

The 2021-22 school year is coming to a close and graduation is rapidly approaching. We would like to provide some **UPDATED** information about upcoming end-of-the-year events. Continue to check your Outlook Student emails and listen to phone dialers, and Remind APP messages. Please consider this information so you can enjoy every aspect of this significant milestone.

**Senior Prom:**

* **May 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at The Golf Club at Little Turtle.**
* Ticket price is **$60** and can be purchased on the ***Local Level website***.
* The event will be formal, and formal Prom attire is required for Fort Hayes students and their approved guests.
* Appetizers will be provided at the event.
* Senior Prom Royalty will be announced near the end of the event.
* The Prom theme is “Masquerade Ball.”

**Senior Grade-Level Meetings:**

* Last mandatory class meeting on Friday, May 13 at 8:45 AM in the PA before the CCS field trip to Lower.Com Field.

**Graduation Rehearsal:**

* ***Rehearsal is required for participation in graduation.***
* Wednesday, **June 1st from 9 AM to 12 PM** in the Performing Arts Theatre at Fort Hayes.
* Senior dues have been waived for 2022 graduates, but your child may have outstanding **fees** from prior school years that will need to be paid (by card under the Fees tab in Infinite Campus or in person/by check at the Central Enrollment office). **These MUST be paid by May 20th.**
* Graduating seniors will confirm completion of the Senior Exit Survey in and return their library books, textbooks, instruments, uniforms, and CCS Chromebooks before the rehearsal.
* **All obligations must be cleared for a senior to participate in graduation rehearsal, graduation ceremony and receive their diploma**.
* Each student is expected to participate and cooperate in all the instructions of graduation rehearsal and will not participate if there is an incident of non-compliance.

**Senior Picnic/Cookout:**

* The catered barbecue senior cookout will take place immediately after graduation rehearsal on June 1.
* The cookout will be held in the Career Center Construction Arts Commons.
* Tickets for this event must be purchased by May 13th at the end of the school day.

**Graduation:**

Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 5:30 PM at the Columbus Convention Center in the Battelle Grand Ballroom. Columbus Convention Center is located downtown at 400 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

***Students who are participating in the Fort Hayes Graduation need to observe the following:***

* Students must wear the approved cap, gown, and tassel during the ceremony. Decorated caps and souvenir tassels are **not permitted**. Fort Hayes/CCS approved tassels are permitted, and only one tassel may be worn.

***Students are encouraged to wear the following clothing under the gown:***

* Dress shirt and tie, dress slacks, dress shoes and socks, dress or pants and dress top or blouse and dress shoes (no flip-flops).

***Each graduate will receive 10 tickets only to the ceremony through the Local Level website. This will be strictly enforced. You may access tickets TBD***.

Students are asked to arrive to the Convention Center by 4:30 PM, where they will be directed to the staging area near the Battelle Grand Ballroom**.** Once students enter the staging area, they are expected to remain there until the ceremony begins. (Only graduates are permitted in this area.)

Students must arrive dressed and ready for the ceremony. Students will not be able to get ready at the ceremony site.

Students are asked to bring only what they plan to have with them during the ceremony. All personal possessions should be left with a parent or guardian. Graduates should not bring purses, bags, cosmetics or other personal possessions. Students are strongly encouraged NOT to bring their cell phones with them during the ceremony. *FHMEC and the Columbus Convention Center are not responsible for any items left on the premises.*

Each student is expected to participate and cooperate in all of the instructions of graduation, and will not participate if there is an incident of non-compliance.

**PARENT INFORMATION**

The Convention Center has a busy ceremony schedule the day of graduation. The doors for guest seating will open at 5:00 PM, and the ceremony will start promptly at 5:30 pm. **No one will be able to enter before 5:00 PM.** Handicapped seating is available.

Balloons, air horns and other items that will distract from the dignity of this event will not be permitted inside.

**PARKING**

***Guests may use any of the Convention Center parking lots***, but are encouraged to use the Ohio Center parking garage located at 500 N. 3rd Street, Columbus OH 43215. ***Please see maps below for specific directions as online map applications (Google Maps, Waze, MapQuest, etc.) will NOT provide accurate directions to the garage.*** Parking for the ceremony will be offered at a reduced rate of $5.00 per vehicle. From the 4th floor of the parking garage, guests will take the connecting walkway/bridge directly to the security/check-in tables by the Battelle Grand Ballroom lobby.

**SENIOR FAILURES**

Prior to graduation, our counselors will contact the parents of any senior who has failed to complete required coursework and will not graduate by May 27th.

Thank you, and we look forward to the celebration of your student’s accomplishments on June 2nd.

--- The Fort Hayes Administration and Staff

Maps to Ohio Center Parking Garage:

 