

CABOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

7:00 p.m.

May 17, 2013

Verizon Arena

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Congratulations, Class of 2013! 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.

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 you as a courtesy to your senior and to the parents, family and friends of the rest of the class of 2013 refrain from yelling for your senior, 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 called. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Please read this newsletter very carefully. You will find important information regarding your participation in the graduation ceremony.

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 or skirt and blouse no longer than length of your gown, dress shoes (black, navy, white or beige are all acceptable colors), and any hosiery worn should be nude colored. 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 PRACTICE

If you are planning on walking during graduation on Friday night, you **MUST** attend graduation practice on Friday morning. You should plan to arrive at school at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17. Park in your regular parking lot and come directly to the Panther Arena. You will be dismissed as a group to board busses 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 rode down on.** With your co-operation, practice will end by 11:45 or sooner and the busses will return you to the high school where you will be dismissed until Friday night. You will 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 form that will be given to you at graduation practice. Bring your order form with you that night with your payment enclosed and there will be a container on the table where you will pick up your name card you will hand to the principal when you walk across the stage. Should you forget to bring your picture money that night, don't stress, 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.

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. **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.**

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. If you owe for days in Saturday School, ISS or D-Hall, you will not receive your diploma until you are clear of fines and discipline here at CHS. Diplomas will not be distributed to you graduation night. Your diploma may be picked up Monday morning, May 20, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the High School Office. You may only pick up your own diploma. Another person's diploma will not be given to you. Please do not ask.

As of May 10, 2013 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 Ms. Jordan in Room 1409 if you haven't received your cap and gown, senior items or if you have any questions concerning graduation.

Report to the Panther Arena at 8:00 a.m. Friday May 17, 2017. **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE BUSES.**

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.

May 9, 2013 – 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 10, 2013 – Semester tests for seniors choosing to take a test

May 17, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. arrival at Panther Arena to board busses to Verizon

May 17, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. arrival at Verizon to line up for graduation ceremonies

For any questions concerning any part of graduation, please contact Sallye Beth Jordan, Graduation Co-Ordinator, at 843-3562 or by email at Sallye.Jordan@cps.k12.ar.us. Graduation information is also available on the CHS website at <http://Cabotschools.org>.

TRANSPORTATION

Cabot High School will provide transportation for students and their immediate family members to attend the 2013 graduation ceremony. The bus will depart from Champs Hall at 5:30 p.m. and return to CHS immediately following the ceremony.

There will not be a charge for transportation but advance reservations are required. Please contact Sherry Blair at Cabot High School no later than May 15th to reserve seats. An approximate count will be required when making the reservation.

