



CHS SENIOR INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

The Graduation Ceremony
Friday, June 8, at 7PM
Roy Wilkins Auditorium, Xcel Center, St. Paul, Minnesota

****There are no tickets needed for the graduation ceremony. All are welcome to attend.****

Senior Events/Dates to Remember

April 25th - Senior Information Review Session (MANDATORY): All seniors are required to attend a meeting during Advisory in the Performing Arts Center. Students are to report to their Advisory for attendance prior to going to the PAC.

May 11th - Senior Boat Dance (optional): From 8–11PM, Taylors Falls. Cost \$20 (non-refundable). Sign up in the Activities Office (White Building) beginning April 26th.

May 23 - Baccalaureate (optional): Will be held at the PAC. Event is sponsored by the Centennial Ministerial Association. Please see a Senior Class Committee member if you have any questions. More information to follow.

May 21st - Scholarship Night: At 7PM in the PAC. Students will receive a formal invitation to attend the Scholarship night and will need to RSVP if they will be attending. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

June 1st - Seniors' last day of school.

June 5th - Graduation Rehearsal at CHS (MANDATORY): 9AM in the white gym. Rehearsal will be finished by 11:30AM. Students need to check in by 8:45AM. Anyone wishing to participate in the graduation ceremony **must** attend and **must** stay for the entire rehearsal.

June 7th - CALC Senior Recognition (spring): 6:30PM, Centennial Elementary Little Theater.

June 8th - Graduation Ceremony: At 7PM, Roy Wilkins Auditorium, Xcel Center. No tickets are required for admittance to the ceremony. This graduation ceremony is a formal event and the auditorium doors will open for seating at 6PM. **No noisemakers are allowed. PLEASE hold applause until all graduates' names have been read. Immediately following the ceremony, please meet your graduate in the Kellogg lobby.** The Kellogg lobby is located near the front of the building.

June 8-9th - Senior All-Night Party: Doors will open at 10PM and will be locked from 10:30 – 5AM at Red Building. Parents of the graduates sponsor this event. Tickets must be purchased prior to the party, and are available during conferences, homeroom and some lunches or in the Activities Office during the day. Only students participating in the graduation ceremony are invited to attend. The cost is \$60; the price increased to \$75 February 1st.

Eligibility to Graduate

Eligibility to participate in Graduation Ceremony: Only students who have already passed and/or are currently scheduled for all of the required courses/credits (51 credits, passed the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment II/GRAD test in Reading, Writing and Math*, and completed Advisory tasks which include the Senior Advisory Career Task of completing a resume and previous Advisory credit requirements) are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. The **DEADLINE** to have second semester work completed is **Friday, June 1st by 3PM.** Other requirements include graduation participation fee of \$20 (due by April 6th), no fees/fines, media fees/fines or lunch money due. Check with the Cashier (White Building) or the Guidance Office if you have fees/fines. Students and parents will be notified prior to the ceremony if they are unable to participate.

*The requirements are:

- Passing the MCA-II with a score of 1150 or higher or
- Passing the GRAD portion of the test with a score of 50 or higher

Students who do not pass the mathematics exam can still graduate if they:

- Participate in district-prescribed academic remediation in math, retest two times and sign-off on the GRAD Alternate Pathway form.

Important Deadlines/Honors/Appeals

January 18th - Senior Advisory Task Deadline. The Senior Advisory task (and Advisory credit given) must be completed by this date. All Advisory credits from prior years must also be made up by this date.

May 15th - The deadline for students earning night school credits and wishing to participate in the Centennial High School graduation is 5:15PM on May 15th.

May 22nd - The deadline for students earning night school credits and not wishing to participate in the Centennial High School graduation is 5:15PM on May 22nd.

Attendance Appeals for Seniors: Monday, June 4th, in the R102 from 3-4PM. This will be on a first come, first served basis. Prior to the appeals meeting students, should have a copy of the appeals form which can be found in both offices and the form needs to be returned to the Counseling Office with signatures from both teachers and counselors. The deadline for the signatures is **Friday, June 1st at 3PM**.

Honors students: A list of honors students will be posted in the White Building Office by May 17th. The list will show if students are eligible for a gold tassel, gold cord or gold stole (based on gpa). These are optional and there is a cost associated with these. They will be available for purchase from the Cashier after beginning May 17th. **This is based on all work completed through the end of 1st semester.**

Graduate with Distinction: Completion of 28 honors credits. Please see Ms. Christiansen (W500) to find out if you are eligible for a Graduate with Distinction Medal.

National Honor Society Students: You will be notified by Mr. Anderson if you are not eligible for an NHS Cord.

Student Council Students: You will be notified by Ms. Mechtel if you are not eligible for a Student Council Cord.

Peer Leaders: You will be notified by Ms. Eaton if you are not eligible for a Peer Leader Cord.

