

GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

CMHS WARRIORS



CMHS Class of 2024

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GRADUATION CEREMONY

Congratulations! Your big day is soon approaching. The CMHS graduation ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm**, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. **Doors for guests will open at 6:15 pm.** Guests may enter through either the **West or South Entrances**. The North entrance will be locked. Admittance to the ceremony is by ticket only. All guests (including infants and small children) must have a ticket for entry.



Graduation Date:
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
7:00 pm
at the
Tinley Park
Convention Center

Live Stream



Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 4, 2024



Cap & Gown Distribution

Graduation is a very important event in a student's life. To be certain that the lineup, seating arrangements, and the diploma awarding ceremony are clearly understood and orderly, a **MANDATORY rehearsal will take place on TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, beginning promptly at 9:00 am at the Convention Center.** Seniors will be responsible for providing their own transportation and must be on time and remain for the entire rehearsal. Please make prior arrangements with any work schedules. To ensure a focused and efficient graduation practice, we kindly request that only graduating students and staff attend. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note: If your student chooses not to participate in the graduation ceremony, please notify Ms. Rodriguez at (708) 367-8230 no later than Tuesday, April 30th.

Seniors will receive their cap & gowns on **Thursday, May 9th.** Time and location will be announced when available. Once they arrive home, kindly take the gown out of the package and hang it up to allow any wrinkles to naturally fall out.

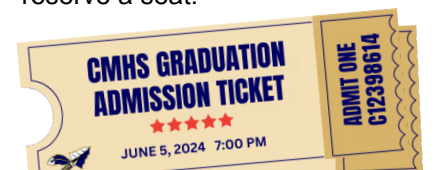
Graduation will be live streamed on the District's website. The live stream link will be posted when available.

Handicapped Seating

Limited handicapped seating will be available. If handicapped seating is needed, please call Ms. Rodriguez at 708-367-8230 no later than Monday, May 6th, to reserve a seat.



Senior Yearbook Dedication Ads



Graduation Tickets

GRADIMAGES

Official Photographer

GradImages is our **official photographer** for graduation and will capture this memorable moment for you. To ensure that your photo proofs will be sent to you as soon as possible, visit their website at gradimages.com to pre-register for the event and also receive a 20% discount.

The CMHS Yearbook features a Senior Dedication Ad section which is a great way to celebrate your senior's successes and milestones. Ads are available for purchase through **Saturday, April 6th, or until the allotted space is filled, whichever comes first.** To create and place your Ad order, or for more information, please visit: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/781365>. You may also pick up an order packet from the main office of the high school.

Every graduating senior that is participating in the ceremony will receive **eight (8)** tickets. No extra tickets will be available. Ticket distribution will occur right after rehearsal on **Tuesday, June 4th.**

Please Note: Tickets will **NOT** be held at the door. Please be sure all tickets are disbursed to family members and/or friends **PRIOR** to the ceremony.



Senior Credit Check

Only those students who have **achieved required credit hours AND are passing all course requirements** as of Thursday, May 23, 2024, will participate in the graduation ceremony. Please call your student's guidance counselor at (708) 367-8280 with any questions you may have.



School / Lunch Fees

School Fees: All outstanding school fees are due by **Wednesday, May 1st**. Please make arrangements to pay TODAY by paying online through e-Funds or by visiting the main office. **Please Note:** Personal checks will not be accepted after May 1.

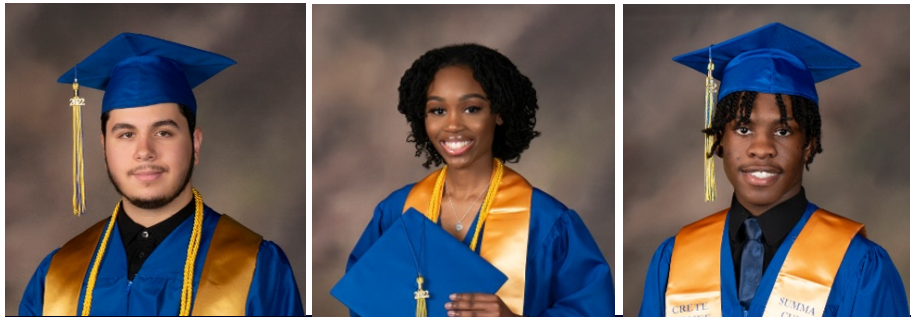
Lunch Fees: Please check your senior's Food Service balance in Family Access. All outstanding Food Service/Lunch fees are also due by May 1st. Please make arrangements to pay TODAY by paying online through e-Funds or by contacting our business department at (708) 367-8349.

Seniors, make sure you turn in all textbooks you were issued and library books you checked out before your last day of classes.



Diploma Pickup

All graduates will pick up their diplomas **immediately after the ceremony** in the line-up room. Any diplomas not picked up after the ceremony can be picked up from the main office beginning on Thursday, June 6th.



Cap & Gown Portraits

Burns Photography will have representatives available at CMHS to take Senior Cap & Gown portraits on **Wednesday, April 10th, by appointment only**. To schedule an appointment, please call Burns Photography at (815) 485-4802 by April 9th. (See enclosed flyer.) Seniors will receive a pass to go to their session approximately 10 minutes prior to their appointment.

Dress Code Requirements:

- Graduates must have their SCHOOL ISSUED cap, gown, tassel, medallion, cords, stoles, etc., and must wear the prescribed gown **without** modification.
- Caps should be worn with the point in the center of the forehead and the **tassel on the right side of the cap**. The top of the cap should be level.
- Appropriate and respectable clothing should be worn under gowns:
 - Men: Shirt and slacks (*tie optional*)
 - Ladies: Dress, skirt, or slacks
- Don't forget to zip up! All gowns **MUST** be zipped for the ceremony.
- **Flip flops, sneakers, and gum chewing are not allowed.**

GRADUATION NOTES:

- Seniors should arrive **no later than 6:00 pm** and must **enter through the SOUTH Entrance** doors.
- The ceremony will begin **promptly at 7:00 pm**. Once the procession begins, we will hold admittance until all graduates have entered the venue.
- Seniors should leave all valuables at home. Neither CMHS nor the Tinley Park Convention Center will be responsible for articles left in the lineup room during the ceremony.
- Flowers and balloons will not be allowed in the venue. Any flowers or balloons will need to be checked at the flower and balloon station.
- Seniors should have cell phones silenced/turned off during the graduation rehearsal and ceremony.
- Parents are also asked to silence/turn off cell phones during the ceremony.

DECORUM

The graduation ceremony is a formal event and it is an expectation that the decorum reflects such an atmosphere. Guests, and graduates, are expected to hold their applause until all names are called so that our graduates are guaranteed the respect they deserve. Yelling names or comments is not acceptable behavior or the kind of example we want to set for our children. Thank you in advance for your support in making this a respectful and memorable ceremony for all of our students.