

CONNELLSVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

2010 GRADUATION INFORMATION SHEET

- 1. Expectation of Behavior-** There is the expectation that all seniors will not engage in misbehavior, foolish behavior, specifically senior-related pranks in the final weeks of school, and at the senior awards banquet/party, the last day of school, commencement rehearsal, and commencement. Misbehavior will result in not only suspension from school, but also being prohibited from attending the senior activities, including commencement. Please understand that these activities are privileges, not rights. Be aware that additional security staff will be on hand during these activities.
- 2. Guidelines for Senior Dress-** When you receive your caps and gowns, please have them pressed and stored neatly. Do not place flowers or jewelry on the graduation gowns. Caps should be level as possible. No messages are permitted to be placed on the caps or gowns. Girls should wear white dresses underneath their gowns. Boys should wear dress pants, shirts and ties underneath their gowns. Dress shoes should be worn. Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap until receiving the diploma.
- 3. Wednesday, June 2, 2010: Senior Awards Ceremony/Senior Party-** The Senior Awards Ceremony will begin at 6:00pm 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 our cafeteria. The party is being sponsored by the Senior Class Officers. The cost of the ticket is \$13.00. Tickets must be purchased by the end of school on 5/27/10.
- 4. Thursday, June 3, 2010: Caps and Gowns Distribution-** Seniors will be called to the cafeteria at the beginning of 8th period for cap and gown distribution according to last name. Yearbooks will be distributed at this time as well. Seniors may remain in the cafeteria to enjoy a social and have classmates sign their yearbooks. All bills must be paid, textbooks and library books must be returned, and all other obligations met if the student expects to receive their cap and gown. Once all of the obligations have been met, students can receive their cap and gown. If your obligations are not met, you may report to the senior high office on Monday, June 14 to get your cap and gown. You will not receive your cap and gown if all academic graduation requirements have not been met. Refunds are not available.
- 5. Friday, June 4, 2010: Seniors' Last Day-** Only seniors are permitted to drive to school on this day. Seniors should arrive as early as possible to the student parking lot so that parking can be arranged in an orderly fashion. Girls should wear white dresses. Boys should wear dress pants, shirts, and ties. All students will report to homeroom first and will then be called to the gym for the final group picture which will appear in the newspaper. After the photo is taken, seniors will report to the cafeteria to receive their report cards. Once you receive your report card, you will be dismissed. Dismissal will occur at approximately 8:30am. Students will be dismissed from the parking lot one row at a time. For security reasons, seniors are not permitted on school grounds after 8:30am on this day.
- 6. Monday, June 7, 2010: Vesper Service-** At 7:00pm the Vesper Service will take place in the auditorium. The Vesper Service is a solemn service, guided by the Connellsville Area Ministerial Association. Seniors are encouraged to attend, but not required to attend this service. Seniors who plan to participate in this ceremony should report to the senior high no later than 6:45pm to line up. The ceremony is open to the public. Please refer to #2 (Guidelines for Senior Dress) for this event.
- 7. Tuesday, June 8, 2010: Commencement Rehearsal-** All seniors should report to Falcon Stadium by 11:45am for Commencement Rehearsal which will begin at 12:00pm. Security staff will be on hand to park vehicles in an orderly fashion. The rain date for commencement rehearsal is Wednesday, June 9, 2010.
- 8. Friday, June 11, 2010: Commencement-** Commencement begins at 6:30pm. Graduates should report to the stadium at 5:45pm to pick up name cards on the track below the scoreboard. The name cards will be used by the announcers when the seniors approach the stage and receive congratulations from members of administration and school board. Please refer to #2 (Guidelines for Senior Dress) for this event. Graduating seniors should march in slowly to the music being played by the senior high 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. Any misbehavior or disorderly conduct during this ceremony will result in removal from the event and possible arrest. Once the ceremony has concluded, graduates will walk from their seating area to the track underneath the scoreboard where they will receive their graduation packets. Graduation packets will include the actual diploma and will be organized by homeroom.
- 9. 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 Saturday, June 12, 2010 if rain is in the forecast.
- 10. Final Reminders-** The Commencement Ceremony and surrounding activities are privileges granted to graduating seniors. Commencement is a dignified event. Any graduating senior who is involved in any act which would have resulted in suspension from school, will not be permitted to participate in commencement or attend the related activities. If you have any questions, please call the senior high office at 724-628-1350.