

CHASKA
HIGH
SCHOOL



Graduation for the Class of 2021



Congratulations Students and Families

April 2021

Dear Graduates and Parent/Guardian:

Chaska High School has been busy making plans for the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 11. This letter covers many important items that you need to be aware of to make your graduation a day to remember, so please read this letter (front and back) carefully and completely.

Chaska High School Graduation for the Class of 2021

Friday, June 11

Grace Church

9301 Eden Prairie Road

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

(time TBD-watch for additional information)

Cap and gown pickup begins, Friday May 7 during lunches. If you are unable to pick up your cap and gown that day, you can pick it up in the main office beginning Monday, May 10. The following must be completed prior to picking up your cap and gown:

1. Pay the \$46 graduation ceremony participation fee. This fee can be paid in the Main Office with cash or check made out to Chaska High School between the hours of 7:00am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday, or via credit card on Parent Portal located under student fees. Scholarship information to cover this cost is available in the Main Office.
2. Pay any outstanding fees or fines. Fee statements were emailed to seniors with outstanding fees on April 23.

Optional - We want to celebrate you and your future plans! If you would like to participate in this tradition, please complete a senior questionnaire (link included in body of email). The questionnaire will ask students to provide post high school plans as well as scholarships they have been awarded. This questionnaire is completely voluntary.

Once the two numbered items above have been completed, in-person students will be issued a ticket from the Main Office which they can use to expedite pickup of their cap, gown and tassel. Please refer to reverse side for more important information.

If you have any questions about the upcoming graduation ceremony, please contact the Main Office at 952-556-7100. On behalf of the students and staff at Chaska High, congratulations!

Sincerely,

James Bach



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

-Friday, May 7

Cap, Gown, and Tassel
Distribution (need ticket,
see letter for information)

-Saturday, May 22

Senior Prom from 7-10pm
in the CHS Stadium (see
back side of this letter for
more information)

-Thursday, June 10

Last day of school for all
students. Seniors must
have met all District 112
credit requirements by
2:00pm to walk in the
graduation ceremony.

Senior Car Parade from 5-
7pm in the West Parking
Lot (see back side of this
letter for more infor-
mation)



GRADUATION FEE

To offset the cost of graduation, there is a \$46 fee incurred to each student:

\$35.00 (graduation participation)

\$11.00 (commemorative stole)

\$46.00 Total Charge

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Look for additional information regarding graduation practice in the coming weeks.

SENIOR PROM

Who: Seniors only (no guests)

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021, 7pm-10pm

Location: CHS Stadium

Cost: FREE

Covid safety measures will be followed.

This includes masks, social distancing, and

groups no larger than 6, per Minnesota

Department of Health. More details to

come next week, including our exciting

theme and how Seniors can sign up to

attend Prom!

SENIOR CAR PARADE

When: Thursday, June 10 from 5-7:00pm

Where: CHS West Parking Lot (enter off Pioneer Trail)

Have a family member drive you. You can decorate your car, wear your cap and gown or your favorite Hawk apparel!

PICTURES

Linhoff Photography will photograph each graduate receiving their diploma at the ceremony. Order forms are available at: www.linhoff.com

PROPER STUDENT ATTIRE/ BEHAVIOR FOR GRADUATION

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) please discuss and reinforce appropriate graduation ceremony attire and behavior with your student. We will not allow individuals to participate in the ceremony who intend to detract from the appropriate decorum by wearing inappropriate attire, being under the influence of chemicals or by engaging in disruptive behavior. Suggested student attire:

1. Students should wear appropriate shoes .
2. Students should dress appropriately for this monumental occasion.
3. No shorts or flip flops please.
4. Students - cell phones and electronic devices need to be turned off.
5. Please do not decorate or write on the graduation cap.

FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Students need to request a final transcript be sent to the school/program they will be attending after graduation. This includes a transcript sent to NCAA if participating in a college sport. Go to our website at: www.chs.district112.org to see the two options. Click on Students tab, then Transcript Requests.

1) Parchment: cost is \$5.00/each and you must go online to sign up for this service. There are fee waivers available for students who qualify. See your counselor for more information.

Website: www.parchment.com

2) Transcripts can be sent directly from the high school. Go to the Main Office and fill out a form. Cost is \$5.00/each.

GRADUATION SPEECHES

Seniors, Speech Auditions are:

Wednesday, May 5 between 12:30pm and 2:30pm. Sign up for an audition using the link in body of email.

In preparing to audition for 2-3 minute graduation speech, please consider the following:

-Look for a theme: Focus around a solid idea. Make this a thread that works throughout the speech. Are you here to encourage or inspire? To recall? To challenge? To share?

-Write about YOUR EXPERIENCE: The goal of graduation speeches is to represent the class, but it's not your responsibility to cover all the experiences. Thoughts on CHS are appropriate and great! Thoughts on rivals aren't necessarily appropriate.

-Avoid CLICHES & Use YOUR VOICE: Don't rely on song lyrics, famous quotations or movie lines to provide insight to your theme. If you must use a quotation, be sure that you do something with it—how does it support your ideas.

-BALANCE the Elements: Humor is great, but know when to have serious moments as well. The humor should be universal.

-Prepare the COMPLETE Speech: The selection committee wants to hear the entire, complete speech.

-PRACTICE: Your speech always sounds better if you have spoken it aloud a few times before the audition process.

DIPLOMAS

Only diploma covers are handed out during the ceremony. Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the Main Office from 7am-3pm on Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15 to students who have met all requirements. Diplomas that are not picked up will be mailed to the student's primary address the week of June 21.