

May 4, 2021

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2021:

Happy May! Here is updated information regarding the end of the year for the senior class.

Events with an asterisk * are required for participation in the graduation ceremony:

- May 26- 8:35-10:05am - Financial literacy instruction*
- May 27- 9:15-10:00 Second ACT program*
- May 28- **Seniors “last” day of school!**
Reality Fair/Community Service Day/class letters, etc.*

● **Senior Week (dates of events subject to change)**

Students attending school sponsored events are required to ride the bus and will be searched prior to boarding the bus. The class will provide water bottles. Students can not bring food and water on the bus.

All events are for AHS Class of 2021 members only.

Tuesday, June 1:

Graduation rehearsal* (morning)

Senior prom/banquet at Lakeview

A formal banquet with dinner, yearbooks, etc.

Please keep in mind dancing is not permitted

Wednesday, June 2:

Graduation rehearsal * (morning)

Senior Class kickball tournament

Thursday, June 3:

Distribution of caps, stoles & gowns*

Senior Awards/Class Day celebration* 10am

The class of 2021 will gather at AHS for a virtual awards ceremony

Awards ceremony will be live streamed through WACA

Friday, June 4:

Six Flags- more details on time to follow

● **June 6- Graduation & parade! 10am**

Ceremony on the turf at the Cunis Athletic Complex followed by a car parade.

- Graduates and their immediate household are invited to attend.
- Pre-registration of household members is required. (The maximum number of guests, regardless of how many members live in the household, is 6.)
- Families are asked to come in one car to assist with parade organization and parking space. We must continue to practice social distancing during these events.
- Graduation will be live streamed by WACA.
- Parade will begin at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony, with approximately 30 minutes to get students to cars and lined up. I anticipate it will start at 11:30am.
- Graduates are **MUST** be passengers in the car so they can enjoy the parade without distraction! Ashland Police will be monitoring the cars as the exit school grounds to ensure graduates are not driving.
- Parade route map will be shared soon but moves through town by each school. This event is in place of our tradition of walking the halls of each school to say goodbye and thank you!

We are excited about things opening up and being able to come together for some more senior week activities. However, we are still bound by Dept. of Ed requirements for all school sponsored events. Please be aware some of their guidance goes above and beyond the current state requirements. Masks will be required for students at every event and all guests at the graduation ceremony.

In addition, the School Committee approved that students participating in any school activities must either join pool testing or provide evidence of vaccination. While the logistics are still be worked out it is likely that we will pool test all members of the Class of 2021 participating in events on Thursday, May 27 and Thursday, June 3.

All members of the class of 2021 who are attending senior week must register using the links below no later than May 21:

Pool Testing Sign Up - Registration Links

Minor Students

Concentric Website: <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent/>

Access Code: activator-ashland

Students 18 and Over

Concentric Website: <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/invite-by-code>

Access Code: activator-ashland

Students can also provide a copy of their vaccination to the front office. (We will coordinate with nursing and athletics regarding proof of vaccinations that have already been provided.)

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. I look forward to celebrating this accomplishment with all of you.

Thank you-

Kelley St. Coeur
Principal