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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the school year is approaching rapidly, and this means many activities for graduating seniors. We would like to bring you up to date on the events and procedures involving seniors so you can mark important dates on your calendars.

Top 5% will be on **Wednesday, May 1st** at 6:00 p.m.

The Junior-Senior **Prom is on Saturday, May 25th**. This year's prom location is Rogue Credit Union Community Complex. Adult chaperones will consist of administrators, faculty members and several hired security officers.

Students will not be excused from school on Friday for hair appointments, shopping, or similar preparations for the prom.

The last FULL day of classes for graduating seniors is Friday, May 31st. Graduating seniors are those who have met ALL of Crater's graduation course requirements by 4:00 p.m. on May 31st. Please pay your outstanding school fees no later than noon on Tuesday, June 4th so we can clear your student's account. Any deposit money due to students will be returned by check when report cards are mailed in late June. If your student has not yet met all graduation requirements, they will be expected to continue coming to school until June 14th.

CRA will continue its tradition of having a **senior celebration BBQ** on Friday, May 31st at 11:30.

THE CRATER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024 WILL GRADUATE IN ONE CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 5TH AT 8:00 P.M.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is not required to receive a diploma. We do, however, encourage all students to walk in the ceremony. Arranging the marching and seating for approximately 300 seniors is a very complicated process which requires that all students be present for both practices. **Students who are not present for both complete practices will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** The need to work will not be accepted as an excuse to miss all or part of the practice. This early notification should enable working graduates to make arrangements with an employer. Likewise, over-sleeping, car-trouble, etc. will not be accepted as excuses, so please allow extra time so you are not late to practice.

On **Monday, June 3rd**, seniors must report to the gym at **8:45 a.m. for graduation practice**. Students wear school clothes to practice. Students need to wear shoes that they will be wearing for graduation. NO cap or gown. Be prepared to stay until approximately 1 PM.

On **Tuesday, June 4th**, seniors must report for graduation practice at **8:45 a.m. Bring cap and gown to wear at practice and for Grad Walk, wear comfortable shoes for Grad Walk at elementary schools**. Be prepared to stay until approximately 2 PM

Community Bible Church will be organizing a Baccalaureate ceremony for the class of 2024. **Baccalaureate will take place on Tuesday evening, June 4th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Crater Student Center.

Wednesday Graduation June 5th, Senior's report to the gym at 7:00 pm. The graduation ceremony starts

at 8:00 p.m. in Dutch Meyer Field.

For both graduation and Baccalaureate, the following dress guidelines apply. Students are required to wear nice attire: dresses (not to hang below gown) dress pants (not jeans), dress shoes (not tennis shoes or flip flops), solid-colored socks, dress shirt and a tie. These guidelines are designed to make the graduation (and the graduates) dignified and are in keeping with the importance of the occasion. If this presents a financial hardship for any graduate, please contact Sarai Lacy, CRA Student Wellness Specialist, so that arrangements to help can be made.

In order to ensure that the graduation ceremony runs smoothly, we count on your cooperation in the following matters:

1. Admission to the ceremony is by ticket only. Each graduate will be given four gold tickets at the June 4th graduation practice. Gold tickets guarantee admission to the ceremony in the stadium or the gym in case of inclement weather.
2. Your student may sign up for extra tickets beginning on Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 17th **in the student's school office**. A limited number of additional tickets will be distributed fairly. There is no guaranteed quantity of extra tickets students may receive. Extra tickets (white) are only for the ceremony in the stadium. In case of inclement weather, these tickets are not for admission into the gym.
3. **A professional photographer will be available the evening of graduation to take individual pictures of seniors as they accept their diploma. Picture packets will be handed out to students after the Tuesday graduation practice. Students can turn the packets in on the night of graduation.** Once the graduates enter the stadium, no one is allowed on the field to take pictures. Anyone may take pictures of the graduates as they march to and from the stage. If everyone is considerate of others and follows these directions, everyone in the stadium will be able to see the graduates as they walk across the stage.
4. We want to make sure the ceremony is a dignified one that reflects pride in all who take part in it. All Crater students will wear caps and gowns during the ceremony. We do not permit leis or decorations on caps or gowns during the graduation walk and ceremony. Seniors may only wear graduation cords and tassels provided by Crater Administration. No signs or noisemakers will be allowed. We feel the class of 2024 is a fine group of young people who will be a credit to their parents, school, and community. If, prior to marching into the stadium, the behavior of any graduating senior is inappropriate or detracts from the dignity of the occasion, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. If the behavior during the ceremony is inappropriate, that senior will not receive their diploma insert until the student and parents have met with school administrators to discuss appropriate disciplinary action. We do not anticipate any difficulties; we know that you and your senior are looking forward to this occasion with great joy - - - so are we!

Please feel free to call me at school if you have any questions about upcoming events or the graduation ceremonies. The students in this graduating class are a pleasure to work with, and I am looking forward to their last few months on campus being positive and their prom and graduation ceremony being classy, dignified events.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spencer
CRA Principal