

2021 Carl Junction High School Senior and Graduation Information

1. **Baccalaureate begins at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday May 19 in the high school gymnasium.** Students are asked to sit in the reserved seating area on the gymnasium 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 high school gymnasium.** Students are asked to sit as a group in the reserved seating area on the gymnasium floor. Family and friends may take pictures, but please be mindful of other audience members.
3. **Baccalaureate and senior awards will stream live** at <https://www.citylinktv.com/channel/carl-junction-tv/>.
4. **Graduation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Friday May 21 at Carl Junction High School Bulldog Stadium.** Students will report to the high school storm shelter for lineup no later than 6:30 p.m.
5. **Dress code** for graduation is:
 - Dress shirt and slacks for men. Tie preferred.
 - Dress, skirt, or dress slacks for women.
 - No flip-flops, jeans, sweats, shorts, etc.
 - Mortar boards may not be decorated
 - The senior checkout form states that seniors understand that they will not proceed through the ceremony if they do not adhere to these requirements.
6. 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.
7. **The graduation ceremony will stream live** at <https://www.citylinktv.com/channel/carl-junction-tv/>.
8. No silly string, confetti, or air horns are permitted at the ceremony.
9. **The stadium gates will open** to the public at 5:30 pm. Seating for those with special needs is available on the track in front of the west bleachers.
10. Interstate Photography will take pictures of all seniors receiving their diplomas at graduation. Seniors will receive ordering information in their diploma folders following the ceremony.
11. Family members will NOT be allowed on the field for pictures during the ceremony. You are encouraged to take pictures following the ceremony, after students have picked up their diplomas.
12. You are encouraged to tag graduation-related social media posts with #CJHSPride so others may access and enjoy pictures that you have taken.
13. **Graduation lineup** (in high school storm shelter):
 - 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 the field to ensure proper pronunciation.
- Students will receive only a diploma cover on stage.
- Diplomas will be held until all school obligations have been met.

14. **Students will report immediately following the ceremony recessional to the concession stand area** where they will return honor cords (unless purchased) and obtain their actual diplomas.

15. **IN THE EVENT OF PREDICTED INCLEMENT WEATHER, a determination will be made by 5:00 pm on Tuesday May 18 regarding the ceremony location.**

- If a decision is made to move the ceremony indoors, we will conduct a **WALK THROUGH graduation ceremony from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21.**
- A walkthrough ceremony will prevent restrictions to the number of guests each graduate may invite.
- Families will be provided with a link to sign up for a walk through time slot on May 18.
- Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled graduation time, proceed to the south parking lot (behind the high school) and wait for their group number to be called.
- When called, groups will enter through door G 20.
- Families will walk along a designated route until they reach the viewing area. After watching their graduate receive their diploma, families and graduates will reunite in the high school commons. There will be no stationary seating.
- Family members with accessibility needs may enter through the main high school doors. There will be a waiting area in the commons.
- If a walkthrough ceremony is scheduled, senior choir and band performances and the valedictorian and salutatorian addresses will take place Wednesday, May 19 at the senior awards ceremony.

16. **Senior finals:**

- May 17: Blocks 6 & 8
- May 18: Blocks 3 & 4
- May 19: Blocks 5 & 7
- May 20: Blocks 1 & 2

17. Seniors will receive **checkout forms** on Thursday, May 13 and may begin gathering signatures.

18. **May 20 activities:**

- Senior breakfast begins at 7:15 in the commons.
- Seniors will report to blocks 1 & 2 at regular times to take final exams.
- Seniors who are finished with their second block final may be released from class beginning at 10:30 to begin locker clean out and final check out.
- Chromebooks will be checked in to Mr. Rogers in the media center.
- Checkout sheets are due before going to graduation practice. Once the checkout sheet is turned in to an administrator and lockers are checked, seniors should report to storm shelter for graduation practice (or to the high school gym, in the event an indoor ceremony is planned).
- Practice should take approximately one hour and students are dismissed after practice.

Contact the CJHS office if you have questions, 417-649-7081.

This information is posted on the school website: <https://www.cjr1.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=17>