



# CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Senior Newsletter – Class of 2019

### Activities Office

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### Senior Highlights & Information

#### Graduation 2019

Graduation is Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orleans Arena. Doors will open for guests at 5:00 p.m. and graduates need to be there by 5:15 p.m. All questions regarding graduation should be directed towards the Activities Office and the Chaparral HS Website, [www.chaparrallasvegas.com](http://www.chaparrallasvegas.com).

#### Senior Activities & Senior Exams

Senior Activities are scheduled throughout the month of May. To participate, senior fines must be paid in full and seniors must be on track to graduate.

- April 30: Senior Meeting in the theatre 10:00 a.m.
- May 1: Senior Awards Night in the Gym at 6:00 p.m.
- May 3: Deadline for Senior Fines to be Paid
- May 3: Move Up Assembly
- May 10: Deadline for Additional Graduation Tickets at 2:15 p.m.
- May 15: Distribution of senior check out cards
- May 10 & 13: Final Exams Periods 1 and 2
- May 14 & 15: Final Exams Periods 3 and 4
- May 16 & 17: Final Exams Periods 5 and 6
- May 20: Final Exam Period 7
- May 20: Senior Check-Out Cards Due to Counselors by 2:15 p.m. Senior Sunset 7:00 p.m.
- May 22: Senior Field Day/Barbeque
- May 23: Senior Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
- May 23: Senior Final Check-Out, Graduation Rehearsal, Distribution of Cap & Gown and Graduation Tickets @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 24: Grad Nite @ Six Flags - Depart 4:00 p.m.
- May 30: Graduation Day @ 6:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Activities and dates are subject to change.**

#### Senior Fines

Senior fines must be paid in full by Friday, May 10, 2019 in order for a senior to participate in the graduation ceremony. Notices were sent out throughout the year to notify seniors and encourage them to begin making payments. An updated senior fine list is posted in the main office. If your name is listed, see the school banker immediately and request a print-out of your fines. Begin to clear fines as quickly as possible by returning missing items and/or making payments. Make sure you receive a receipt for any fines paid as well as for any returned items.

#### Senior Checkout Cards

Senior Check-out Cards will be distributed on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. As you complete each exam, teachers will sign you out. The **completed** Checkout Card must be returned to the counseling office no later than the end of the day on Monday, May 20, 2019. Cards not completed and turned in by this date may result in a delay in a student receiving their clearance for graduation. **An incomplete "Checkout Card," means no graduation!**

#### Graduation Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory graduation rehearsal for all seniors who intend to walk in the Graduation Ceremony. The rehearsal will begin at **8:30 a.m. in the Main Gym on May 23, 2019**. Following the rehearsal, seniors who have completed the check-out process and are cleared for graduation will receive their cap and gown and graduation tickets. **Seniors who do not attend the Graduation Rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony.**

#### Herff Jones

Questions regarding graduation items such as cap and gowns, announcements, and other purchased items should be directed to Herff Jones. Caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Remember, caps and tassels are yours to keep. Gowns must be returned to Herff Jones immediately after the graduation ceremony, before you can receive your diploma. Please plan your graduation photos accordingly. Also, in order for you to receive your cap and gown on May 23, 2019, your **Herff Jones balance must be paid in full**. To pay your balance in full, visit [www.HJGrad.com](http://www.HJGrad.com), or call 702-396-4723.

#### Graduation Tickets

Admission will be by ticket **ONLY**. Anyone attending, including small children, will need a ticket. Graduating Seniors will receive six (6) tickets on May 23, 2019 at the Graduation Rehearsal. Students needing additional tickets must submit their **Graduation Ceremony Additional Ticket Request Form** signed by their parent/guardian and turned in to the Activities Office secretary by Monday, May 10, 2019. Parents may request from one (1) to eight (8) extra ticket(s) on the order form. Additional tickets, requested in advance, will be distributed at the graduation rehearsal on May 23, 2019. Due to the limited amount of tickets, seniors are asked to please return their extra tickets to the Activities Office for others to enjoy.

