

Dear Class of 2021,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year. Please keep in mind that we are having to make changes to traditional plans and will have more information as the year progresses.

**Graduation:** We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter. This graduation ceremony will be held at an outdoor venue. We do have a plan for a graduation ceremony used last year and we will implement this plan and make adjustments to it based on UCPS guidelines.

**Caps and Gowns:** Students will pick up their caps, gowns, announcements, and yearbooks at CATA in May.

We will send specific information about this event to your school email and through the school ConnectEd System. Remember that you must have a cap and gown if you intend to walk at graduation in 2021. **If you still need to order it's easy! [Click the link here](#) OR CALL Josten's at 910-895-8471.**

**Graduation Practice:** We will send more specific information about graduation practice in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter. Last year we did not have a practice and we may not have one this year. Please stay tuned for details. We will communicate specific information about procedures if we do not have practice.

**Attire:** We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

**Senior Cap and Gown Picture:** We will send more specific information about the picture in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

**Senior Week:** We will send more specific information about Senior Week in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter. This will be in May.

**Senior Academic Signings:** We will send more specific information about academic signings in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

**Graduation Speeches:** Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy chooses the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration in May. Please pay attention for the audition date and procedures in the Spring Senior Letter.

**Past due fees:** Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online past year technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of February.

**Items that need to be returned to CATA:** This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, library materials, and other school owned items. We will communicate a date for seniors to return these items to our school in the Spring Senior Letter.

**Tickets and Parking Passes:** We will send more specific information about Tickets and Parking Passes in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities.

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