

CABOT GRADUATION 2017

Verizon Arena, North Little Rock, AR, 7:00 PM

May 19, 2017

Congratulations!

Your big day is approaching. Verizon Arena will allow all your family and friends to enjoy graduation in the comfortable confines of Arkansas' premier indoor arena. Please read this newsletter very carefully. You will find important information regarding your participation in the graduation ceremony. Security measures for Verizon Arena have been increased lately. Please read the security information carefully and plan for additional time to make sure that you and your family are in place prior to the procession.

Graduation Practice

All graduating seniors MUST attend graduation practice on Friday, May 19th. You should plan to be in the Arena no later than 7:45 a.m. on Friday, May 19. NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED ON THE BUSES. Park in your regular parking spot and come directly to the Panther Arena. You will be dismissed alphabetically to board buses that will leave promptly to carry you to Verizon Arena. You must ride the bus to and from Verizon. You must stay for the entire practice and return to the high school on the bus you ride to practice. Because of increased security at Verizon, we ask that you only bring keys and a phone. No purses, No bags, No Backpacks. No caps or hats. School Dress Code still applies! Please do not make any appointments before 2:00 p.m.

Buses will leave CHS as soon as possible after the tardy bell. If you're not on the bus, you will miss graduation practice and not be allowed to walk. Make plans to be in the arena between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m.



Congratulations!

Today is your day.

*You're off to Great
Places! You're off
and away!*

—Dr. Seuss

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Family Information

Cabot High School is very proud of their graduation ceremonies. We have worked hard to give the ceremony an air of dignity and elegance. We ask that as a courtesy to your senior and to the parents, family, and friends of the rest of the class of 2017 you refrain from yelling for your senior or using horns and cowbells at the ceremony. This not only distracts from the ceremony, but also prevents family members of other seniors from hearing their son/daughter's name when it is called. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Dress Code Requirements

Students are to wear only caps and gowns approved by CHS administration. Graduation attire is to be worn as it is designed to be worn (caps on top of the head, robes zipped, etc).

No adornments other than school-issued collars, stoles, cords, and medallions are to be worn with caps and gowns. This includes corsages.

Student Attire – In addition to caps and gowns, graduates will wear clothes appropriate for this dignified occasion. Dressy attire is expected. To conform to the dress code, the recommended apparel is as follows:

Girls – Dress, skirt, or dress pants and blouse, dress shoes (black, navy, white, or beige are all acceptable colors). If wearing a dress or skirt, please make sure that the hem is no longer than the hem of your graduation gown. If wearing dress pants please choose a dark solid color (black or navy). Avoid high collared dresses or blouses that would show above the collar of the gown.

Guys – White shirt, dark slacks, dark tie, black or brown shoes and socks

Prohibited Dress Items – athletic shoes, flip-flops, jeans, shorts, t-shirts, athletic apparel, sunglasses, blinking shoes, etc.

Pictures/DVD

Information about ordering pictures and a DVD of graduation will be provided at graduation practice. A photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. CHTV will be recording the video of graduation and will make that available for ordering as well.



SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Verizon Arena has handicap accessible parking and seating. A map will be included in your packet at practice to help plan for your family and friends. If any member of your family will require an interpreter for the hearing impaired, please let Mrs. Beason know as soon as possible.

Important Dates

April 17, 2017– Honor Graduate Luncheon at Cabot Community Center

April 22, 2017– 8:00 p.m. Cabot High School Prom

April 25-26, 2017 Seniors are approved for college visit days

April 28, 2017 Meeting in the loft during Senior English classes to receive information about Life Impact Diplomas

May 11, 2017– Last day for seniors not taking semester exams

May 11, 2017– 7:00 p.m. Celebration of Excellence for seniors receiving academic awards

May 12, 2017 – Semester tests for seniors

May 18, 2017 - Life Impact Diploma Presentations

May 19, 2017 – 7:45 a.m. Graduation Practice. Report to Panther Arena to board buses to Verizon

May 19, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. arrival at Verizon to line up for graduation ceremonies. Doors will open between 5:30 and 6:00 PM

May 23, 2017– Beginning at 9:00 a.m. you may pick up your diploma in the high school office



Parking

Seniors can park free in the lot across from the box office entrance until the lot is full. Once the lot is full it is likely that you will have to pay \$20 for parking. Additional parking for seniors will be in front of the arena. You need to get there early to secure yourselves a parking spot. Your cap and gown will be your pass. All entrances to the arena should be open by 6:00 p.m. You will receive a diagram of the arena at practice that shows where you will be sitting. This will assist your family in finding seats that will allow them to see you cross the stage. Please inform your family that Verizon Arena will conduct security searches of patrons entering the arena and they should plan to arrive in plenty of time to clear security. I encourage you not to bring a bag of any kind to graduation. Just bring your phone, keys, and wallet.

Graduation Transportation

The Cabot School District will provide a bus to graduation for students and their families who do not have transportation of their own. If you need this transportation please let Mrs. Beason know, either by email or by signing up in room 1115, prior to May 1st.

Important Information

Clear up all fines you owe before your last day of classes. Turn in all textbooks you were issued. Be sure you have all discipline taken care of. You will not be able to walk at graduation until all discipline issues are completed at CHS. You will not be able to get your diploma until all fines are paid in full.

Diplomas will not be distributed to you graduation night. Your diploma may be picked up beginning **Tuesday** morning, May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the High School Office. You may only pick up your own diploma. If someone else is picking up your diploma, they must be on your emergency contact list.

