

2024 Carl Junction High School Senior and Graduation Information

1. **Baccalaureate begins at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at the High School Gymnasium.** Students are asked to sit in the front/center reserved section on the gym floor. Seniors will not be lined up or march in. Students are asked to wear attire appropriate to a church service; students will not wear graduation robes at baccalaureate.
2. **Senior awards ceremony begins at approximately 6:45 p.m. following Baccalaureate in the Carl Junction High School Gymnasium.** Students are asked to sit as a group in the front/center reserved section on the gym floor. Family and friends may take pictures, but please be mindful of audience members.
3. **Graduation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 17 at the Leggett & Platt Center on the campus of MSSU.** Students will report to the smaller gym for lineup no later than 6:30.
4. **Dress code** for graduation:
 - Acceptable attire includes dress shirts, slacks, dresses, and skirts.
 - No flip flops, jeans, shorts, sweats, etc.
 - Graduation gowns must remain zipped closed throughout the ceremony and mortarboard caps must remain free of decoration. It is suggested to put your name inside your cap so that when it is thrown, you can get yours back.
 - The senior checkout form states that seniors understand that they **will not** proceed through the ceremony if they do not adhere to these requirements.
5. This **notice of graduation information** will be placed on the school website, distributed to all seniors, and sent to parents by email. Parents will also receive an automated phone message regarding the availability of the information.
6. The **graduation ceremony will be recorded** and digital downloads will be made available through MSSU at the cost of \$10.00. Seniors will receive order forms in their diploma folders following graduation. We will share information about live broadcast and streaming at a later date.
7. No silly string, confetti, or air horns are allowed at the ceremony per MSSU rules for use of the facility.
8. **Leggett & Platt doors will be open** to the public at 5:30 p.m. Seating is available for special needs in front of the seats on the north side (northwest corner) in front of the stands.
9. Interstate Photography will take pictures of all seniors receiving their diplomas at graduation. Seniors will receive ordering information in their diploma folders following graduation.
10. Family members will NOT be allowed to take pictures in front of the stage. You are encouraged to take pictures AFTER students have recessed to the back of the gym to pick up their diplomas.
11. You are encouraged to tag graduation-related social media posts with #CJHSPride so others may access and enjoy pictures that you have taken.
12. **Graduation lineup (in Young gym):**
 - Valedictorians will enter first, followed by Salutatorians.
 - Remainder of top 10% honor students will follow.
 - Remainder of students will follow in *alphabetical order* and will sit in this order.
 - Office personnel have created cards with students' names that will be distributed at graduation lineup. Students will present the card to the reader on stage to ensure proper pronunciation.
 - Students will receive only a diploma cover on stage.
 - Diplomas will be held until all school obligations have been met.

13. **Students will report immediately following the ceremony (recessional) to the back northeast corner of the gym** (still in Leggett & Platt, opposite the concession stand) to return honor cords (unless purchased), obtain actual diplomas, and receive senior folders with relevant documents and balance refunds.

14. **Senior finals:**

- May 13: Blocks 5 & 7
- May 14: Blocks 3 & 4
- May 15: Blocks 6 & 8
- May 16: Blocks 1 & 2

15. Seniors will receive **checkout forms** on Tuesday, May 7 and may begin gathering signatures.

16. **MAY 16 activities:**

- Senior breakfast begins at 7:15 in the commons. Breakfast is for students only.
- Seniors will report to Blocks 1 and 2 at regular times to take final exams.
- Seniors who are finished with their 2nd block final can be released from class at 10:30 to begin locker clean out and final check out.
- FTC, CTC, & MOSO CAP (a.m. only) students may begin their final check out at the conclusion of senior breakfast.
- Chromebooks will be checked in to Mr. Rogers in the media center.
- **Checkout sheets** are due before leaving school. Once the checkout sheet is turned in to an administrator and lockers are checked, seniors are dismissed from school.
- **Students are on their own to arrive at the Leggett & Platt gym at 12:00 p.m.** for graduation practice (practice should take approximately one hour and students are dismissed after practice). If students need transportation to practice, they must communicate this need to Mr. Williams by Friday, May 10 at noon.

Contact the CJHS office if you have questions, 649-7081.

This information is posted on the school website: www.cjr1.org