



# Crete-Monee High School WARRIORS

## COMMENCEMENT:

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

CMHS Gymnasium

**7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Admittance by ticket only. All guests (including infants & small children) must have a ticket for entry.



## IMPORTANT:

**SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE BY MAY 1, 2017**

Did you know that your senior's school fees are due by May 1st? Please make arrangements to pay TODAY by visiting the main office. School fee statements will be mailed in February. **The graduation fee is \$40.00 and will be included on your statement.**

Parents, you will have a final opportunity to pay your student's fees at the conclusion of the Mandatory Parent Meetings. In order to receive your student's cap & gown at the meeting and tickets (in May), all school, lunch, athletic, and book fees must be PAID IN FULL.

**PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1.**

## Graduation Rehearsal

**Monday, June 5**

Commencement is a very important event in a student's life. To be certain that the line-up, seating arrangements, and the diploma awarding ceremony are clearly understood and orderly, a **MANDATORY rehearsal will take place on Monday, June 5, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.** in the Field House. Seniors must be on time and remain for the entire rehearsal in order to participate in the ceremony. **NO Exceptions!**

*If your student is not participating in the ceremony, please notify Mrs. Rodriguez at 708-367-8230 by April 28.*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS from FOOD SERVICE:



- The Food Services Department will email fee statements to the email address we have on file on April 28. Please be sure to check your food service balance on *Family Access* to **avoid delay** in receiving graduation tickets and your senior's cap & gown.
- Due to federal guidelines, **payments for Food Service fees MUST be paid directly to Food Service staff.** Your student may make a payment during their lunch mod OR you may pay online using E-funds. For your convenience, the Food Service office will also be open on May 1 (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.) to receive payments. **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
- The **LAST DAY to charge money** to your senior's food service account is **April 28.** After this date, they must use cash to purchase breakfast or lunch.

## Mandatory Parent Meetings

CMHS administration will host four (4) mandatory parent meetings to go over specific details regarding this event. We are offering two (2) dates and a choice of morning or evening hours for your convenience. These meetings are expected to last approximately 30 minutes. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the meeting to check-in and receive credit for attendance. **LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE. Graduation tickets will NOT be issued if a parent or guardian does not attend one of the sessions below:**

**Thursday, May 18**  
7:45 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 24**  
7:45 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** CMHS Auditorium

## Local Scholarship / Academic Scholar Presentation



**Monday, May 22**

Academic scholars and recipients of local scholarships will be honored at an awards ceremony on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Milton E. Payton Auditorium. Family members are invited to attend with their student.

## Senior Awards

**Friday, June 2**

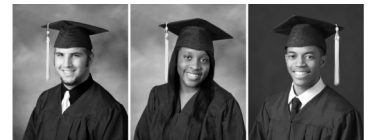
Senior parents and students are invited to recognize, honor, and celebrate the many accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2017. The Senior Awards ceremony will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the CMHS Gymnasium.

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER



All family members are encouraged to remain in their seats and enjoy the ceremony. GradImages is our **official photographer** for graduation and will capture this memorable moment for you. To insure that your photo proofs will be provided to you as soon as possible, visit their website at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com) to pre-register for the event.

## CAP & GOWN PORTRAITS



If you missed senior cap & gown pictures last summer, Burns Photography will have representatives here at Crete-Monee High School to take Senior Cap & Gown Portraits on **Thursday, May 4, by appointment.** To schedule an appointment, please call (815) 485-4802 by May 1. (See enclosed flyer)

### Senior Credit Check

Only those students who have **achieved required credit hours AND are passing all course requirements** as of **Friday, May 26, 2017**, will participate in the graduation ceremony.



Please call your student's guidance counselor with any questions you may have at (708) 367-8280.

### Social Suspension

Marching in the graduation ceremony is a privilege. Seniors on social suspension at the end of the year will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

### Cap & Gown Distribution



Cap & gowns will be distributed at the conclusion of the parent meetings.

*Please note: All fees must be paid in full, and a parent/guardian must have attended the mandatory parent meeting to receive cap & gown.*

### Graduation Tickets



Each graduating and participating senior will receive four (4) tickets to the ceremony. Tickets will be distributed on **Monday, June 5**, immediately following rehearsal.

*Please note: All fees must be paid in full to receive tickets.*

### Bonus Tickets



Seniors may receive one (1) Bonus Ticket for admission to the **Live Broadcast in the Auditorium** if all fees are **PAID IN FULL** by the end of the school day on **Monday, May 1, 2017**. This ticket will be **BLACK** in color. *Because of limited space in the Gymnasium, we are only able to accommodate additional guests in the auditorium.*

Guests with the Bonus Ticket must enter through the Milton E. Payton Auditorium entrance.

### Senior Recognition Ads

Order Your Senior Recognition Ad Today!

Recognition ads are a great way to celebrate student success and milestones and reflect on the person your student has become. Show your pride and support Yearbook Club at the same time. Include a special, permanent message for your graduating senior in the 2017 yearbook. Please see the enclosed flyers for details.

### Dress Code

- Graduates must have their cap, gown, tassel, medallion, cords, etc., and must wear the prescribed gown **without** modification.
- Caps must be worn with the point in the center of the forehead and the tassel on the right side of the cap. The top of the cap should be level. **No Lettering Or Modification May Be Added To The Cap.**
- Appropriate and respectable clothing should be worn under gowns:
  - \* Men: Shirt and slacks (tie optional)
  - \* Ladies: Dress, skirt, or slacks
- Gowns **MUST** be zipped.
- **Flip flops, sneakers, and gum chewing are prohibited.**



### Graduation Day

- **Seniors should arrive no later than 6:00 p.m.**, park in the east lot, and report to the Field House. Please enter through Door #8.
- **Guest Parking:** Ample parking will be available on the east side of the high school. **Handicapped parking** will be available on a first come first serve basis in the front circle drive parking lot.
- **Guests with a GOLD TICKET** should enter through the Athletic entrance located in the front of the school. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.
- **Guests with a BLACK TICKET** should enter through the Auditorium entrance also located in the front of the school. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.
- **The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.** Once the procession begins, we will hold admittance until all graduates have entered the gymnasium.

### General Information

- **VALUABLES:** All valuables should be left at home. CMHS is not responsible for articles left in the Field House during the ceremony.
- **FLOWERS, BALLOONS, AND/OR GIFTS:** Due to limited space in the gymnasium and to not block the view of others, flowers, balloons, and/or gifts **WILL NOT** be allowed in the building.
- **CELL PHONES:** Seniors are not allowed to have cell phones turned on during the graduation rehearsal OR at the ceremony. Students found using their cell phones will be removed. Parents are also asked to silence/turn off cell phones during the ceremony.
- **HANDICAPPED SEATING:** If you need to reserve handicapped seating for a ticketed guest, please contact Mrs. Rodriguez by email or phone at rodriguezcm201u.org or 708-367-8230 by **May 31**. Due to limited space, only the handicapped guest will be allowed to be seated in this section. Family members may sit behind them, space permitting.
- **RECESSIONAL/DIPLOMA PICK-UP:** Graduates are to proceed to the Field House immediately after the ceremony where they will pick-up their diplomas.

### Decorum

The graduation ceremony is a formal event and it is an expectation that the decorum reflects such an atmosphere. Graduates and their guests are expected to hold their applause until all names are called so that our graduates are guaranteed the respect they deserve. **Yelling names or comments is not acceptable behavior or the kind of example we want to set for our children.** Thank you in advance for your support in making this a respectful and memorable ceremony for all of our students.