



Coon Rapids High School

Class of 2019

Graduation Newsletter

Upcoming Events

May 7

Senior Class Meeting during Cardinal Core advisory time (8:44 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) in the auditorium.

May 9

Senior Class Meeting for full-time and morning STEP Students, 8:00 a.m. at STEP.

May 28

Senior Recognition Ceremony during Cardinal Core advisory time (8:44 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) in the Auditorium; recognizing honor grads, academic letters, and special awards. Invitations were mailed to honorees.

May 28

Cap and gown distribution, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the fieldhouse (west end).

May 28

Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m. in CRHS Auditorium (Optional).

May 30

Last day for seniors; BBQ lunch in Cardinal Stadium.

May 30

Coon Rapids Scholarship Night, 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Invitations mailed to recipients. Line-up at 6:45 p.m. **Wear your cap and gown.**

June 2

Graduates need to arrive to 3M Arena at Mariucci by **12:00 p.m.**

Commencement

3M Arena at Mariucci
1901 4th St. SE,
Minneapolis
Sunday June 2 2019
1:00 p.m.

Message from the Principal

Congratulations on your accomplishment Class of 2019! Graduation is a special moment in your life and for all of your loved ones as well. Many people have embraced and supported you to ensure that you reached this goal in your journey. So far in your journey at school, you have already met some goals in the last 13 years— getting an “A” in that hard class, making a certain level on a team, creating or leading that club, performing in front of your peers and loved ones in our musicals or concerts, making many new friends and participating in the pride of CARDINAL NATION. In your personal journey of life, your loved ones will reflect on many other powerful moments as you walk across the stage at 3M Arena at Mariucci – your first steps, first words, the first time you played in a sport or an activity, when you “graduated” from kindergarten, or drove the car for the first time and many more. This is a very joyous and emotional moment for you and your family, and can come with mixed emotions and perhaps some anxiety.

All of these emotions are very natural. This is a time when you need to keep your healthy routine of getting enough sleep, food, completing assignments and support one another in preparation for this wonderful moment in your life. Please use common sense and stay clear of dangerous behaviors that could jeopardize your health or graduation. “At the time I thought it was a good idea...” as stated in the power point presented by Mr. Scott should help you keep focused for the next few weeks as graduation nears. Talking with your parents and loved ones is always a good idea and they have your best interests in their hearts!

Our staff is extremely proud of your hard work and leadership. From athletics, to fine arts, to academic accomplishments the Class of 2019 has made a statement about hard work and CARDINAL PRIDE. We hope and expect that our Seniors will finish strong through the commencement of graduation. As I started this message to you, please remember that this moment is special and will be remembered by the many parents, grandparents, family members, friends and guests that attend your commencement. Make all of us proud of you as you finish your journey at CRHS – finish strong! We look forward to your next steps in your journey and wish you the best!

Annette M. Ziegler, Ed.D.

Commencement Philosophy

It is the philosophy of Coon Rapids High School that commencement ceremonies are designed to honor graduates with dignity. Graduates and their guests are asked politely to refrain from any action that would disrupt the atmosphere of these ceremonies. With the cooperation of those attending commencement, everyone will experience a positive, memorable event. Participation in commencement is voluntary – those not wishing to comply with the expectations and standards are asked to not participate.

Senior Recognition Ceremony Tuesday, May 28th at 8:44 a.m.

A list of all students graduating with Honor, High Honor and Highest Honors have been posted outside the Counseling Office. Invitations have been mailed home for the Senior Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 8:44 a.m. in the CRHS Auditorium. CRHS Honors, academic and athletic achievement awards will be presented at this ceremony. Students invited to the ceremony will be excused from class to line up in the auditorium foyer.

Honors Graduation Requirements

A list of all seniors graduating with honor, high honor, and highest honor is posted outside of the Guidance Office. Please check the list of honor grads for accuracy. If you have questions regarding your honor grad status, see **Mrs. Storrick** immediately. The requirements for graduating with honor are listed below:

Highest Honors

3.9 Weighted Grade Point Average

Students must take at least ten credits in honors courses from two or more departments during their high school career.

