

April 27, 2018

Dear Parents of Coyote Seniors,

If you're at all like me, you're wondering where the last few months went. The year is flying by at warp speed! Spring is a great time to interface with your senior about credits, writing expectations, senior presentations, state testing status and other senior activities. We strive to avoid the word "surprise" when senior year hits, your follow through with your student and our office is a vital aid in that goal. With so much going on with seniors in the spring, I'm hoping that the information here will answer a few questions and solidify a few plans.

Unsanctioned Activities: Columbia High School **does not** sanction 'skip days' or 'camp outs,' Legitimate senior functions sanctioned by CHS are listed below. Participation in a skip day or other unsanctioned activities may jeopardize participation in legitimate school functions including commencement.

Culminating Project Presentations: These are scheduled for 5/18, students will sign up for these on campus. **If your senior does not have an on-campus Civics/Government class,** please prompt them to check in directly with the office to sign up for a time slot. **It is their responsibility to secure a presentation covering this mandatory graduation requirement.**

Writing Expectations deadline: Each of the seven writing expectations are due in completed form no later than May 11 at 3:00pm.

Senior Finals: Will occur Wednesday 5/23 and Thursday 5/24 during the regular school day.

Senior Trip: This year's senior trip will take place 5/31 with a day trip to Lake Chelan. A group of senior leaders have planned a fun, safe event including Slide Waters park, a lake cruise, pizza party, bowling and other activities. There are minimal amounts of "free time." There will be multiple chaperones. Please be looking for permission slips and a detailed itinerary in mid to late May. **All school district and CHS rules and consequences apply – this is a school function.**

Awards night: This is one of Columbia's biggest events of the year! Tuesday 5/29 at 7 pm in the Columbia HS auditorium; this is where most of our awards, scholarships and future plans will be presented. The amazing Coyote Booster club is again sponsoring a dinner in the commons, at 6 pm, before the awards ceremony begins.

Baccalaureate: While this is not a school function, the Columbia HS auditorium is typically rented out for the purpose. It is scheduled for Wednesday 5/30 at 7:00. (This is a change from the original calendar)

Commencement:

- **Commencement Attire:** As a formal event, attire and conduct should match the event! Caps and gowns are not to be decorated; noisemakers, etc. are prohibited.
- **Commencement Practice:** This is scheduled for Friday 6/1 at 9:30 am in the CHS gymnasium. Attendance at practice is mandatory for any senior taking part in the program that evening.
- **Commencement Exercise:** this will take place in the CHS gymnasium on Friday 6/1 at 7:00.

After-grad Party: A terrific group of senior parents is planning an after party. *This is not a school sponsored function*, but a parent group has been working all school year to ensure that this is a fun, safe, memorable activity! Check with your senior for details on the event later in the spring.

Many thanks for sharing your seniors with all of us at Columbia High School. We are proud to be a part of their education and their lives. If you have any questions please contact me at the HS office at 545-8573.

Many thanks,

Kyle Miller