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2010 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PARENT INFORMATION



*Congratulations to students and parents on the upcoming
Commencement Ceremony!*

We at CSNHS are currently making preparations for our 2010 commencement ceremony. The following information is presented to help you and your senior to be completely informed about this very important event. Please feel free to call the office at 651-3080 for the Henderson campus, 651-5030 for the Charleston campus, and 651-4070 for the Cheyenne campus, if you have any questions.

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Commencement will be held *Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 9:00am*, at the *Orleans Arena*. Seniors need to be at the Arena between 7:30-7:45 a.m. Seniors should enter through the door located towards the northwest side of the Orleans Arena. Spectators will enter through the front or side entrance of the building.

PARKING

Parking will be available in Self Parking back by the Orleans Arena, Please do not park in front of the hotel/Casino/Resort. You may park in the covered garage as well.



ADMISSION

Admission will be by ticket **ONLY**. Each senior will receive ten (10) tickets when caps and gowns are distributed. They may pick up additional tickets at that time if they come in to the office in advance and fill out the form for more tickets.

Beyond that additional tickets may be picked-up at any of the three offices before 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Graduating seniors do not need a ticket.

Their caps and gowns will be their admission.

Seating for wheelchair guests is located on the top of the arena.

One guest may accompany the wheelchair bound individual. Please see arena personnel at the time of commencement to make arrangements.

SENIOR FINES

ALL FINES, FEES, AND OTHER DEBTS OWED TO COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL MUST BE PAID BEFORE A CAP AND GOWN WILL BE ISSUED TO ANY STUDENT.

Please pay your fines no later than **Friday, May 21, 2010.**

PICTURE/VIDEO TAKING

It is suggested that pictures be taken at home before the ceremony. There will be a professional photographer taking pictures of each senior as he or she crosses the stage. The photographer will send purchase information for these photos directly to your home the week following the commencement ceremony. Video cameras, as well as other types of cameras, are allowed in the regular seating area; however, no power source is available. DVD service is provided through the Orleans. Fliers will be available in the school office if you are interested. (This is not a CCSD service, but an Orleans service).



DEMEANOR OF SPECTATORS

It is the philosophy of the Clark County School District that high school commencement ceremonies are designed to honor seniors with activities that reflect the dignity, respect, and solemnity that this important occasion warrants. The school district has developed the following guidelines to provide seniors and spectators with an understanding that the ceremonies must be conducted in an appropriate atmosphere.

It is expected that all spectators will recognize that the commencement ceremony is a solemn and dignified event and that appropriate behavior will be necessary. Disruptive conduct of any kind will cause spectators to be removed from the ceremony area.

Noise makers, such as air horns, balloons, and signs or posters, are not allowed

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY REHEARSAL

There will be a **mandatory** commencement ceremony **rehearsal** on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. (will last about 2 hours). The joint campus rehearsal will take place on the Bonanza High School campus in the gym. Seniors are reminded that regular school attire will be required at this rehearsal, however wear casual school clothes as we will be in their gym with no chairs.

Since we cannot rehearse at the Orleans, this school rehearsal is extremely important. **Seniors who do not attend the rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students involved in the "Drive to Excellence" program will be released in time to attend.**





CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Seniors must pick up caps and gowns **at check out** after commencement practice. (Please check right away that it fits) All fines must be cleared in order to receive the cap and gown. Please report to the Orleans Arena wearing your gown. You may want to iron your gown (on very low setting) or hang it up several days before the ceremony. When wearing the cap, place the tassel on the left side.

LINE-UP PROCEDURES

Seniors will enter through the northwest and east tunnel entrances and exit through the southeast and west tunnels. Seniors will line up in the following order: Associate Degrees, Valedictorians, Salutatorians, seniors who are seated on stage (student body presidents, singer), Honors Diploma graduates, and remaining seniors in alphabetical order by entrance 1 and entrance 2.

[Students participating in the Annual Baccalaureate Ceremonies, should see their Counselor for more information]

SENIOR ATTIRE

Seniors must wear official CSNHS commencement ceremony gowns ordered through Jostens. Under their gowns, young men should wear a light-colored shirt and dark dress slacks, socks, and dress shoes. Young ladies are to wear a normal-length dress/skirt that does not hang below their gown or suit pants and appropriate dress shoes. Sandals, flip-flops, boots, or tennis shoes/sneakers **will not** be permitted. All students are expected to follow the Clark County School District Dress Code.