High Honors

3.6 Weighted Grade Point Average

Students must take at least six credits in honors courses during their high school career.

Honors

3.3 Weighted Grade Point Average

There are no requirements concerning honors courses for this category.

Honors graduation status is determined by the cumulative, weighted GPA at the end of Trimester 2 of the senior year. PSEO students' status is determined after the fall semester. Students taking honors courses will receive honors recognition and a weighted grade if they earn a "C" or higher in the course. Rounding does not occur.

Financial Obligations Caps and Gowns Tuesday, May 28 2:30—3:30 p.m.

Field House—West End

You will receive your cap and gown only after all fines and fees have been resolved. The graduation fee this year is \$10.00. Ms. Romano, our financial secretary, is collecting the money in the Finance Office. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

It is your responsibility to check to see if you have any fines. If you have not paid or cannot pay the fine on May 28th or your fine has not been resolved, do not come to the fieldhouse to pick up your cap and gown.

Seniors who do not, or cannot, pick up their caps and gowns on May 28, will need to see Mrs. Berkeland in the Counseling Office. They will be available before and during school only, not after school.

Baccalaureate

Please join us for Baccalaureate on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational worship service honoring all seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend, so bring your friends and family! There will be a reception following Baccalaureate in the cafeteria. Stop by Room 305 if you have any questions.

Coon Rapids Scholarship Night Thursday, May 30, 2019

Coon Rapids Scholarship Night will be held on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coon Rapids High School Auditorium. This event recognizes all students receiving Coon Rapids Community Scholarships. Invitations for this evening were sent to all scholarship recipients being honored. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the awards are presented.

Senior Celebration and BBQ

Thursday, May 30, 2019

11:22 a.m.—2:25 p.m.

On May 30, 2019, all seniors are invited to attend a BBQ in their honor on their last day. All seniors will be dismissed at 11:22 a.m. to attend this celebration. The BBQ will take place in the Cardinal Stadium and is free of charge for all seniors. This is an optional event. All seniors need to be out of the building by 11:45 a.m. If they are not attending the BBQ, they should be off campus.



Behavior Before Graduation

Seniors are expected to show exemplary behavior through the last week and days of the school year and on graduation day. All school rules apply right through graduation day. Seniors need to be aware that poor behavior choices could result in suspension from school, which may mean they will not participate in the graduation ceremony. This would be very unfortunate. Students are encouraged to help one another make wise choices, especially during the last days of school.

Graduation Participation

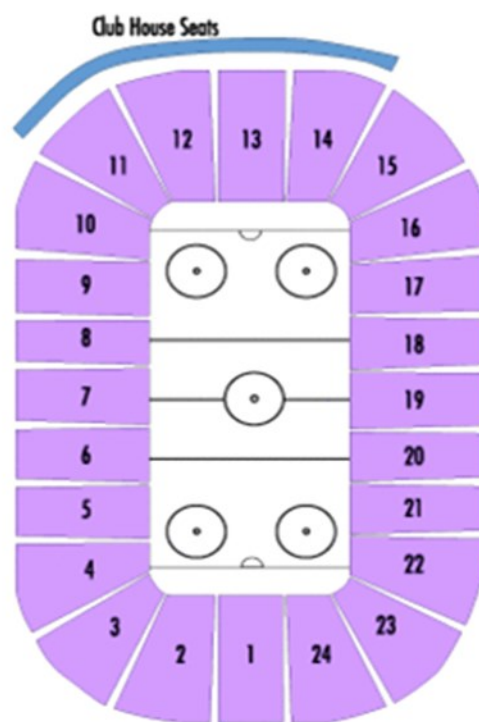
Any senior who is more than one credit short at the time of graduation will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Students who will not be participating in the graduation ceremony because they are more than one credit short should see their counselors to make plans to complete their requirements. The last day for students to complete credits through Regional Night School and other credit recovery programs is Wednesday, May 22.

