



# CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL

## SENIOR NOTES – CLASS OF 2020

**SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 6:45 pm  
Parent attendance strongly encouraged! Students are exempted from attending.

**PATRIOT BUDDIES ASSEMBLY:** Friday, August 23, 2019, 8:30 am

### SENIOR ATHLETE NIGHTS:

- Monday, October 7, 2019, 5:15 pm: Volleyball
- Friday, October 18 at 6:45 pm: Football, Cheer, Golf, and Cross Country
- Winter & Spring sports will be posted when available

**SENIOR PARENT COFFEE:** Thursday, January 23, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

- Update on college admissions procedures
- DP exam schedules
- Commencement activities

### GRAD BASH: April 3, 2020

Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in Grad Bash at our Orlando theme parks. Details and pricing for the event will be announced to the senior class once details are finalized.

**JUNIOR SENIOR PROM:** Saturday, April 18, 2020, Location: Rialto .

Parent volunteers are needed to help coordinate decorations with Dance Committee/Student Government.

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

- Please be sure to submit to the College Counseling office copies of all college acceptances and all scholarship letters your senior receives; even if your child does not plan to attend that school.
- Students should meet with College Counseling prior to Senior Send-off to ensure that their Bright Futures accounts are correctly set-up, even if they are planning to attend a school out of state.

### SENIOR AUTOGRAPH PICTURES:

- The senior class picture will be taken on January 30, 2020. Students should be dressed in business casual attire.
- Students will autograph a class picture for each of their Advisers.

**SENIOR CLASS GIFT:** The Class of 2020 will raise funds for a legacy gift to the school. More detailed information will be posted later in the year.

**SENIOR SEND-OFF: Thursday, April 23, 2020**

Senior Appreciation Lunch for Class of 2020 - will be held from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. (senior students only) The entire school (grades 1 – 12) will assemble in the Hayes Family Gymnasium to wish the seniors well at **1:00 p.m.**

Following the assembly, the PTO and Administration will host a farewell reception for the senior class and their families in the Scaglione Pavilion. **Junior/senior parent volunteers are needed** to help serve and clean up for this event.

**LOCKER CLEAN OUT:**

Locker clean-out will be held on **Friday, May 1, 2020**. Any unclaimed items will be discarded, recycled, or donated. CDS assumes no liability for items left in lockers after May 1, 2020.

Textbooks and class materials should be returned to your classroom teacher after your IB exam and prior to graduation.

**IB EXAMS:**

**Dates:** May 1 – May 22, 2020

**Location:** IB Exams will be administered at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa, FL 33618. (*\*exception - Spanish and French listening/reading exams will be on camps at CDS*)

A complete schedule of IB exams is attached. These dates are set by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

**Missed Exams:** If a student misses an IB DP exam, the earliest he/she will be able to make-up the exam is November 2020.

Exam results are posted online July 6th. Students should keep a copy of their log-in information (Personal Code & PIN) so that they can access the results over the summer at [candidates.ibo.org](http://candidates.ibo.org). If you have any questions about results or accessing results, email Nancy Hsu, [nhsu@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:nhsu@carrollwooddayschool.org) for assistance.

**COMMENCEMENT**

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:** CDS partners with Balfour to provide commencement announcements, thank you notes, and other commemorative products. The deadline for online ordering of commencement announcements to avoid late fees is **Tuesday, February 11, 2020**. Orders can be placed at [www.balfourfl.com](http://www.balfourfl.com). If you have any questions, contact Balfour Florida Division at 727.539.7070

**GRADUATION CAPS, GOWNS, AND REGALIA:** The upper school office will take care of ordering your graduating senior's cap and gown and any honoring regalia he/she has earned. These items will be kept at school and graduating seniors' gowns will be pressed and ready for the graduates on graduation day.

**GRADUATION PICTURES:** Studio Artistry is the official photographer for Carrollwood Day School. You are not obligated to purchase any pictures from Studio Artistry; however, **only official Studio Artistry formal graduation pictures will be published in the yearbook.** Studio Artistry will also take a group picture of the entire class and will be at the graduation ceremony to take candid and formal pictures before and after the ceremony. These pictures will be available for purchase from the photographer's website.

**SENIOR HONORING DINNER: THURSDAY, MAY 21, 6:00PM**

- **Location:** This event will be held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N Howard Ave, Tampa, FL 33606.
- **Set-Up: Junior and senior parent volunteers help decorate and set up for this event.** iVolunteer will be used for sign-up.
- **Ticket Price:** Graduates' dinners will be complimentary; for parents and guests the cost is \$35 per person. Families will not be limited to the number of guests they can invite.
- **RSVP:** Invitations will be provided by the school. Guests will be instructed to RSVP to their host/graduate family. Parents must make reservations for all guests, including graduate by **Monday, May 4.** Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate "walk-in" guests the evening of the event.

