



April 2017

Dear Parents and Graduates:

The 52nd Annual Commencement from James B. Conant High School will be held at the Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates, on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Only students who have fulfilled District 211 graduation requirements or who are within 2 ¼ credits of the requirements may participate in the commencement ceremony. The ceremony is a momentous occasion for your son or daughter. As parents, you are to be complimented for your support and encouragement. Listed below is information that will be helpful to you and the members of the Class of 2017 as they complete their final days at Conant. The Senior Class Graduation Committee has put together a memorable series of activities for students who are in good standing.

- Monday, April 24th:** Tickets sales will begin in the cafeteria April 24 through April 28 during lunch periods. After April 28, see Mr. Jacobsen in the Social Studies office located in room 213. Tickets will not be sold after May 12. Tickets are \$20 per student.
- Senior Breakfast*
Ticket Sales
- Friday, April 28th:** Senior class advisor, Mr. Jacobsen, and Principal Julie Nowak will visit the senior class to explain end of year expectations and details for commencement.
- Senior Class Visits*
- Saturday, April 29th:** Prom tickets will be sold on April 29 at the Prom Fair in the student cafeteria. **Students can purchase Prom and After Prom tickets from 8:30 am – Noon.** Tickets are \$80 per person.
- Prom*
Ticket Sales
- Monday, May 1st:** Cap and gowns will be distributed in the Atrium periods 1 through 8 on May 1. Students who have not prepaid will need to pay \$30.00 at the time of pick-up. Remaining caps and gowns will be available in Office 101.
- Cap & Gown*
Distribution
- Wednesday, May 3rd:** Students who did not purchase tickets at the Prom Fair may purchase prom tickets at the concession stand during lunch periods only. This will be the last day that Prom tickets will be sold.
- Make-Up Prom*
Ticket Sales
- Wednesday, May 17th:** All outstanding obligations including; academic, financial, non-academic and iPad must be fulfilled by May 17 in order to participate in senior activities. Students should visit their Team Rooms if they have questions about obligations. All obligations need to be satisfied by May 18 to receive a diploma at graduation.
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- Thursday, May 18th:** On May 18, seniors are to report directly to the main gym. Rehearsal starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 9:45 a.m. **Graduation rehearsal is MANDATORY.** Students who do not attend the rehearsal **will not march at the ceremony.** If an emergency occurs that prevents a graduate from attending the rehearsal he/she must notify Dr. Small's office at (847)755-3612 or rsmall@d211.org before 8:00 a.m. on May 18.
- Commencement*
Rehearsal
- Thursday, May 18th:** Senior picnic will be located outside behind the north gym after the graduation rehearsal. Seniors will attend the picnic following graduation practice. The Administrative Team will provide lunch at no cost.
- Senior Picnic*

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Friday, May 19th:

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Location:

Belvedere Banquets

1170 W. Devon Ave.

Elk Grove Village, 60007

Friday, May 19th:

Prom

Prom is located at the Schaumburg Renaissance. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the event will end at Midnight. Students who attend post-prom will be escorted to the charter buses to Navy Pier and **are required** to take the shuttle bus back to Conant at the end of the event.

Monday, May 22nd:

Commencement

The commencement ceremony will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Graduates must report to their designated location, provided at rehearsal, promptly **at 6:30 p.m.** Graduates who **arrive late will not be allowed to march in graduation.** The ceremony is located at the Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates. All guests will require a ticket upon admission. Each graduate will be given 10 tickets at the commencement rehearsal. All guests will be checked by security at the main entrance of the arena. The Sears Centre Arena will not allow signs, balloons and/or noise makers to be brought into the arena.

CAPS & GOWNS: The graduates have purchased their caps and gowns and may keep them. Caps and gowns will be worn uniformly at commencement without modifications (pins, medals, flowers, etc.) If an emergency arises replacement stoles, caps, and tassels are available at a cost of \$5 each.

DRESS: Male graduates are to wear a dress shirt, tie, slacks or suit trousers, dress shoes and socks. We suggest girls wear a dress and low-heeled shoes. Gym shoes, shorts, and/or jeans are not to be worn. Students are not to bring corsages, purses, and/or flowers to the ceremony. **Students who do not follow the dress code will not be allowed to march.**

PHOTOS: A professional photographer from Visual Image Photography (VIP) will take photos of students as they receive their diplomas. Your son/daughter will receive price information prior to graduation rehearsal. Should you wish to purchase these photos, arrangements are to be made directly with Visual Image Photography (VIP), as indicated in the information packet.

Camera pictures may be taken from your seat in the audience. However, there is not sufficient aisle space to accommodate video set-ups.

The commencement ceremony takes a little over one hour. The distribution of diplomas absorbs most of the program time. In order for each student to be recognized, we ask for your cooperation by not applauding or recognizing individual graduates. Any guest who disrupts the ceremony will be removed by the Hoffman Estates Police. There are approximately 575 graduates and to have individual recognition would lengthen the program time greatly and distract other spectators from hearing their graduate's name being recognized. We solicit your thoughtful consideration to honor the class as a whole after all diplomas have been distributed.

Thank you for your cooperation and our congratulations to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Julie C. Nowak
Principal