIPLOMAS CAN BE HELD FOR ANY STUDENT MISBEHAVING DURING THE CEREMONY.

DIPLOMA

Language Arts	4 units
Social Studies	3 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	4 units
Physical Education or NJROTC	1 unit including Health or 3 units ROTC
CTAE or Fine Arts	3 unit
Electives	4 units

23 Total units

TICKETS

There will not be any ticket restrictions this graduation year. We will use both sides of the stadium and seating is on a first come first serve basis. There should be plenty of seats in the stadium to get a good view of the ceremony. No balloons or noisemakers will be allowed during graduation or Honors Day.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

The taking of pictures and/or video during the graduation ceremony is discouraged. All photography/video must be made from the seats. No one is allowed to leave his/her seat for this purpose. Cameras must be hand held, as tripods and light banks may not be set up or used. Videos of the graduation ceremony will be available and live streamed. The school will be providing a photographer who will take graduation pictures for purchase. After the ceremony is complete, feel free to take as many pictures and you wish.

Senior Exams

Friday, May 13 1st and 2nd period

Monday, May 16 3rd and 4th period exams

Tuesday, May 17 5th and 6th period exams

Wednesday, May 18 7th period exams

PRACTICE SCHEDULE - Practices Are Required.

**Mandatory Graduation Practice: May 24, 2022 10:00am

Practice generally lasts an hour and half to two hours.

You are REQUIRED to be at practice in order to participate in the graduation exercises. Additionally, any student misbehaving at practice will be asked to leave.

HONORS DAY SCHEDULE

Honors Day will be held in the Cross Creek Gym Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. This is an important ceremony during which seniors are recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions. Parents are invited to attend.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

ARRIVAL TIME

Graduation: You will need to be checked in at the Stadium by 6:15 p.m. already properly dressed. Your dress will be inspected. You will not be allowed to walk with your class and enter the stadium if you violate the dress code in any way. You may not wait and line up when you see the procession line moving.

PARKING FOR GRADUATION

Parking will be available in the back parking lot of the school as well as the bus loading zone to the side of the school. Shuttles will be available to those needing transport from the parking lot to the stadium.

ATTIRE

Proper dress is a requirement for taking part in all academic assemblies – Honors Day and Graduation. Nothing is to be worn on the cap except the tassel or on the gown except cap and cords issued by the administration. NO badges, pins, jewelry, flowers, etc. Articles such as flowers, purses, books, etc. may not be carried. Graduation programs will be placed in the seats prior to the graduation ceremony. In addition to the cap and gown, the following dress is required:

LADIES: A dark colored dress that cannot be seen below the gown. Shoes should be black dress shoes; heel height is your choice, make sure you can walk in them. You will be walking in grass in the stadium. Please leave purses at home or locked in your car. We have no place to store valuables.

GENTLEMEN: A solid white dress shirt and a plain, dark tie (dark blue or black). Also, dark trousers (dark blue or black), dark socks, and black shoes are required. Jackets are not required. Shoes should be black or very dark brown dress shoes, but not athletic shoes or boots.

CAP: The cap for men and women is to be worn over the forehead so that the mortarboard is level. (It is not to be cocked to one side or placed on the back of the head.) The front of the cap is indicated on the inside of the crown. Boys are to remove caps during the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the National Anthem, and the Alma Mater.

TASSELS: Tassels are worn on the right front of the cap and graduates may switch to the left upon receiving their diploma.

Graduates not meeting these dress requirements will not take part in these ceremonies.

PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING DIPLOMA

When the time arrives for you to receive your diploma, please observe the following procedures:

1. Walk with your row to the front of the stage.
2. Wait until your name is called before walking across the diploma receiving line in front of the stage.
3. Receive your diploma from the principal and do not stop walking.
4. Return to your seat, and be seated.
5. No comments or gestures are necessary except a polite thank you to the principal.

NURSERY

No Nursery will be provided

REMINDERS

There will be a processional and a recessional for Commencement. You will not receive your diploma until after the ceremony in the line-up area outside the stadium. If you misbehave in any way, you will not receive your diploma until after graduation from the principal on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022.

These are formal occasions to honor you. You are to act accordingly and save the celebrating until after the ceremonies. Please remind those you invite to remain seated and not to walk around during the ceremony. Also, family or individual demonstrations when a student is receiving a diploma is discouraged because it disrupts the progress of graduation. When a person or group yells and claps for one graduate, another graduate's family will not be able to hear their graduate's name called.

If small children are brought, they should be kept seated and quiet.

Gum chewing is prohibited. All gum should be discarded before entering the processional. Cell phones are prohibited during the ceremony.

The Student Conduct Code regulations are in effect, and anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate.