

CABOT HIGH SCHOOL 2014 GRADUATION
Friday, May 16, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Verizon Arena, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Congratulations, Class of 2014! You have reached a new milestone in your life! As your graduation draws near, we would like to supply you and your family with information that will help make your last weeks at Cabot High School and your graduation go smoothly. Please read these instructions very carefully for important information.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: You must have met all the requirements specified by the Arkansas Department of Education and Cabot High School.

CAP AND GOWN: See Mrs. Beason in Room 1131 if you have not received your cap and gown or other senior items.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL: Rehearsal will be held at Verizon Arena on Friday morning, May 16th.

- If you are planning on walking during graduation on Friday night, you **MUST** attend graduation rehearsal on Friday Morning.
- **You WILL NOT need your cap and gown for the rehearsal.**
- You should arrive at school at 8:00 a.m.
- Park in your regular parking lot and come directly to the Panther Arena for instructions.
- At 8:15 you will be dismissed to board the buses for Verizon Arena.
- You **MUST RIDE THE BUS** to Verizon. You **MUST STAY FOR THE ENTIRE REHEARSAL** and return to the high school on the same bus you rode to rehearsal.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE BUSES.**
- **School appropriate attire is required for rehearsal. NO CAPS OR HATS are allowed on the bus or at Verizon.**
- With your cooperation, practice will end no later than 11:45. You will return by bus to the high school where you will be dismissed until Friday night. **Please do not make any appointments before 12:00 p.m. that would require you to leave rehearsal early.**

PARKING AT GRADUATION:

- Seniors can park for free in the lot across from the box office entrance. Additional parking for seniors will be in front of the Arena. You need to get there early to secure a parking spot. Your cap and gown will be your pass.
- All entrances to the arena should be open around 5:45 p.m. You will receive a diagram of the arena at rehearsal that shows where you will be sitting. This will assist your family in finding seats on the same side of the arena. 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.

IMPORTANT: TRAFFIC IN CABOT & LITTLE ROCK WILL BE AT THE MAXIMUM. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO LEAVE HOME IN PLENTY OF TIME TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE CEREMONIES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO LEAVE HOME EARLIER THAN YOU NORMALLY WOULD.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: The graduation ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th at the Verizon Arena in North Little Rock. **Please arrive at 6:00 p.m.** This is a solemn and dignified ceremony requiring appropriate attire and behavior. We ask that as a courtesy to all seniors, their parents, and friends, that guests be asked not to do anything which is rude or disruptive during the ceremony. This includes yelling and the use of horns or other noise-makers. Noise-making 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.**

GRADUATION TRANSPORTATION (IF NEEDED):

- The Cabot School District will provide a bus to graduation for students and their families who do not have transportation. If you need transportation, please let Mrs. Beason know either by e-mail or by signing up in her room (1131) prior to May 1st.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR GRADUATION (IF NEEDED):

- If you or anyone in your family needs an interpreter for graduation, please let Mrs. Beason know either by email or by stopping by room 1131.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE:

Graduation Regalia:

- 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, please 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), nude colored hosiery. 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. Please remember you have waited 12 years for this night. Don't do anything that might mar it for you or your classmates. This is a dignified affair, please treat it as such.

GRADUATION PICTURES/DVD:

- A photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. You can order these pictures online at events.lifetouch.com
- A DVD of graduation will also be available for purchase. Forms will be given out at graduation rehearsal.

VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER

- **All fines and discipline must be cleared before receiving a diploma.** Pay 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 before graduation. If you owe days in Saturday School, ISS, or D-Hall, you WILL NOT be allowed to walk graduation night.
- Diplomas will not be distributed on graduation night. Diplomas may be picked up Monday morning, May 19, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the High School Office. You may pick up **YOUR** diploma only.
- Please enjoy your week away from campus prior to graduation. As of May 9, 2014 only seniors who are taking a test will be allowed on campus. You must check in at the office should you have to return. Returning to campus to visit or have lunch with friends is not permissible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 8, 2014 – Last day for seniors not taking tests. **Seniors are not required to take semester tests, but you may if you want to try to improve a grade.*
- May 9, 2014 – Semester tests for seniors choosing to take a test
- May 16, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. arrival at Panther Arena to board buses to Verizon
- May 16, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. arrival at Verizon Arena to line up for graduation ceremonies
- May 19, 2014 – Beginning at 9:00 a.m., you may pick up your diploma in the high school office.

For any questions concerning any part of graduation, please contact Angela Beason, Graduation Coordinator, at 843-3562 or by e-mail at angela.beason@cps.k12.ar.us