**SENIOR SLIDE SHOW:** A special slideshow will be prepared that will showcase pictures of the Class of 2020. Each family is asked to send in 4-5 pictures from their baby albums through their senior year to include in the slideshow. Group shots of current 12th grade students from throughout their years at CDS are also welcome and will be used as time and space allow. **Extra pictures of individual students cannot be included.**

All pictures must be received by **Thursday, April 16.** No print pictures, pictures must be digital pictures on DVDs/CDs, thumb drives, or emailed to [seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org). (Please enter your child's name in the subject line of the email.)

**SENIOR PARENT REFLECTIONS:** At the Senior Honoring Dinner on Thursday, May 21, 2020, we would like to incorporate reflections from parents and family members. These reflections can be overall impressions or thoughts about what being part of CDS meant/means to you and your child ... or simply sharing of a specific memory/event that had an impact on your child during his/her time at CDS. A booklet with these reflections will be distributed at the reception. Please mail reflections to Mrs. Compher and include your child's name in the subject line ([ccompher@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:ccompher@carrollwooddayschool.org)).

Reflections are due by **Thursday, April 16.** Thank you in advance for helping to make the Senior Honoring Dinner a personal and meaningful night for all in attendance.

**COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: FRIDAY, MAY 22**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- All graduating seniors must participate in the full length of the commencement rehearsal on May 22 in order to participate in commencement. **Seniors who do not participate in the entire commencement rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.**
- Girls should wear the shoes that they will wear to the commencement ceremony.
- In order to participate in the commencement rehearsal and commencement ceremony, students must meet all graduation requirements including: meeting all academic criteria, completion of all CDS service hours, turning in all books and athletic uniforms, and satisfying all financial obligations to the school.

## COMMENCEMENT: FRIDAY, MAY 22

- The Commencement Exercises will take place on Friday, May 22, 2020. The procession will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Commencement will be held in Carrollwood Day School's **Hayes Family Gymnasium**.
- Graduating seniors must arrive at CDS by **3:00 p.m.** for robing and class pictures. Faculty will assist the graduates with their robes and regalia.
- Graduates will **not be available** for pictures with family and friends until after the cap toss following the graduation recessional.
- Proper Attire for graduates:
  - No jeans, tennis shoes or casual footwear (i.e. flip-flops, crocs, or flat thong sandals) are permitted. Please leave all bags with family members. Do not leave valuables visible in your car, even if the car is locked.
  - Young Women: Underneath their gowns, young women should wear dresses, black or navy dress slacks, and black dress shoes. Young women are encouraged to leave their purses and or bags with their families.
  - Young Men: Underneath their gown, young men should wear **white** collared, dress shirts with dark ties and black or navy dress slacks. They should also wear dark colored dress shoes and dark socks.
  - All school policies for dress apply; graduates should look neat and prepared for a formal ceremony.

## COMMENCEMENT SEATING:

- There will be a section of seating reserved for families of the graduates on the gymnasium floor. Each family will receive eight (8) tickets for the reserved family section. **Seats cannot be reserved in advance** with the exception of seats for the families of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian and seats purchased at the annual auction. Additional guests are welcome to attend; seating for additional guests will be behind the family seating and in the bleachers.
- A block of seats are also reserved for faculty and staff.
- Family commencement tickets will be mailed home in the packet containing the invitations to the Senior Honoring Dinner.
- Accommodations can be made for guests in wheelchairs. Please notify the US office by Friday, May 8, 2020 if arrangements are needed.

## FAMILY AND GUEST ARRIVAL:

- Doors to the gymnasium will open at 4:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. The graduation processional will begin **promptly** at 5:00 p.m. (and is scheduled to end at 7:00pm)

It has been our pleasure to partner with you in preparing your children to "go confidently in the direction of their dreams." The faculty and staff of CDS salute you for the huge role you have played in bringing your children to this momentous milestone.

