



## **Clarksville High School & Renaissance Academy**

### **Class of 2020 Graduation Update**



Dear Clarksville Class of 2020 Families -

As we are navigating these odd times, we hope you are all doing well and making the most of this situation. As is the case with many things, it has become necessary for us to make decisions regarding graduation. We have weighed all the information that we have up to this point and have decided to hold graduation on Friday, May 29, 2020. Graduation will take place in a virtual format. Outlined below you will find our plan for the Class of 2020 graduation ceremony that enables graduates to walk across the stage to receive their diploma in front of family members and maintain the health and safety of our CCSC families, employees, and community.

Additionally, we will host a Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration in July. We have tentatively set the date for July 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This celebration will take place outdoors. We will monitor the federal, state, and local guidelines for gatherings and adjust our plan if needed. More details will be released as the date nears.

Again, we want to provide our Class of 2020 with special memories in a safe and healthy manner and believe this plan offers students and families two opportunities to celebrate this milestone. Thank you for your continued support and patience with us as we continue to work to make the most out of this unusual situation.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Goldman & Brian Allred

- **Graduation Ceremony:**

- All graduates who meet the criteria for participating in the graduation ceremony will be given the opportunity to schedule an appointment to walk across the stage and receive their diploma.
- We will begin accepting appointments on Friday, May 8. Appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Appointments will take place on May 20 - 21 and will be scheduled in 15 minute increments. We will send out more specific times on Wednesday, May 6. You will need to have at least a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice ready when calling.
- Each graduate will be allowed to bring four (4) family members with them. This is being done to ensure we are still able to use appropriate distancing.
- During each graduation appointment graduates will have their name called and students will walk across the stage to receive their diploma from their building principal.
- Parents may take pictures of their graduate as they walk across the stage and after they have received the diploma.
- Once all graduates have been recorded, we will create a virtual graduation ceremony that follows the same order as the in person graduation ceremony. We will premiere the video at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 29.

- **Graduation Ceremony Participation Eligibility Requirements:**

- Fulfill all state and local requirements for graduation.
  - Class of 2020 must still meet minimum graduation requirements. It is imperative that you continue to do your work and submit assignments for grades. Please contact your teachers if you have any questions about classwork.
  - If you have online work to do, you need to continue working on those courses. Mrs. Allred (CHS) and Mrs. Lewis (RA) have emailed all students and parents if Plato course completion is still required.
- Wear acceptable/required clothing.
- Wear their cap and gown and appropriate dress beneath the cap and gown as follows:
  - Ladies: Dress/dress suit/slacks and dress shoes. Avoid hairstyles which interfere with the proper positioning of the mortarboard.
  - Gentlemen: Dress shirt, dark slacks, and dress shoes, preferably black in color. Avoid hairstyles which interfere with the proper positioning of the mortarboard.
  - No cords or other decorations may be worn that were not awarded to students from the school.
  - Caps may not be decorated.
  - No object(s) should be carried at Graduation. Failure to comply with dress or any inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the graduation ceremony.
- Not have any pending disciplinary issues.
- All fees were to be paid by May 1. If have outstanding fees you will need to contact Debbie Radcliff (CHS), 812.282.8231, [dradcliff@clarksvilleschools.org](mailto:dradcliff@clarksvilleschools.org) or Erin Lewis (RA), 812.258.9040, [elewis@clarksvilleschools.org](mailto:elewis@clarksvilleschools.org)