

CABOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
7:00 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015
Verizon Arena
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Congratulations, Class of 2015! You made it (provided you have met all the requirements specified by the Arkansas Department of Education and Cabot High School). Your big day is approaching. Verizon Arena will allow all your family and friends to enjoy the 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.

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 2015 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.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

All graduating seniors **MUST** attend graduation practice. You should plan to arrive at school at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15. **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE BUSES.** Park in your regular parking lot and come directly to the Panther Arena. You will be dismissed as a group to board buses that will leave promptly at 8:15 to carry you to Verizon Arena. You must ride the bus to Verizon and please do not make any appointments before 12:00 p.m. You must stay for the entire practice and you must return to the high school on the bus you ride to practice. With your co-operation, practice will end by 11:45 or sooner and the buses will return you to the high school where you will be dismissed until Friday night. You will need to return to Verizon for the ceremonies at 6:00 p.m.

GRADUATION PICTURES/DVD

A photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. If you choose to order these pictures, fill out the envelope that will be given to you at graduation practice and enclose your payment. Bring your order form with you that night with your payment enclosed. Should you forget to bring your picture money that night, don't fret, you can mail it to the address on the envelope. A DVD of graduation will also be available for purchase. Forms will be given out at graduation practice.

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, 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), and any hosiery worn should be nude colored. 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.

We will have appropriate shoes and attire to provide for students that come to graduation not properly dressed.

PARKING AT GRADUATION

Seniors can park 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 yourselves 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 practice 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.

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 a deaf interpreter, please let Mrs. Beason know as soon as possible.

VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER

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 Monday morning, May 18, 2015 beginning 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.

As of May 8, 2015 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 1131 if you haven't gotten your cap and gown, senior items or if you have any questions concerning graduation. Again, **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK AT GRADUATION UNLESS ALL FINES AND FEES HAVE BEEN CLEARED.**

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACT: 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 TRANSPORTATION (IF NEEDED)

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 her room (1131), prior to May 1st.

PRACTICE IS MANDATORY

Do not wear your cap and gown to practice and remember that the school dress code is still in effect. Verizon may be cool so please wear appropriate attire.

NO CAPS OR HATS are allowed. Leave them at home. They will not be worn on the bus or at Verizon.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 7, 2015 – Last day for seniors not taking tests. *Seniors are not required to take semester tests, but may if you want to try to improve a grade.

May 8, 2015 – Semester tests for seniors choosing to take a test

May 15, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. arrival at Panther Arena to board buses to Verizon

May 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. arrival at Verizon to line up for graduation ceremonies

May 18, 2015- beginning at 9:00 AM 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 email at angela.beason@cps.k12.ar.us.