#### Senior End of the Year Success Checklist:

1. No suspensions or serious school rule violations.
2. Make sure your absences and attendance are in order. Do not wait until the last minute to appeal unexcused absences.
3. Stay up to date with projects, assignments and grades. Communicate with your teachers.
4. Do not waste the last month of school and jeopardize graduation and being able to walk at graduation.
5. No last great act of defiance. No pranks or vandalism to the school.

#### Hearing Impaired

If you or your guests require hearing impaired assistance, please call Activities Office at Chaparral High School 702-799-7580, ext. 4200. Accommodations for the hearing impaired must be made in advance.

## Graduation Day & Graduation Etiquette

### Graduation Dress Code

Graduating students must wear the official graduation gowns for the ceremony. Students must arrive at 5:15 p.m. with their cap on and their gown open for dress code check. It is suggested, boys wear a shirt with a collar (a tie would be nice), slacks, socks, and nice shoes. Additional, it is recommended that girls wear a school appropriate dress, or pants with a nice blouse, and appropriate shoes that the graduate is able to walk in. No flip flops, no purses, no inappropriate items/clothing will be permitted. Please note all caps should be clear of any decorations. Remember failure to follow rules may result in not walking in the ceremony. **DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

### Confiscated Items

After the students have been checked for dress code, they will be allowed to zip up their gown and line up. **Remember – only graduates will be admitted to this staging area.** The following items will be confiscated at the door: purses, cell phones, noise makers, signs, electronic devices, etc. Any inappropriate items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the ceremony. Any questions regarding what an in-appropriate item might be, please contact the Curriculum Office

### Distribution of Diploma Covers & Diplomas

During the ceremony, diploma covers will be presented to graduates by CCSD personnel. The actual diploma will be given to graduates after they have returned their gown and once they present their cap (with label with student name inside) to the appropriate diploma distributor at the end of the ceremony.

### Mortarboard (Cap) Throwing

Due to the possibility of injury, the throwing of caps (as well as other objects) prior to, during, or following the commencement ceremony is strictly prohibited. Students must show their cap to receive their diploma.

### Seating

Every person attending graduation, with the exception of graduates, will require a ticket for entrance to the Orleans Arena, including small children. It is important to know that there is no reserved seating. This will be monitored by the Orleans venue. There is also handicapped seating (space is limited to the handicapped guest and one additional person).

Strollers and balloons will not be permitted in the Orleans Arena. You will have to check them and pick them up after the ceremony. Check in will be at the entrance marked "Ticket Office" at the arena entrance hallway.

### Parking at the Orleans Arena

Graduating students are strongly encouraged to drive to the ceremony with their families. Students should either park and walk to the graduate entrance or be dropped off prior to the family parking. Families are encouraged to use the parking garage, as the waiting area from the garage parking is inside and there will be air conditioning. Parking and traffic may be challenging so please plan accordingly. Parking maps are available on the Chaparral Website.

### Audience Etiquette

Audience members are asked to refrain from distracting noises during the graduation ceremony. Please do not bring whistles, noisemakers, air horns, or other devices that will disrupt the ceremony and prevent others from hearing the name of the next graduate. All noisemakers will be confiscated. Please allow all audience members to hear the name of that special graduate they came to honor. Remember, every person in attendance is a guest of the Clark County School District and the Orleans Arena. Disruptive guests will be told to leave.

### Behavior of Graduates

Any student who does not exhibit proper behavior will immediately be removed from the graduation area. A diploma will not be issued to the student at that time, but will be issued to parents at a conference with the school principal. School personnel are assigned supervisory responsibilities to assist and monitor graduates during the ceremony. Should a student be found under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, the student will be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony and will be removed from the graduation area.

### Graduates Not Attending Graduation

Graduating Seniors who do not attend the ceremony may pick up their diploma beginning Friday, May 31, 2019 in the Activities Office.

\*\*\* This is a working document. Times and dates are subject to change.

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