

# SENIOR MEETING

SEMESTER ONE INFORMATION



# **WELCOME CLASS OF 2022!!!**

## **DR. POWER**

- **The purpose of this meeting is to avoid surprises at graduation.**
- **We also want to clear up any misinformation you might hear.**

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

- ***GRADUATION: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at The Family Arena***
- ***LAST DAY FOR SENIORS: Friday, May 13, 2022***
- ***Evening of Reflection is TBD***

# **GRADUATION FEE**

- **You will have to pay a graduation fee if you plan to participate in the event. The price is \$65.00.**
- **We are adding the \$65 to your student account. The fee covers the diploma, diploma cover, cap and gown, flowers/programs/event location, etc.**
- **If you don't plan to participate, you will pay a reduced fee (for the diploma and diploma cover only) and must tell Dr. Power.**

## **FEES/DEBTS**

- **Lost books, parking fines, library materials, uniforms or any other debts must be paid BEFORE you can participate in any senior activities, receive your diploma or your transcript.**
- **Fines were sent out via email before the meeting - if you have questions - go to the school store.**

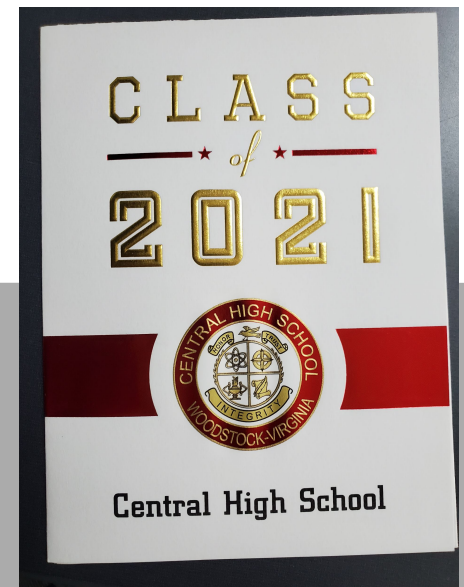
# **PLEASE WELCOME**

- **Sam Glennon our Josten's Representative**

# GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Your Student Council leaders picked out the graduation announcement and it's getting designed now.
- It may not be important to you but it is to parents and grandparents. It's a great way to get presents 😊
- Josten's will be here to get orders during lunch on **FRIDAY - JAN 7!**

*Not the actual  
announcement*



# **OTHER ITEMS YOU CAN ORDER**

- **You can review the packet of info you picked up today with your family. Here's the link to order announcements and any other spirit materials:  
<https://thegraduationcenter.com/> (Missouri, Chesterfield, Parkway Central). You DO NOT need to purchase a tassel or cap/gown--included in our fee.**
- **Online orders must be paid in full. Direct questions regarding ordering to the Jostens office at 636-230-7350 or email inquiries to [stl.jostens@yahoo.com](mailto:stl.jostens@yahoo.com).**



# **DIPLOMA / CAP & GOWN FORM**

- Please write your **FULL LEGAL GIVEN NAME** (no nicknames) on the space provided.
- Write your **HEIGHT and WEIGHT** below your name.  
**EXAMPLE: Joseph Christopher Smith Jr.**  
**5'11"                      185 lbs**
- Please print clearly. We will use this card for your diploma and cap/gown order.
- The cap size is adjustable--don't need to worry about ordering a cap...it's done for you 😊 **YOU CAN'T DECORATE YOUR CAP...EVERYONE LOOKS THE SAME.**

# **DIPLOMA LIST**

- **You must have 20 credits at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. We will post the graduation list on the glass office window (my office) at the end of January.**
- **IF YOUR SPELLING IS NOT CORRECT, THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO CORRECT IT! We had students last year have spelling mistakes on their diploma. They had to pay \$25 to change it.**
- **We will not take names off the list until counselors tell us who didn't meet the graduation requirements.**
- **DO NOT THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST YOU ARE GRADUATING!!!**

# **DOUBLE CHECK YOUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- **Graduation Requirements: Please make sure you are on track to graduate!**
- **In addition to the required credits, you must pass:**
  - **MO and US Constitution Tests**
  - **American Civics Exam (state exam)**
  - **Taken all of the EOC exams (English II, Biology, Government & Algebra--either Alg 1 or Alg 2)**

*Dr. Byrd in charge of EOCs if you have certain questions about them*

# **NOTES FROM COUNSELING**


## **MRS. PRANGE**

- Diploma Requirements
- Senior Year Grades
- Schedule Changes
- College Applications
- Transcript Requests
- A+ Program
- FAFSA & Scholarships

