



Senior Newsletter

CATONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

April 2016

Important Reminders:

- Seniors must meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation. Please contact your counselor if you have questions or concerns.
- Senior dues are \$20 per year for each year in attendance at CHS.
- Senior Prom Tickets are between \$30-\$40/person.
- **Senior dues** must be paid before Prom tickets are purchased.

Graduation Information

- Visit National Recognition Products at www.nrpatlantic.com to order your cap and gown.
- All seniors must attend graduation rehearsals in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors are encouraged to notify employers well in advance.
- Senior obligations must be paid by Friday, May 27, 2016 in order to receive graduation tickets on the morning of Friday, June 2, 2016.
- Graduation tickets will be distributed at the second rehearsal on Thursday, June 2, 2016 for students in good financial standing. More info is enclosed.

Message from Mr. Ames

Dear Parents & Seniors,

It is hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to a close and that we will be celebrating the many successes of the Catonsville High School (CHS) Class of 2016 just two months from now. I know all of you are extremely excited for all of the events leading up to your graduation ceremony. You have a lot to be proud of as we all take some time to reflect on the past 4 years at CHS. Our hope is that this newsletter will help all of you navigate through the busy graduation season and will give you the information you will need to plan with your family and friends. I wish all of you the best as we head into the homestretch, and I am looking forward to the many exciting things to come in the last few months of your senior year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ames, Principal

Graduation Ceremony Info

The Class of 2016 would like to remind everyone that graduation on Friday, June 3, 2016 is a formal ceremony and must be treated with the highest level of dignity. The ceremony dictates that graduates and guests wear appropriate attire. Graduating males are required to wear a shirt and tie, dark dress pants, socks and dress shoes. Graduating females are required to wear dresses and shoes with low heels. No graduating seniors are permitted to wear flip flops. Caps and gowns may not be adorned in any fashion, the exception being cords noting membership in various organizations.

Doors to the RAC Arena at University of Maryland

Baltimore County (UMBC) will not open until 6:00 p.m. Entry doors will close once the procession begins and will reopen only after the *National Anthem* is complete. Doors will remain open until 8:00 p.m. No one will be allowed entry after 8:00 p.m., regardless if they hold a ticket. UMBC has a no re-entry policy; once you leave the RAC Arena you may not re-enter. UMBC does not allow strollers, balloons, food or drinks to be brought into the RAC Arena.

All guests must be seated before the ceremony begins. Due to fire code regulations, standing along the upper railing is not permitted during the event. Because of the serious nature and length

of the ceremony, commencement exercises are not easy for young children to sit through. Please do everything you can to avoid bringing small children to this event. All entrants require a ticket to be admitted.

Also, the Handicapped Seating area is extremely limited; therefore, if you or a family member will need this accommodation, we ask that you complete the Request for Handicapped Seating form enclosed in this letter.

Thank you for holding your applause until all graduates have walked across the stage.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Important Dates for Seniors

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, April 18 – Friday, May 6	Before / After School	Prom Tickets on Sale	Rm. 314
Saturday, May 14	8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Senior Prom	Marriott Waterfront (Baltimore)
Sunday, May 15	Details to follow	After-Prom Party	Spirit of Baltimore Cruise Ship (Baltimore)
TBD	TBD	Cap & Gown Distribution (Details to follow)	TBD
Thursday, May 26	1:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony Practice	CHS Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Awards Ceremony	CHS Auditorium
Friday, May 27	All Day	Last School Day for Seniors	
	9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Graduation Rehearsal	CHS Auditorium
	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Senior Picnic	CHS Field near Tennis Courts
Thursday, June 2	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Graduation Rehearsal	CHS Gymnasium
Friday, June 3	6:00 p.m.	Graduation Arrival for All Seniors	UMBC
	7:00 p.m.	Graduation	UMBC

Senior Awards Ceremony

CHS will notify any senior receiving an award or scholarship. Students should make plans now to adjust work schedules so they can participate in the ceremony on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Students must arrive at 5:30 p.m. and be dressed in their cap & gown for the ceremony. All seniors and parents are encouraged to join us.

