

CONNELLSVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
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### GRADUATION INFORMATION SHEET AND GUIDELINES

1. Tuesday, May 26, 2009 – Seniors will be called to the cafeteria (via the public address system) at the beginning of eighth period for **cap and gown distribution**. All bills must be paid, textbooks and library books must be returned, and all other obligations met if you expect to receive your cap and gown. Once all of your obligations have been met, you will receive your cap and gown. If your obligations are not met, you may report to the senior high office the morning after the Commencement ceremony to get your cap and gown.
2. Tuesday, May 26, 2009 - The **Senior Awards Ceremony** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in our auditorium. We will present scholarships and awards at that time. Your attendance is optional. Immediately following the Awards Ceremony, the Senior Class Party will take place in the cafeteria. The party is being sponsored by Miss Shearer and the Senior Class Officers. The cost of the ticket is \$12.00.
3. Wednesday, May 27, 2009 - The **last day of school for seniors**. Girls traditionally wear white dresses. The boys traditionally wear dress pants, shirts, and ties. All students will report to homeroom and first period class. Seniors will be called to the gym for the final group picture which will appear in the newspapers. After the photo is taken, seniors will report to the cafeteria to receive their report cards. Once you receive your report card, you are dismissed. Dismissal will occur at approximately 8:30 a.m.
4. Thursday, May 28, 2009 – At 7:00 p.m., the **Vesper Ceremony** will take place in the auditorium. The Vesper Ceremony is a solemn service, guided by the Connellsville Area Ministerial Association. Seniors are encouraged, but not required to attend this service. Seniors who plan to participate in this ceremony should report to the senior high no later than 6:45 p.m. to line up. This ceremony is open to the public.
  - Caps and gowns are to be worn during the ceremony. They should be neatly pressed. Girls should wear their white dresses underneath their gowns. Boys should wear their dress pants, shirts and ties underneath their gowns.
  - Dress shoes should be worn.
  - Caps should be as level as possible. No messages are to be placed on the caps.
  - Flowers and/or jewelry should not be placed on the gowns.
5. Friday, May 29, 2009 – All seniors should report the Connellsville Falcon Stadium at 12:00 p.m. for **Commencement Rehearsal**. The rain date for Commencement Rehearsal is Monday, June 1, 2009, at 12:00 p.m.
6. Thursday, June 4, 2009 – Graduating seniors are to report to the stadium at 5:45 p.m. to pick up name cards. The name cards will be used by the announcers when the seniors approach the stage and receive congratulations from members of the administration and board of school directors. Refer to the bulleted information in #4 with regard to Senior Dress. The same information applies to the **Commencement Ceremony**.
  - Graduating seniors should march in slowly to the music being played by the senior high school band.
  - Once you receive your diploma, move your tassel from the right side of your cap, to the left side of your cap. After you receive your diploma, you will return to your seat, but remain standing until everyone in your row has received their diplomas.
7. Once the Commencement Ceremony has concluded, graduates will walk from the seating area to the field house at the south area of the stadium where they will receive their **graduation packets**. Graduation packets will include the actual diploma and will be organized by homeroom.

#### **Inclement Weather**

If rain is in the forecast, tune into the school district news channel, WTAE, KDKA, WPXI, or Froggy for more information. Graduation will be postponed until Friday, June 5, 2009. If rain is in the forecast on that date, graduation will be postponed until Saturday, June 6, 2009.

#### **Final Reminders**

**The Commencement Ceremony is a privilege which is granted to graduating seniors and enjoyed by family members and friends. Commencement is a dignified event. Any graduating senior who is involved in any act which would have resulted in a suspension from school, will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Do not get yourself involved in anything foolish.**