HAND-CARRIED ITEMS

Seniors may **NOT** have any items in their hands when they line up for the ceremony. **NO** cell phones at ceremony. There is no secure area provided for valuables, so young ladies should plan to leave their purses with someone seated in the stands. Flowers, leis, or items of this nature should be presented to your seniors at the conclusion of the commencement ceremony outside of the Arena.

This year the National Honor Society at the CSNHS-South campus worked effortlessly in conjunction with Green Valley High school's student government to contribute to Baby's Bounty, a local organization aimed at helping under privileged mothers. The members began by brainstorming various ideas for fundraisers to collect donations. The fundraiser held on the CSN south campus was extremely successful in collecting funds. The members hand crafted Valentine Grams containing various candies and chocolates sold at \$1 each. The overall profit from the event, nearly \$400, was put towards buying items for donation. The members from Green Valley High School also held an event where they passed around a change bucket for a week. The final result from Green Valley's efforts was \$750. The total collected between the two schools was a WHOPPING \$1,150! After the donations were collected, members from both organizations teamed up for a shopping extravaganza to expend half of all funds raised. Various baby items such as clothes, strollers, wipes, diapers, and more were purchased and packed up for donation to the Baby's Bounty office. The rest of the sum was donated in a monetary form. "The entire process of holding the fundraiser and purchasing the items was very beneficial and worth the time and effort put into it," said NHS President, Isabella Pasbakhsh, "I hope that the legacy left behind will continue to inspire future generations of National Honor Society members to make a positive contribution to their community."

BEHAVIOR OF SENIORS

Any senior who does not exhibit appropriate behavior will be removed immediately from the commencement area. A diploma **will not** be issued to them until a subsequent parent conference has been held with the school principal. Seniors found to be under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.


Due to the possibility of injury, the throwing of mortarboards (caps, as well as other objects) prior to, during or following the commencement exercise, is prohibited. Cartwheels and flips are strictly prohibited.




DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS


During the ceremony, only the diploma cover will be presented to seniors as they walk across the stage. Actual diplomas will be given to seniors after they exit through the southeast and southwest tunnels after the ceremony. Seniors will keep their gowns, caps, and tassels. *All CSNHS/CSN stoles, honor cords, and/or hoods must be turned in prior to receiving diplomas*. After diplomas are received, seniors will exit through the assigned hallways of the building boys east side girls west side, where families and friends may meet them. Parents, family members and/or friends are not allowed in the hallways.

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



<p>May 21 May 17 thru May 28 May 19 May 19 May 27, 28 - June 1 June 2 June 2 June 2 June 5</p>	<p>Senior fines due Senior portfolios National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 6:00 p.m., Nick Horn Theatre located on the Cheyenne Campus. Senior Award Night will be held at 7:00 p.m., Nick Horn Theatre Located on the Cheyenne Campus. Final exams Final exam make up day – make arrangements with teacher (s) Senior checkout and pick up caps and gowns Mandatory Commencement practice, 12:30 p.m., at Bonanza High School African American Baccalaureate (B-Con) – Sat., June 5, 2010; time- 3pm; at the Las Vegas Academy Theater. Students wishing to participate must practice on June 4th at 3pm in the LVA theater and pick up tickets for their guests. For more information call Ms. F. Elliott at 799-1777. Hispanic Baccalaureate - Don't have details if it will happen. Last day to pick-up additional CSNHS graduation tickets Commencement Ceremony at Orleans 9:00am Graduating Seniors report by 7:45a.m. Final Report Cards mailed home</p>
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Parents, ParentLink Needs Your Email Address!

As we move into summer, we want to make sure that you will have full access to ParentLink on your schedule. Setting up your email address in ParentLink enables to your reset your password if it is ever lost or forgotten, receive email messages from your school, and subscribe to other important ParentLink communications. Simply log in to ParentLink, click on the **MY ACCOUNT** tab, and click the **ADD** button in the **Email Addresses** section. Then click **SAVE** to save your address once it is entered on the **Add Email Address** page. Don't delay, set up your email address today!

Con"grad"ulations Class of 2010

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