Senior Exam Schedule

DATE	Regular Class Period	Final Exams for Seniors
Thursday, May 19	1A, 2A	3A & 4A
Friday, May 20	1B, 2B	3B & 4B
Monday, May 23	3A, 4A	1A & 2A
Tuesday, May 24	3B, 4B	1B & 2B

Senior Picnic Information

All graduating seniors are invited to the senior picnic that will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (following Graduation Rehearsal). This is a time for students to gather in a casual and relaxing setting, perhaps for the last time.

At the conclusion of the graduation rehearsal students will move to the field next to the tennis courts for a catered picnic.

This is a great opportunity to sign yearbooks, visit with teachers, and say good-bye. We know that it will be a very special and memorable event. The picnic will end at 1:00 p.m., at which time all seniors will leave the CHS campus.

We welcome students to visit with us after school hours in the future, but for this special day, students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. and will not be

permitted in the school building or on campus for the remainder of the day.

We are confident that students will conduct themselves appropriately, thereby enhancing the enjoyment of all involved. Let's make it a great day for everyone!

After-Prom Party

The After-Prom Party provides a fun, safe and alcohol-free party after the Senior Prom. This is fully funded by the PTSA-After-Prom Committee. Visit the CHS PTSA website for more information at:
<http://catonsvillehspta.weebly.com/after-prom.html>

CHS Senior Prom

When: Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Where: The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
700 Aliceanna St., Baltimore, MD 21202



Additional Information

- Ticket Sales:** Monday, April 18, 2016 - Friday, May 6, 2016 in Room 314 before or after school.
- Dues:** \$20 per year that the student has attended CHS. Must be paid before a prom ticket can be purchased.
- Payment via cash or check payable to CHS. Payment delivered to Mr. Vargo in Room 314.
- Your Date:** You may bring a date from another school. See Mr. Vargo in Room 314 for the Guest Permission Form.
- Dress Code:** Formal evening attire: Gentlemen - Tuxedo or formal suit. Ladies - Prom gown.
- Food:** Chef prepared, buffet style. Hot food, drinks, and desserts.
- Parking:** Garage adjacent to hotel, cost \$15 dollars per car.
- After-Prom Party:** Organized by the CHS PTSA.



Class of 2016

Parent Volunteers Needed

Dear Parents,

Here's your final chance to volunteer for your high school senior's school career!

We **need help** with the Senior Picnic on Friday, May 27, 2016 in the following ways:

- Provide pop-up canopies for shade
- Pick up and/or set up food and beverages
- Clean up and break down after picnic

When: Friday, May 27, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please contact George Vargo (gvargo@bcps.org) if you are willing to assist.

Graduation Tickets – General Information

- Each student will receive four tickets at no cost. These tickets will be distributed at the **Thursday, June 2, 2016** graduation rehearsal. All tickets are open seating.
- Up to **four additional tickets** for each student will be available at a cost of \$5 per ticket on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use the additional ticket request form below for this purpose and turn it in directly to Mrs. D. Stephens in Room 241 or Mrs. T. Richter in the gym. These tickets will also be distributed at the June 2nd graduation rehearsal.
- Please note that all obligations must be cleared before a student receives graduation tickets.
- Remember that no one will be admitted to the graduation without a ticket. Infants and children are required to have a ticket for entry.
- If there is a member of your family who needs **handicapped seating**, fill in the information below and return the form to Mrs. D. Stephens in Room 241 by **Friday, May 20, 2016**.
- If there is a member of your family who is hearing impaired and you would like an interpreter, please contact dstephens@bcps.org.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRADUATION TICKETS

In addition to the four tickets I will receive at no cost, I have enclosed cash, check, or money order made payable to Catonsville High School as payment in full for no more than 4 additional tickets.

\$5 (per ticket) for _____ (up to 4) additional admission tickets

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Student Information _____

First Name	Last Name	Phone
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Parent Information _____

First Name	Last Name	Phone
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REQUEST FOR HANDICAPPED SEATING

Student Information _____

First Name	Last Name	Phone
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Parent Information _____

First Name	Last Name	Phone
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There is room for one accompanying individual to sit in the special seating area. Please list their first and last name(s) below. This information is essential for ticket distribution.