Beginning May 15, 2017 you are no longer allowed on campus unless you have to take a test. You must check in at the office should you have to return. Returning to campus to visit, have lunch with friends, visiting your girl/boyfriends etc. will not be allowed. You were given the privilege of being allowed to get out of school a week prior to graduation. Please don't mess up your chances of graduating by not following these guidelines.

See Mrs. Beason in Room 1115 if you haven't picked up your cap and gown, announcements, or if you have any questions concerning graduation.

“Line 89”

Date of Event: May 19, 2017

Time: 8:15-9:00 AM

On Friday morning, May 19, the Class of 2017 will depart Cabot High School for graduation practice at Verizon Arena. We invite the public to join us as we “Line 89” in support of our seniors. Buses will leave Champs Hall and make a loop of the high school campus before heading south towards Verizon Arena. Cabot Public Schools and departments along the route include: Transportation, CAO, Cabot High School, Southside Elementary, and ACE/ALE. We would like to invite everyone to join us as we send our seniors off and show them how much our community celebrates their success.

Buses will exit Champs Hall and turn left onto Pine St/Hwy 89.

Turn left onto Lillie St.

Turn left onto Bellamy St.

Turn left onto North Lincoln St.

Turn left onto Pine St/Hwy 89.

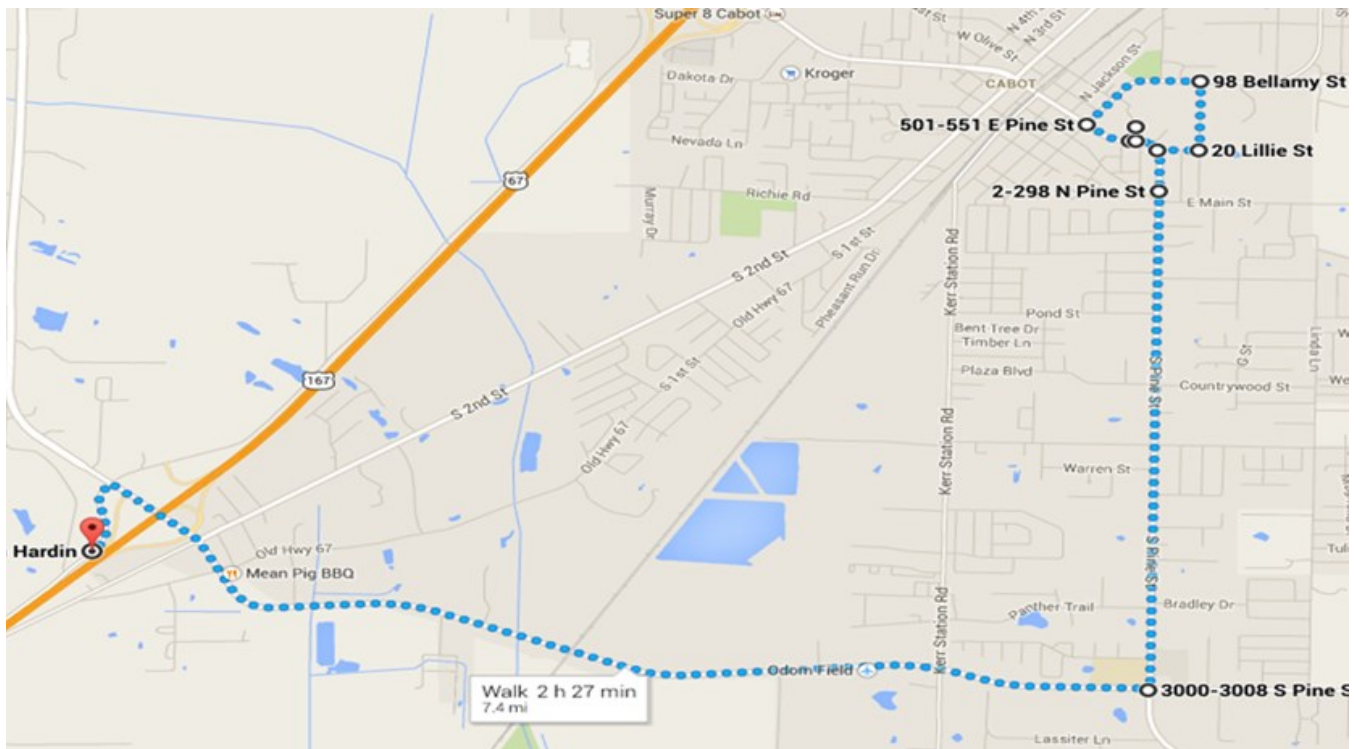
Turn right onto Hwy 321 West on Hwy 321 to US 67/167.

Go over overpass and turn left onto south bound US 67/167 on ramp.

Contact Us

For any questions concerning any part of graduation, please contact

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Bag Policy

Walk-through magnetometers are mandatory for every Verizon Arena event. Items that must be placed on the security inspection table:

- Bags
- Cell Phones
- Cameras
- Keys
- Other metal objects

Items that may be kept on your person:

- Coins
- Wallet
- Belt
- Watch
- Jewelry

Permitted

No bags large than 14 x 14 x 6 in size. (1 per person)
Diaper bags for parents with infants

Not Permitted

- Backpacks
- Computer Bags
- Briefcases
- Presents, balloons or flowers
- Posters or signs
- Air horns or Bullhorns
- Noisemakers
- Cakes, cupcakes, any outside food

Exceptions will be made for those with medical needs.