Seating Information

Doors will open at 12:00 p.m. for general admission. Seating will be in Sections 1-7 and 19-24. Wheelchair seating is available at the top of Sections 2, 3 and 24. Seating will be on first come first serve basis. There will be no ticket required to enter. Everyone is welcome to attend.

3M Arena at Mariucci is fully handicap accessible.



Interpreter Needs

Do you have a relative or family member who is hearing impaired and would require an interpreter for the commencement ceremony? If so, please call Angela Sweeney at 763-506-7109 as soon as possible.

Helium Balloons

3M Arena at Mariucci does not allow any helium filled balloons. Please do not bring any to the commencement ceremony as they will not be allowed in the building.

Graduation Line-up Time

Seniors Arrive at 12:00 p.m.

Preparation and line-up time will be at 12:00 p.m. at 3M Arena at Mariucci. Please meet in the designated area. Please be in appropriate attire according to the graduation guidelines. Before the processional begins, students will be checked for proper attire and chemical use.

Behavior Standard for Graduation

Behavior is expected to be consistent with a dignified ceremony. We will not allow graduates to carry in beverages, beach balls, bubbles, airplanes, noise makers or any such distractions. We will not allow any performances from stage such as taking 'selfies,' gestures, yelling or symbols. Dignified behavior at this important occasion, in keeping with the spirit of the ceremony, is expected. Expressions of celebration should be reserved until the ceremony is concluded.

Appropriate Dress at Graduation

All caps and gowns will be the same color. Only school approved honor sashes will be allowed on the outside of the gown. Students that have met the requirements for the Center for Biomedical Sciences and Engineering, will also be wearing a medal representing completion of the program. You are **not allowed** to wear sunglasses or decorate/'bedazzle' your mortarboard cap for the ceremony. Appropriate attire including collared shirts, dress pants, skirts, dresses and dress shoes is strongly encouraged. We caution you in wearing high-heeled shoes; you will be walking longer distances at 3M Arena at Mariucci which includes going up and down arena stairs and ramps. Please avoid possible foot, ankle, and leg injuries and fatigue by choosing comfortable footwear.



Diploma Information

After graduation, you will pick up your Coon Rapids High School diploma in a designated area at 3M Arena at Mariucci. If you do not attend the ceremony and have completed diploma requirements, please pick up your diploma in the counseling office. **Diplomas will not be mailed.** Please call the Counseling Office before coming to pick up your diploma. The phone number is 763-506-7320.

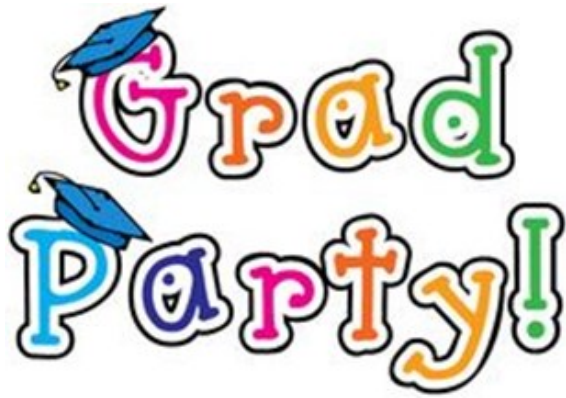
You will not receive your diploma on graduation night if:

- You are a PSEO student and we have not received your final transcript.
- You are a special education student and will be attending Pathways or Bridges transitional programs.
- You have athletic equipment still checked out.
- You have an unresolved fee or fine.
- You have up to 1 credit to complete at summer school. Please see your counselor to make sure you are registered for the correct summer school classes.

Requesting Final Transcripts

Colleges and the NCAA require a final transcript to verify you have earned a diploma. Final transcripts are **not** automatically sent from the Counseling Office.

As part of cap & gown checkout, you will be able to request your final transcript. There is no charge for a final transcript if you have already sent an initial one via Naviance during the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not previously sent an initial transcript, there is a \$3 processing fee. See Mrs. Tryba in the Counseling office with questions.



On June 2nd, your senior son or daughter will be joining the other members of his or her graduating class in our graduation exercise. This is a very exciting time for our young people as they review their years here at Coon Rapids High School and look ahead to the future.

