IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Seniors must meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation. Please contact your counselor if you have questions or concerns.

- In order to participate in any Senior Activities, including Prom and the Picnic, students must meet BCPS attendance, behavior, and grade requirements. Final approval to participate will be determined by the senior class administrator.

- **SENIOR DUES** are $55.00. Dues must be paid before the purchase of prom tickets. Prom tickets are $80.00 per person.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

- All obligations must be satisfied by Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in order to receive graduation tickets during the rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

- In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, all seniors must attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Seniors are strongly encouraged to notify employers well in advance.

Message from Mr. Ames

Dear Parents & Seniors,

It is hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to a close and that we will be celebrating the many successes of the Catonsville High School (CHS) Class of 2023 just two months from now. I know all of you are extremely excited for the events leading up to your graduation ceremony. You have a lot to be proud of as we all take some time to reflect on the past 4 years at CHS. Our hope is that this newsletter will help you navigate the busy graduation season and will give you the information you will need to plan with your family and friends. I wish all of you the best as we head into the homestretch, and I am looking forward to the many exciting things to come in the last few months of your senior year.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ames
Principal

Graduation Ceremony Info

The Class of 2023 would like to remind everyone that graduation is a formal ceremony and must be treated with the highest level of dignity. The ceremony dictates that graduates wear **APPROPRIATE DRESS ATTIRE** under their gown. Graduates are not permitted to wear flip flops, slippers, or shorts. Graduates are permitted to decorate their caps indicating their plans after high school, i.e., college, military, trade school, or work. Please be mindful that all decorations should be appropriate and will be checked before graduation. If a cap is decorated inappropriately, a replacement cap will be given.

Doors to SECU Arena, will open at 1:00 p.m. Once the procession begins, doors will be held during the **National Anthem**. SECU Arena does not allow balloons, noisemakers, and food or drinks.

All guests must be seated before the ceremony begins, and, due to fire code regulations, standing along the upper railing will not be permitted during the event. Because of the serious nature and length of the ceremony, commencement exercises are not easy for young children to sit through; therefore, please do everything you can to avoid bringing small children to this event. Please note that all guests require a ticket to be admitted.

As for applause, we ask that you hold all applause until all graduates have processed across the stage.

CONGRATULATIONS!
### Important Dates for Seniors

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<td>Deadline for submitting the MSDE Graduation Survey</td>
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<td>Graduation Rehearsal</td>
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<td>Graduation Arrivals for All Seniors</td>
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Class periods ARE NOT extended. Students are expected to attend all 4 periods each day. If a student needs to receive extended time and/or other accommodations, please contact your teacher **BEFORE** exam week to make arrangements.

Make-up exams will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Wednesday, May 17, 2023, and Thursday, May 18, 2023**, as arranged by student and teacher.
Important Student Services Information

Senior Awards Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. All seniors and their families are encouraged to join us for this celebration. Our Student Services Office will send a written invitation to those students who have been selected to receive an award or scholarship during the event. Additional information will be shared in early May. To be safe, we suggest saving this date on your schedule/calendar now.

College Acceptance Letters

If you have not already shared copies of your decision letters and scholarship awards, please do so as soon as possible. Students should take a copy of the letter(s) to the Student Services Office (copies will be made for their records) or you may email them to Ms. Leonard at kleonard@bcps.org.

It does not matter if you have been accepted to one (1) or 15 colleges, have committed to one of the Armed Services branches, or have been accepted into a skilled trade program, this is a REALLY BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT. We look forward to celebrating these accomplishments with each of you.

Senior Spotlight Survey

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires that all students complete the Graduation Survey during the spring of their senior year. Their aim is to collect information about each student’s educational experiences, as well as their post-secondary plans, admissions decisions, scholarship & financial aid awards, etc. This survey is mandatory for each member of the Class of 2023.

Please login to your Naviance Account to complete the survey as soon as possible. It takes less than 10 minutes. Click on the directions link to walk you through each step. Students must submit this survey (and meet all other school obligations) before they are cleared to pick up graduation tickets.

If you need assistance with solidifying post-grad plans or completing this survey, please reach out to your school counselor immediately. We look forward to celebrating with each of you at graduation.

Submissions must be completed before Monday, May 1, 2023.
ADDITONAL INFORMATION

Ticket Sales: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Monday, May 5, 2023
7:30 A.M. – 7:40 A.M., at the bottom of the Grand Staircase
COST: $80.00 per person (Cash or Check payable to CHS)

Agreement: All seniors attending prom must have a signed RED PROM AGREEMENT form prior to purchasing tickets. Forms are in rooms 201 and 315, and the main office.

Your Guest: If you plan to bring a guest from CHS or another school, you must complete a BLUE GUEST PERMISSION FORM. All non-CHS seniors must complete the form. Forms are available in rooms 201 and 315, and the main office.

Dress Code: This a formal event. Formal evening attire is expected.

Parking: There is a parking garage adjacent to the hotel.

Dues: Dues are $50.00 for all seniors. To receive a discounted prom ticket, dues MUST be paid in full before purchasing.

If you have questions, contact Mr. Benjamin Watkins, bwatkins3@bcps.org for additional information.
Senior Picnic Information

Seniors who have paid their class dues are invited to the catered Senior Picnic that will be held on **Friday, May 19, 2023, 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M., CHS Comet Stadium**. This is a time for students to gather in a casual and relaxed setting, perhaps for the last time. This is a great opportunity to sign yearbooks, visit with teachers, and say good-bye. We know that it will be a very special and memorable event. The picnic will end at **2:00 P.M.**, at which time all seniors will leave the CHS campus. We welcome students to visit us after school hours in the future, but for this special day, students will be dismissed at **2:00 P.M.** and will not be permitted in the school building or on campus for the remainder of the day. We are confident that students will conduct themselves appropriately, thereby enhancing the enjoyment of all involved. Let’s make it a great day for everyone!

Parent Volunteers Needed

Dear Parents,

Here’s your final chance to volunteer for your student’s senior year of high school!

We **NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE** with the Senior Picnic on **Friday, May 19, 2023, 11:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

If you would like to volunteer, please click on the [Class of 2023 Senior Picnic Volunteer Sign-Up](#) link to sign-up.

- Provide pop-up canopies for shade.
- Pick-up and/or set-up food and beverages.
- Clean-up and break down after the picnic.

Please contact Mrs. Marci Ebur-Perrott, meburperrott@bcps.org or Mr. Benjamin Watkins, bwatkins3@bcps.org if you are available to assist.
Graduation Tickets – General Information

- Each student will receive 7. These tickets will be distributed during the **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**, graduation rehearsal.

- In order for a student to receive his or her graduation tickets, all obligations **MUST** be cleared by **Wednesday, May 24, 2023**.

- The doors to the SECU Arena will open at **1:00 P.M.**, and all graduates are to arrive no later than **1:00 P.M.**

- For the safety of guests and graduates, the staff at SECU Arena will wand all guests with handheld metal detectors and will conduct bag checks at the concourse entrances. Bags larger than **22” x 12” x 8”** are not permitted.

- **All guests entering the arena will need a ticket. This includes personal care attendants, infants, and children of all ages.**

- The staff at SECU Arena will be monitoring tickets; therefore, **FORGED/COUNTERFEIT** tickets will not be honored.

- For those family members and friends who are unable to attend in person, the graduation will be livestreamed. For additional information, please check the CHS website closer to the graduation date for the link.