

August 28, 2019

Congratulations Class of 2020

You all have finally arrived at the beginning of your senior year in high school!! It is my distinct pleasure to serve as your administrator and act as your guide on the path to graduation. I look forward to working with you and your parents/guardians to ensure you reach your graduation date in May 2020. To seniors who have worked hard to earn your state required credits, to meet your graduation testing pathway, and who have earned your 120 internship hours: you are well on the road to graduation. This year, your focus should be on earning your 12th grade credits and planning for life after High School. However, for those of you who have **not fulfilled** the graduation requirements I hope you are focused and prepared to put in the extra work that is necessary in order to participate in Spring Commencement. It is extremely important that you are focusing on getting back on track while maintaining your grades this year. You cannot earn credits walking in the hallway or by dwelling on the past. To be successful it will take grittiness and determination.

As discussed with each student at our senior meeting **only seniors who have senior status will be allowed to participate in any senior activity.** Ms. Thigpen and I will continue to work to get students on 12th grade status and back on the path towards graduation. It is our belief that the focus of students out of cohort should be concentrated on getting back on grade level, not on activities that don't directly support the goals of graduation. Those students in jeopardy of not graduating have been identified and plans were put in place at the end of junior year. Each student has been informed as to what they needed to do over the summer to earn enough credits to be considered a senior in good standing. My hope is those students attended to the issues keeping them from having the correct grade level requirements for graduation over the summer. The unfortunate reality is that all of our students won't make the journey to graduation; it is our focus to work diligently with all students who are committed to achieving graduation in May 2020. We need support from all—students, parents and all stakeholders—to make graduation a reality for all students.

Senior year is a defining moment in a child's educational life, it becomes a reward for those students who have prepared and worked hard to fulfill all obligations towards graduation. It is our extreme pleasure to assist in the transition to life after High School.

Senior dues are an essential component for a successful senior year to be carried out. **All items in this year's senior dues are to be paid directly to CCS through Infinite Campus or at the Central Enrollment Center. The only required fee is the \$70.00 graduation fee. The senior memory packet total package is a separate fee of 130.00 and this will cover the senior headshot, senior dinner, a graduation stole and cords, senior picnic, yearbook and class picture.** As a courtesy, the dues have been calculated with a sense of fairness and sensitivity to all of the graduates and their families. **In order to make sure we are mindful of our vendors, The Senior Memory Packet dues will need to be paid by April 1st, 2020. The district's graduation fee will need to be paid by May 15th, 2020. SENIOR DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR PROM TICKET.** If your student has not made any attempts to pay on their senior dues or school fines (i.e...book fees, damages, etc...) , they will NOT be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular events (Prom, Dinner, Pictures), until their financial obligation is brought up to date.

Again, please note that the failure to pay senior dues and outstanding fees will result in your child not participating in Senior Class activities and the recognition ceremony. We are encouraging all students to participate in this once in a lifetime celebration of academic achievement. Should you have any questions, please contact the Senior Advisor Mr. Jackson

Payment Options: Senior Dues can only be paid at Central Enrollment or online by following information found on the district website by credit or debit card

Again, Congratulations and Best Wishes!!

Mr. Baker

Ms. Bell

Ms. Thigpen

Mr. Jackson