It's an exciting time for parents, also. We have watched your child grow over the years, both physically and emotionally. They have successfully navigated the past four years and the big day is near. The celebration plans are underway.

If you are hosting a party to celebrate the accomplishments of your graduate, **carefully consider your decision about serving alcoholic beverages to your guests.** Please remember that selling, furnishing, serving alcoholic beverages to minors is a violation on Minnesota law. It is a *gross misdemeanor offense*, which can result in up to one year in jail and up to a \$3,000 fine. In addition, a host who knowingly provides alcoholic beverages to a minor can be exposed to personal liability for injuries that result from that minor's intoxication. This liability also extends to hosts who knowingly allow minors to consume alcoholic beverages at the hosted party location.

The combination of drinking and driving is one of the leading killers of young people (ages 15 to 24) in Minnesota. Last year, 25% of all alcohol related fatal crashes involved drivers under the age of 21.

This is one of the happiest times for our graduates. Teach them to celebrate appropriately by setting good examples and making good decisions. Please make sure your graduation parties for minors are safe, responsible, and alcohol free.

Thank you,
Detective Paul R. Frakie
School Liaison Officer

2019 Senior All-Night Party

The Senior All-Night Party will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 8:00pm. The party is being held at the Mermaid Entertainment Center in Mounds View and is a great opportunity for seniors to spend graduation night with their classmates.

Information will be mailed prior to the event to everyone who is registered. Please watch for the mailing. All participants will be required to meet at the Coon Rapids High School to ride the bus to and from the Mermaid.

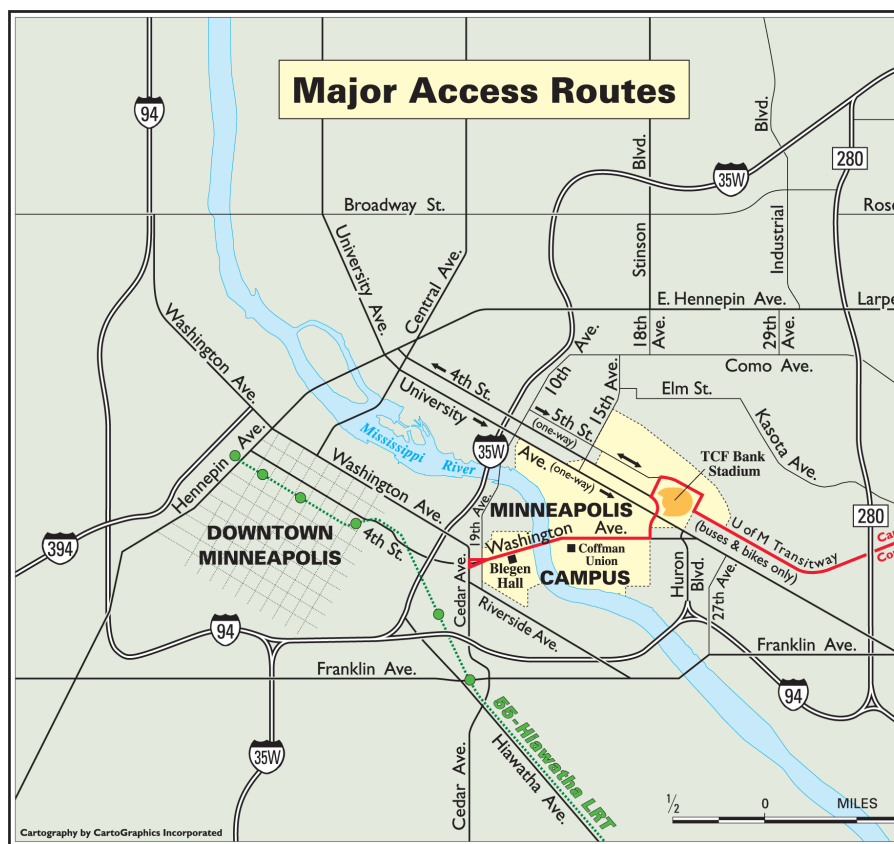
Information is also available on the Senior All-Night Party website listed below:
www.crsanp.com