Announcements/Cap and Gown/Diplomas/Graduation Ceremony

January 4th - Graduation Announcements: Information about graduation announcements and cap/gown/tassel and diplomas will be distributed in Advisory.

January 12th and January 19th - Josten's will be here to take orders for graduation announcements and accessories and cap/gown/tassel (January 12th – during lunches in both buildings; January 19th – before school only).

February/March - Graduation Seating: Students will be allowed to sign up for who they would like to sit next to at graduation beginning in March. The sign-up sheet will be in the white office with Ms. Pierson. The deadline to sign-up is April 25th.

April - Senior Graduation Announcements delivery: If you ordered graduation announcements through Jostens, you will receive a post card from Jostens in the mail informing you of the delivery date (mid-April) and if any balance is owed. In order to pick up graduation announcements they must be paid in full with cash or check payable to "Jostens".

April 6th - Deadline to pay the \$20 graduation participation fee. This fee covers the cost of the auditorium rental and security. Pay this fee to the Cashier (White Building) cash or check payable to *Centennial High School*.

May 17th - Cap, Gown, Tassel distribution to students: PSEO, early graduates and students not attending school during the day will be able to pick up their cap and gown beginning at 11AM. All other seniors who will be graduating can pick up their cap and gown in the hallway across from the band room (white building) during their lunch time.

May 21st - Cap, Gown, Tassel distribution to students: If students did not pick up their cap and gown on May 17th, they will be available for pick up between 11AM and 1:30PM in the hallway across from the band room.

June 1st – This is the deadline to sign up to ride the bus to the graduation ceremony. Buses will leave at 5:15PM and return approximately 9:30PM. Students are strongly encouraged to ride the bus and can sign up in the white office. There is no cost to ride the bus. Parents can also sign up by calling (763) 792-5002.

Diplomas: Students can pick up their diploma at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony at Roy Wilkins. After this date diplomas will be available for pick up from the Counseling Office in the white building and **the student must pick up in person with a picture ID as the diploma is considered an official document.** PSEO students must produce documentation for completed course work after graduation to receive their diploma from the Guidance Office.

Handicapped Seating and Services: Handicapped seating, sign language interpreter, assistive listening kit, etc. are available. For handicapped parking please see information below. Call Ms. Pierson (763) 792-5002 by **May 18th** if you have special needs.

Senior Graduation Ceremony Picture: A photographer from Jolesch Photography will be at the graduation ceremony. You will receive a mailing from Jolesch Photography to order your pictures. You may also view and order your student's picture on-line at www.jolesch.com.

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Roy Wilkins Information

175 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55102

Directions:

Coming from the south: Take I-35 north to the Grand Avenue exit. Turn right and follow Grand Avenue to West 7th Street. Take a left on West 7th Street. Start looking for parking. Saint Paul RiverCentre is located on Kellogg Boulevard.

Coming from the north: Take I-35E south and exit on Wacouta, follow seven blocks to Kellogg Boulevard. Turn right and start looking for parking. Saint Paul RiverCentre is located on Kellogg Boulevard.

Coming from the east: Take I-94 west and exit on 6th Street. Turn left on Kellogg Boulevard and start looking for parking. Saint Paul RiverCentre is located on Kellogg Boulevard.

Coming from the west: Take I-94 east, exit on 5th Street and start looking for parking. Saint Paul RiverCentre is located on Kellogg Boulevard.

Tips:

It is a good idea to avoid driving the entire length of Kellogg Boulevard and use it only to get to the Park & Ride lot location. Avoid Kellogg Boulevard in most cases and use some alternate routes:

If you are traveling east on 94, take the 5th, 10th or 7th Street exits.

If you are traveling south on 35E, take 10th Street/Wacouta Street or University Ave./Capitol exits.

If you are traveling north on 35E, take Shepard Road, 7th Street, or 11th Street/ Capitol exits.

If you are traveling west on 94, take Kellogg Boulevard/Mounds Boulevard or Hwy. 52/6th Street exits.

Parking:

The Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium is serviced by two ramps (RiverCentre and Kellogg) directly connected to the complex. **Keep in mind that the RiverCentre and Kellogg ramps fill up early and alternate plans should be made for entering the city, as well as finding parking during events.** There are more than 50 parking ramps/lots within a brief walk of the Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium. For more parking information please see www.xcelenergycenter.com or www.rivercentre.org. Handicapped parking is available in all parking ramps:

- RiverCentre Ramp - Kellogg Blvd.
- Cleveland Circle - W. 5th and W. 7th Streets
- World Trade Center Ramp
- Lawson Commons - 10 W. 6th Street
- Victory Ramp - 344 N. Wabasha Street
- Town Square - 405 Minnesota Street
- Norwest Center - 56 E. 6th Street
- Macy's - 411 Cedar Street
- Firststar Center - 326 Minnesota Street

For more information on Roy Wilkins, please go to their web site: www.TheRoy.org. If you should have questions please call 763-792-5002.