

# Senior Newsletter – Catonsville High School – April 2019

## 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 2019 just two months from now. I know all of you are extremely excited for 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 you navigate 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 2019 would like to remind everyone that graduation is a formal ceremony and must be treated with the highest level of dignity. The ceremony dictates that graduates wear **appropriate attire** under their gown. Graduating males are required to wear a shirt and tie, dark dress pants, dark socks and dress shoes. Graduating females are required to wear slacks, dresses, or skirts and shoes with low heels. Graduates are not permitted to wear flip flops. With the exception of cords noting membership in various organizations, caps and gowns may not be decorated in any fashion. Doors to the Event Center at The University of Maryland Baltimore County, UMBC, will not open until 6:00 p.m. Once the procession begins, the entry doors will close and will reopen after the *National Anthem* is complete, and 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. The UMBC Event Center has a no re-entry policy; therefore, once you exit, you may not re-enter. The UMBC Event Center does not allow strollers, balloons, food or drinks to be brought in.

All guests must be seated before the ceremony begins, and, due to fire code regulations, standing along the upper railing will not be 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; therefore, please do everything you can to avoid bringing small children to this event. Please note that all guests require a ticket to be admitted.

If you or a family member will need **Handicapped Seating**, we ask that you complete the **Request for Handicapped Seating** form enclosed in this letter.

As for applause, we ask that you hold all applause until all graduates have processed across the stage.

CONGRATULATIONS!

## 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 of attendance at CHS.
- **Senior dues** must be paid before Prom tickets (\$40 per person) are purchased.
- In order to participate in any Senior Activities, including Prom and Picnic, students must meet BCPS attendance, behavior, and grade requirements. Final approval to participate will be determined by the senior class administrator.

### Graduation Information

- All seniors must attend the two mandatory graduation rehearsals in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors are encouraged to notify employers well in advance.
- In order to receive graduation tickets during the rehearsal on Thursday, June 6, 2019, all obligations must be satisfied by Friday, May 24, 2019.

## Important Dates for Seniors

**Prom tickets** on Sale, Monday, **April 1 – Thursday, April 18**. Before/After School in room 211 and during all lunch shift on A days.

**Cap & gown distribution**, in the CHS auditorium on Wednesday, **May 1**. Details to follow.

**Senior Prom** will be held Saturday, **May 4**, from 8 PM to 12 AM at the Hyatt Regency, 300 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

**PTSA After Prom Party** will be held Sunday, **May 5**, from 12:30 AM to 3:30 AM at the AMF Southwest Lanes, 4991 Fairview Avenue, Linthicum, Maryland.

**Extra graduation tickets sales** will go on sale between **Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 17** before and after school in room 241 and in the gymnasium.

**Senior Awards Ceremony practice** will take place on **Thursday, May 23** in the CHS auditorium. Details to follow.

**Senior Awards Ceremony** will be held on Thursday, **May 23** in the CHS Auditorium at 6 PM.

**Last day of school for seniors** is **Friday, May 24**.

**Graduation Rehearsal** is **Friday, May 24** from 9 AM to 11:30 AM in the CHS Auditorium.

**Senior Picnic** is **Friday May 24** from 11:30 to 1:30 PM at Patapsco State Park, Avalon Pavilion (see details below).

**Graduation Rehearsal** is **Thursday, June 6** from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the CHS Gymnasium.

**Graduation Arrival** for All Seniors is **Saturday, June 8** at 6 PM at the UMBC Event Center.

**Graduation** is **Saturday, June 8**, at 7 PM at UMBC Event Center.

## Senior Final Exam Schedule

Class periods **are not** extended. Students are expected to attend all 4 periods each day.

Make-up exams will take place on Friday, May 24, 2019 (B Day) as arranged by student and teacher.

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 1B-Final Exam; 2B-Final Exam; 3B-Class; 4B-Class

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: 1A-Final Exam; 2A-Final Exam; 3A-Class; 4A-Class

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1B-Class; 2B-Class; 3B-Final Exam; 4B-Final Exam

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1A-Class; 2A-Class; 3A-Final Exam; 4A-Final Exam

## Important Student Services Information

### 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 23, 2019. Students must arrive by 5:30 p.m. and be dressed in their cap & gown for the ceremony. All seniors and parents are encouraged to join us. There will be a **mandatory rehearsal** prior to the ceremony for anyone who is receiving an award. Additional information will be provided on the invitation.

### College Acceptance Letters

Have you received a decision from a college? If so, we want to know!

We keep track of this information and are posting college acceptances on the bulletin board located outside of the Main Office. Please bring your college decision and scholarship award letters to the Student Services Office so we can make a copy. Emailed decisions can be sent directly to Ms. Weston at [lweston@bcps.org](mailto:lweston@bcps.org). Speak to your school counselor if you have any questions.

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you!

## Senior Prom

### Diamonds Are Forever! CHS Senior Prom 2019

**When:** Saturday, May 4, 2018 from 8 PM to 12 AM

**Where:** The Hyatt Regency Ballroom, 200 Light Street., Baltimore, Maryland

**Cost:** Tickets are \$40.00 per person

**Dues:** Class dues are \$20 per year of attendance at CHS. Dues **MUST** be paid in full prior to the purchase of a Prom ticket. Cash or check payable to CHS accepted. See Mr. Hill in room 211.

**Your Date:** If you plan to bring a non-class-of-2019 guest from CHS or any guest from another school, you must complete a **Guest Permission Form**. See Mr. Hill in Room 211.

**Dress Code:** Suggested Formal evening attire: Tuxedo, Formal Suit, or Gown and Dress Shoes

## Senior Picnic Information

The senior picnic will be held after Graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 24, 2019, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Patapsco State Park. Transportation will be provided as long as students have a signed permission slip. Please see the Class of 2019 page on Schoology for more information (access Code SNWNK-C46MW).

This is a time for students to gather in a casual and relaxing setting, perhaps for the last time.

This will also be a great opportunity to sign yearbooks. We know that it will be a very special and memorable event. We welcome students to visit with us after school hours in the future, but for this special day, students must leave campus 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!

## Parent Volunteers Needed

Dear Parents,

Here's your final chance to volunteer for your student's senior year of high school!

We need help with the Senior Picnic on *Friday, May 24, 2019* in the following ways:

Pick up and/or set up food and beverages

Clean up and break down after picnic

*When: Friday, May 24, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Parent volunteers will be given a pass to enter the Avalon area as long as they contact Mr. Hill or Ms. Bartlett.*

To sign up to volunteer, please contact the Class of 2019 advisors Jill Bartlett ([jbartlett@bcps.org](mailto:jbartlett@bcps.org)) or Greg Hill ([ghill@bcps.org](mailto:ghill@bcps.org)), or contact either advisor through the Class of 2019 Schoology group access Code SNWNK-C46MW.

