**Class of 2023 Information**

**Important dates**

Saturday, April 8th Prom at Epcot 8pm-midnight

Saturday, April 22 Gradbash at Universal Studios 5:30pm-3am

TBD Seniors vs Faculty Dodgeball game

Friday, May 12th All FLVS & OVSS Classes must be finished, community

 Service hours due

Wednesday, May 17th All obligations, and materials due

Thursday, May 18th Deadline to Sign Up for Senior Walk

Wednesday, May 17th Last Day of School for Seniors & All Senior Grades Due

Tuesday, May 23rd Senior Awards 5 pm

Monday, May 22nd Required Graduation Practice 7:30am-11:30am

Tuesday, May 23rd Capping Ceremony 7 pm

TBD Senior Walks at CK-8, KMS & Westside 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 24th Required Graduation Practice and walkout 7:30 am – 12:30 pm

Thursday, May 25th Graduation 9:30 am

**Caps and Gowns**

Caps and Gowns Caps and Gowns are on sale now. The cost is $40 if purchased BEFORE January 1, 2023. The price will increase to $50 on January 1st . Gowns will be delivered to the school before graduation. Representatives from Jostens will be at CHS for cap and gown purchases on November 1st in the cafeteria. They will return in December for the LAST day to purchase in person. To purchase cap and gown after Jostens comes, please visit the CHS store at www.jostens.com to order. Cap and Gown distribution will be on April 3-4th.

**Yearbooks**

-Seniors MUST make an appointment with CADY studios to be photographed for the yearbook! LAST DAY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED IS 12/8

CADY will be at CHS on 12/8 from 7:20am-6:30pm by appointment. See Ms. Wadman in 6-246 for help signing up or a waiver.

**Decorating Caps**
Osceola County has agreed to allow graduating seniors to decorate their caps within reason. Every decorated cap must be school appropriate and approved by CHS administration during the May 24th graduation practice. Once the cap is approved, no changes can be made. Here are the specific rules: Caps can only be decorated on top. Nothing can be hanging down from the top part of the cap and no decorations can extend beyond the top corner. Decorations that are glued onto the top part of the cap (flowers, gems, foam letters, etc) may not be taller than one inch. No decorations may be added that require any sort of power and no type of lights may be added. No obscene/inappropriate language or graphics may be used.

**Return Materials**

All materials must be returned before graduation practice. Please make sure you return all textbooks, laptops, uniforms and any other school items. Also pay outstanding financial obligations. All of this must be done before graduation practice. If any students has any outstanding obligations, their graduation tickets will be held until all obligations are met.

**Gradbash (April 22, 2023, 5:30pm-3am)**

Tickets will be available for purchase in February on MySchoolBucks.com. Tickets will be $95. All students must meet attendance and GPA policy before ticket purchases. Students must be at the school in appropriate attire no later than 5:30pm. Everyone must have a picture ID in order to get on the bus. Permission forms will be available online in March, please make sure you bring a filled out and signed form in order to get on the bus.

**Prom (April 8, 2023 8pm-12am)**

Prom will be held at Walt Disney World EPCOT again this year. Tickets will go on sale February 27th -April 4th. Ticket price is $90 and will increase to $95 during the final week. To attend prom, you must have a 2.0 GPA or higher, have missed no more than 10 days of school, have no more than 4 days of ISS and 2 days OSS. It is your responsibility to review absences regularly and turn in medical excuses as needed.

**Senior Awards Ceremony (May 23rd)**

The Senior Awards Ceremony is for seniors that are receiving an award. Seniors that will be receiving an award will receive an invitation to attend the event. Only the seniors that are receiving an award will be able to attend and bring two guests. Students can either wear their school uniform or bring clothes to dress up for the ceremony.

**Graduation Practice (May 22nd and 24th 7:30 am – 12:30 pm)**

We will be having graduation practice in the gym. It is **MANDATORY** Please plan accordingly.

Please make sure that you have turned in all textbooks, school items and uniforms and dealt with all financial obligations by May 19th. Tickets will not be distributed to seniors who owe an obligation until the item or amount owed has been paid.

**Tickets (Handed out on May 24th)**
Graduating seniors are given tickets to graduation. The senior does not need a ticket; however, everyone else attending will need a ticket (including small children). Unfortunately, there will be no ability to get additional tickets.

**Senior Walk**

Graduates are invited to celebrate their accomplishment of graduating high school at Celebration K-8, Kissimmee Middle School or Westside K-8. This has become a CHS tradition that seniors love. Seniors will wear their cap and gown and walk through the halls of the middle/K-8 school while the younger generation celebrates their accomplishments. Seniors must RSVP by May 18th. Seniors may attend whichever senior walk that they prefer but must provide their own transportation. Seniors will meet at the school of their choice at 9:30 am dressed in their cap and gown. You must be signed into your Microsoft Office account in order to access the link. Celebration K-8 will meet at the gym. Westside will park in the track area and be directed from there. KMS can park in the front parking lot, the visitor’s lot or across the street at the Boys and Girls Club.

**Capping Ceremony (May 23th at 7 pm)**

The capping ceremony has been a CHS tradition since the school opened. Seniors choose someone to cap them that has positively impacted their life (parent, coach, teacher, pastor, etc). All seniors will be capped at the same time and given time to thank the people that have impacted them. Make sure you have asked someone to cap you and bring your cap. Also, please be prepared to tell the person you asked to cap you the reason that they are important to you (why you asked them to cap you). The capping ceremony will take place on the beach.

**Graduation (May 25th at 9:30 am)**
The graduation ceremony will be held at the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park (1875 Silver Spur Lane Kissimmee, FL 34744). Seniors must be at the Silver Spurs Arena no later than 8:30 am wearing their cap and gown. Doors will open for guests at approximately 8:30 am (will be confirmed closer to graduation) and seating is first come, first serve. All guests will go through a thorough security check. No artificial noisemakers, including air horns, are permitted. Seniors will enter in through the side entrance (southeast entrance on the Gateway HS side). Graduates will not be allowed to enter with a phone, so please leave phones in your car or with a family member. We will go through all of the details at graduation practice. After graduation practice, it will be important to explain to your guests where you will be sitting.

**Graduation Dress Code:**
Graduation – A graduation gown purchased by Jostens is required, because different companies offer different colors. Semi-formal attire required under the cap and gown. Guys – dark dress pants, dark dress shoes, dark blue, black, purple, gray or white long sleeve dress shirt with a nice tie of similar color. No jeans or tennis shoes will be allowed. Ladies – dark blue, black or white dress or shirt and pants with dark blue, black, purple, white, skin tone or silver shoes. No jeans or tennis shoes will be allowed. If you are out of dress code, you will not be allowed to walk at graduation. Please do not wear heels that are higher than 2 inches.

**All obligations to the school must be fulfilled by May 17th. This includes turning in all library books, textbooks, athletic uniforms, JAFROTC uniforms, materials borrowed from teachers and paying all fines. You will not be given graduation tickets until you have fulfilled all of these responsibilities.**
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