## Overview of Deadlines & Events - Class of 2020

Date	Action	Related Event	Notes
January 30th	Seniors come dressed in Business Attire	Senior Class Picture	<input type="checkbox"/> Autographed for Advisors
February 11th	Balfour Commencement Announcement/Thank You orders due	Graduation	
April 3rd	Grad Bash	Senior Class Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Class trip to Orlando <input type="checkbox"/> Pricing & Details forthcoming through class reps
April 16th	Senior Parent Reflections due	Senior Honoring	
April 16th	Senior Slide Show pictures due	Senior Honoring	
April 18th	Junior/Senior Prom	Senior Class Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Pricing & Details forthcoming through class reps
April 23rd	Senior Send - off	Senior Send - off	
May 1st	Locker Clean out	Senior Class Event	
May 1st - 22nd	IB Examinations	Senior Class Event	
May 4th	RSVP due for Senior Honoring	Senior Honoring	
May 8th	Commencement Seating arrangements due	Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations can be made for guests in wheelchairs, notify the front office
May 21st	Senior Honoring Dinner	Senior Honoring	
May 22nd	Rehearsal - 11:00-1:00	Senior Class Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Wear graduation shoes for practice <input type="checkbox"/> Final moment to return any textbooks, materials, etc.
May 22nd	Commencement	Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 arrival for graduates <input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 doors open for seating (arrive early)

**Q & A Summary - Senior Parent Meeting - January 23, 2020**

**The live stream did not capture the questions parents were asking during the meeting. Here is a summary of the questions & responses.**

Question (time it appears in the livestream)	Response
(6:40) What happens if a student is late to an exam?	Mrs. Hsu will attempt to contact the student's cell phone if available or the parent contact information in MyBackPack. If a student is on their way, we might be able to hold the start up to 15 minutes. Otherwise, student will join in the exam in progress without getting any additional time.
(7:20) Exams are listed for the same subject on 2 days. Does my student pick either or show up to both?	<p>Both/all - anytime a subject is listed on the schedule that matches a subject your student is testing in - they should be at Kol Ami.</p> <p>Subjects are usually spaced over 2 days - "paper 1" is held in the afternoon and then "paper 2" is held the next morning.</p> <p>Some students will have two different subjects on the same day.</p> <p>(please note that the Spanish &amp; French Paper 2 will be held on campus as CDS and not Kol Ami.)</p>
(11:07) Why are three of the exam times listed in red instead of black?	All morning exams start at 8:15 and most afternoon exams start at 12:30. The three exams that have later starts are listed in red ( 1pm or 1:30pm)
Will my student have time to eat lunch between exams?	<p>Most exams have 1 hr or more between morning and afternoon sessions to allow for students to leave Kol Ami, eat and return for afternoon exams.</p> <p>If your student has been allotted extra time, he/she might have a smaller window between their morning and afternoon exams. You might think about bringing food to the Kol Ami parking lot to eat with your student so that they do not need to leave. The student can reach out to Mrs. Hsu for more details if he/she is concerned about this scenario.</p>
(28:09) Are students supposed to be in uniform for IB Exams in May?	No - students are able to wear approved attire similar to free dress days on campus. Please note - it is testing conditions. Hats or hoodies will be asked to be removed so perhaps suggest non-hoodie sweaters and sweatshirts.
(28:17) What types of items should my student bring to the IB exams at Kol Ami?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water will be allowed in Kol Ami, but not in the testing room. Students will have access to breaks throughout the testing periods if they need to use the restrooms or get a drink of water.</li> <li>2. Calculators - extra batteries or fully charged. Mark you parent calendars to ask you student the night before any math, science or Business Management exam if they have charged their calculator.</li> <li>3. Pens - ballpoint (non-gel) blue or black for most exams. #2 Pencils are needed for the science exams.</li> </ol>

<p>(29:07) Thank you and dismissal - parents were invited to stay to review the Passing Conditions for the IB Diploma with Nancy Hsu. Otherwise - this was the end of the Senior Notes presentation.</p>	
<p>(36:10) What document describes the IB Passing conditions?</p>	<p>We will post this document with the Senior Notes &amp; slideshow - it is the IB Passing Conditions.</p>
<p>(37:11) Mrs. Rubinstein asked to not shoot the messenger when Mrs. Hsu needs to follow-up on students who aren't meeting deadlines or the requirements of the IB.</p>	
<p>(38:07 - 40:00) Why do the minimums for HL and SL not add up to 24 total points?</p>	<p>The IB diploma is a liberal arts focused credential. It shows competency across 6 subjects. There are 2 thresholds to meet: (1) The minimum overall total score (24 out of 45 possible points). (2) The minimums across HL &amp; SL. You must exceed the minimums to get to 24 total points.</p>
<p>How do you get to 45 total possible points?</p>	<p>Full diploma students take 6 subjects, 3 at the Higher Level (HL) and 3 at the Standard Level (SL).</p> <p>Each subject can score up to 7 points.</p> <p>6 subjects x 7 points = 42 total points</p> <p>TOK and EE are scored separately on a scale of A-E. The combination of your TOK and EE scores could award up to 3 additional bonus points. (See matrix on the IB Passing Conditions document.)</p> <p>42 total subject points + 3 TOK/EE bonus points = 45 total points</p> <p><u>Fun DP Fact:</u> Roughly 250-300 students worldwide score the full 45 points each year. Only 8-10% of all DP students are awarded the full 3 bonus points.</p>
<p>Do you have an example of the points and whether or not the diploma was awarded?</p>	<p>HL subject 1 = 5  HL subject 2 = 4  HL subject 3 = 2  SL subject 1 = 6  SL subject 2 = 5  SL subject 3 = 5  TOK/EE = no bonus point awarded  Total points = 27 (above the minimum of 24)  HL total points were less than 12  Diploma NOT awarded</p> <p>HL subject 1 = 5  HL subject 2 = 5  HL subject 3 = 2  SL subject 1 = 5  SL subject 2 = 4  SL subject 3 = 2  TOK/EE = 1 bonus point awarded  Total points = 23 + 1 bonus = 24 (minimum met)  HL &amp; SL minimums also met  Diploma AWARDED</p>