Cans for Scholarships



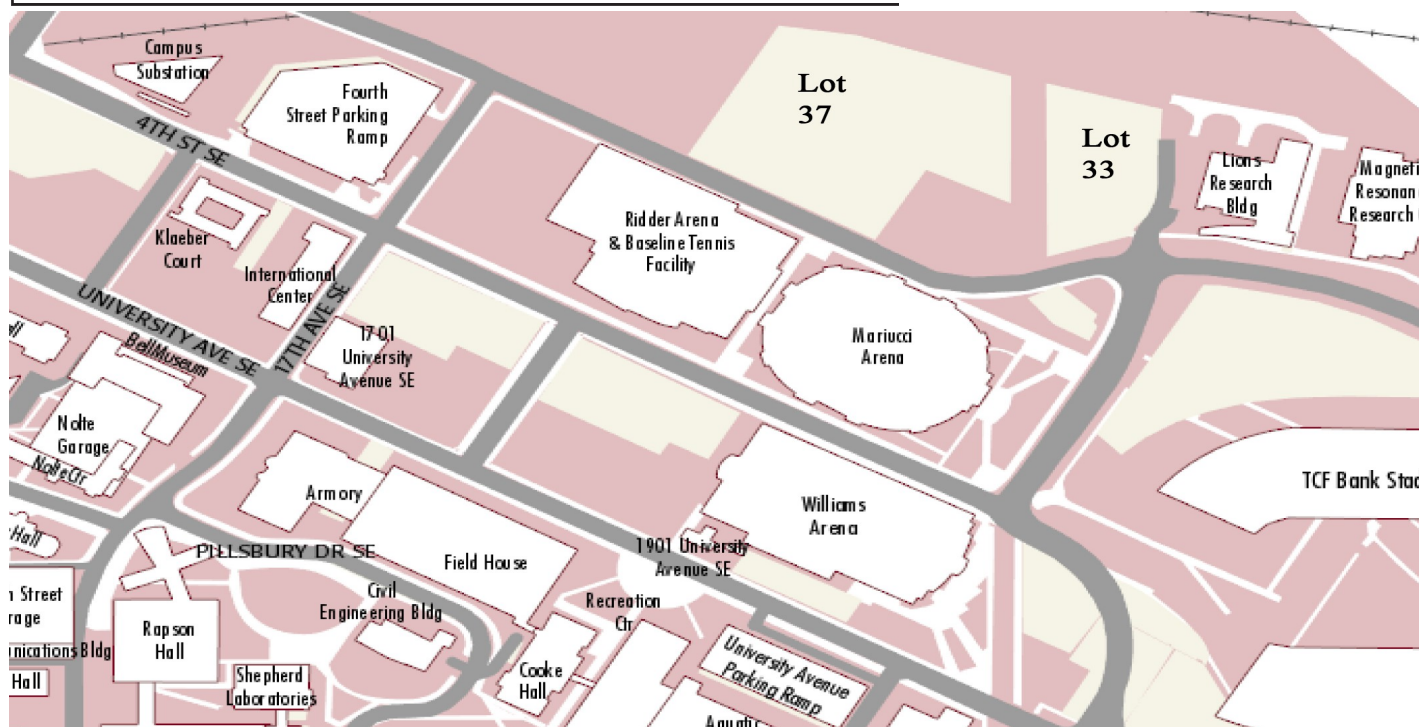
If you are having an open house, please save your cans and bring them to the recycling bin located in the CRHS parking lot. Monies generated go toward awarding scholarships through the Coon Rapids Community Scholarship Association (CRCSA).



Follow I-35W south to the University Avenue/4th Street, exit 18. Turn left at the second set of lights, University Avenue SE. You'll be heading east toward the heart of the east bank.

Parking

Event parking rates vary depending on the event. Parking rates range from \$4.00 to \$10.00. This rate is determined by the University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Services. Parking is available in the 4th Street Ramp, the University Avenue Ramp, Lot 37 and Lot 33.



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