Name of Disabled Person	Companion Name
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_____ Wheelchair _____ Walker _____ Cane _____ Other

RETURN THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO MRS. D STEPHENS (Room 241) or MRS. T. RICHTER (GYM) BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

UMBC RAC Arena

STAGE

Graduate seating on lower level

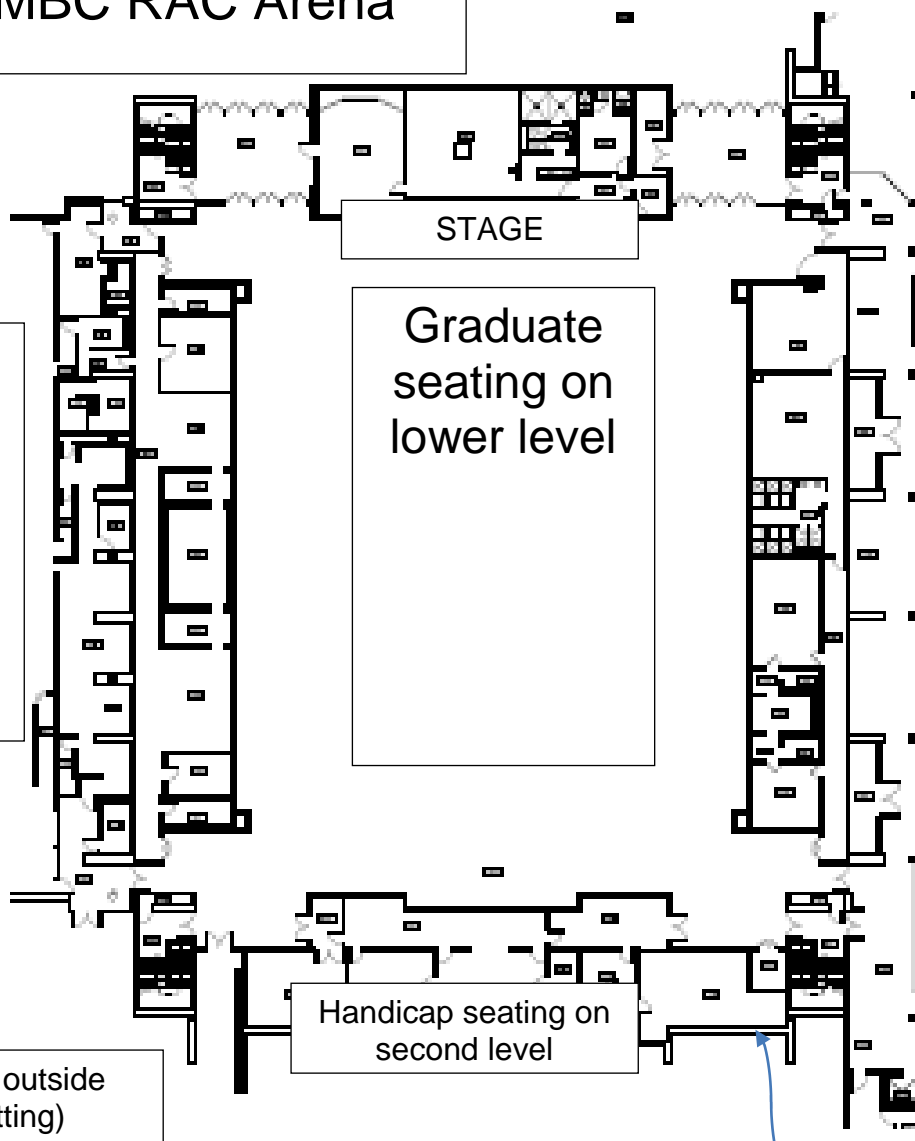
UMBC POOLS
Indoor & Outdoor

Handicap seating on second level

Graduates line up outside
(weather permitting)

Audience entrance on second level

UMBC high-rise Admin building



Commencement 2016 DVD

DVDs of the Catonsville High School Commencement on Friday, June 3, 2016 will be available to order for \$20.00 each, including shipping. Each ADDITIONAL DVD for \$15.00. Please COMPLETE and MAIL the tear-off form below to:

Bob Miller
604 Alvin Avenue
Catonsville, MD 21228
(410) 465-4035

All Order Forms Must Be Mailed.
Please allow 8-10 weeks for delivery.
Keep the top portion of the form for your records.
PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Bob Miller

Catonsville High School Commencement
Friday, June 3, 2016

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ DVDs to be mailed to the address below. (\$20.00 one DVD *** Each ADDITIONAL DVD is \$15.00)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

NAME OF GRADUATE: _____