<p>(40:10) Is it possible to get the 7. I've heard they are not frequently awarded to students.</p>	<p>Fun DP Fact: 7's account for about 7% of scores worldwide. Out of all the exams given only 7% will score a 7.</p> <p>We do expect 7s to be awarded to students at CDS every year. If you are interested in seeking that high achievement level, then please speak with your teacher about your current progress and what it would take to get you to the 7 level.</p>
<p>What is the internal and external assessments? How are they graded?</p> <p>(53:30) What weight are they given in the proportion of the final score?</p>	<p>The paper 1/paper 2/paper 3 that is sat for during the May examination session are "external" examination because they are sent to IB and marked by IB. These portions account for 80% of the total subject score.</p> <p>The IA - Internal assessment is done throughout the junior or senior year. Students prepare the assessment based on the rubric and are afforded 1 round of feedback from their teacher to revise their IA prior to submitting to IB. IB then takes a sample of the IAs submitted and grades them. If the grading is on par with the global norm, the grades will remain. If the grading is too generous - all IAs for that subject will be decreased. If the grading is too strict - all IAs for that subject will be increased.</p>
<p>(45:41) How are the TOK Essay and Extended Essay graded?</p>	<p>The extended essay is externally moderated - every EE is read by an examiner.</p> <p>The TOK Essays are like the IAs - a sample is taken and moderated.</p>
<p>(53:08) What types of regalia are awarded if the final scores are not released until May?</p>	<p>Full IB diploma students - they wear a white IB stole at graduation.</p> <p>For students who are course candidates - they wear a blue and white IB cord at graduation.</p>
<p>(54:00) Are IAs the same through all subjects?</p>	<p>The arts are evaluated slightly differently given that they do not have external exams in May. The various components of the Arts courses are completed junior &amp; senior year like IAs and are submitted to IB by the end of April. Visual Arts was the example used.</p> <p>Every subject has an IA - Spanish/French is a description of an image and discussion with the teacher recorded and sent to IB. Sciences has labs that are created, documented and sent to IB. Even Math has IAs.</p>
<p>(59:00) What if our students aren't awarded their Diplomas in July?</p>	<p>Nancy Hsu will review all scores on July 6th. She will communicate to families if she thinks that the scores are borderline enough to recommend a retest or a rescore.</p> <p>Families are able to request the rescore or retest against our recommendation, Nancy Hsu will submit to IB on their behalf.</p>
<p>What are the college implications?</p>	<p>Acceptances do not usually hinge on whether or not the student was awarded the diploma in the end. The universities are looking to see that students have taken on the challenge of the full IB as the most rigorous coursework are prepared for a seamless transition to university life.</p>



	<p>Transcripts will be sent to the university that our college counseling office has on file as your university of choice. Students work with their academic deans or counselors to identify which of the courses will be granted credit and which level of courses are appropriate for freshman registration.</p>
<p>How do we know the credit to be granted?</p>	<p>You can go to the college or university website and search for “international baccalaureate credit” and you will typically be taken to a page that explains that university’s policy related to course credits, names of courses, the needed IB scores, etc.</p>
<p>What is the timing of the results and choosing freshman courses?</p>	<p>Each university has their own course registration process and schedule for freshman and/or student athletes. Reach out to the admissions at the university or speak to the academic counselor/dean when the student gets to campus to make sure that they have received the IB transcript and that IB credit can be awarded prior to course registration.</p>