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

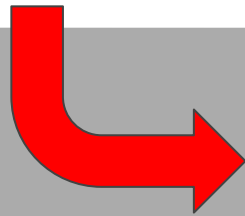
- Have you reviewed your graduation requirements? Will your classes this year fulfill all remaining deficiencies? Are you passing all of your classes?
- Are you taking any correspondence courses? All courses must be completed by **May 1**
- In order to **walk** at graduation, you must be within 1.0 credit of earning your diploma
- In order to obtain your **diploma**, you must have completed all requirements and have **no fines**

# YOUR GRADES

- ❑ Your **schedule** and **grades** are a “contract” with the colleges where you have applied.
  - ❑ They are expecting consistency or improvement, not declines.
  - ❑ Now is not the time to start slacking or dropping all of your rigorous courses!
  - ❑ You could potentially lose scholarships (GPA drop) and/or admissions offers you have already earned if there are significant changes in performance or rigor.
- 

# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- ❑ Only 61% of you have indicated that you have submitted college applications
  - 125 have not requested transcripts or indicated in Naviance that you have applied anywhere
- ❑ Still wanting to apply, but not sure what to do? Need help figuring out Naviance?
  - Read your emails! See handout and videos on Senior Class page of the Counseling website.
  - Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Prange



# RECOMMENDERS & THANK YOU'S

- ❑ Not counting forms and letters written by counselors...
  - 60 different teachers at PCH have written **220 letters** for the Class of 2022
- ❑ *Have you told them thank you?*





# REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

- ❑ If you have late December/early January deadlines, all transcript requests must be in by **TODAY - Friday, December 17**. All teacher recs due by December 22.
- ❑ If letters and/or forms are required, you should have already requested them from your teachers/counselor and then invited them in Naviance (teachers). Counselors might need you to fill out a Recommendation Survey, so discuss your needs with them.
- ❑ Our office is CLOSED from 11:35 am on December 22 – 7:00 am on January 4. No requests will be processed during that window of time. The transcript request portal will be **CLOSED!**
- ❑ **Requesting transcripts on a due date is not appropriate!** You are running the risk of it not being processed on time. If you have a unique circumstance, you must make contact with Mrs. Prange to discuss.

\*\*You don't have to submit the application before you request the transcript!!!!!!!!!!!!

# MIDYEAR TRANSCRIPTS

- If your college indicates the need for midyear transcripts, these will not be available until **late January**.
- Once we complete Sem 2 final exams, I will send a Google Form to your **Parkway email** inquiring about your need for midyear transcripts. (It also asks if we need to **report schedule changes** and/or updated test scores.)
- Requests via the Google Form will be the ONLY way midyears will be sent.**
- How do you know if you need this? The colleges will be communicating with you and/or you can check Common App.

# **ADMISSION DECISIONS**

- ❑ Some of you will be celebrating, while others might feel disappointed.
- ❑ Admits → Practice celebration etiquette
- ❑ Denials → Seek support - this decision is not connected to your personal worth!

# A+ PROGRAM

- Status reports were emailed on November 22 - you can also check IC.
- If you are already enrolled in the A+ program, your status will continue to show as “**Not Yet Eligible**” until you have met all program requirements. Because this includes your FINAL cumulative GPA and attendance, you will not shift to “Eligible Graduate” until senior grades post in May!
- If you have questions or concerns about your status, please email Mrs. Prange.
- If you would still like to enroll in the A+ program, it is **not too late**, but you would need to complete all 50 tutoring/service hours prior to **May 1st**.

# FAFSA

- ❑ The FAFSA is a government application to receive **FREE** financial support (“**grants**”) for college
- ❑ Required to earn A+ scholarship
- ❑ Encouraged by all colleges/universities
- ❑ The application opened **October 1st** and is first come, first served. If you haven’t submitted yet, do so as soon as possible. Deadlines vary by state and institution.
- ❑ Can send the application to **up to 10 schools** (do not yet have to be admitted to those schools; can edit list of schools at any time)
- ❑ Some schools also request **CSS Profile** (fee to file) - check list!

\*\*Get this done before the end of this month, if possible. Every school/state will have different “priority” deadlines. Don’t miss out!

# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Are you filling out scholarship applications?
  - School specific
  - External
- Scholarships are posted in Naviance
- Check frequently for new opportunities
- “Colleges” → “Scholarships & Money” → “Scholarship List” **and** “National Scholarship Search”
- Links at the bottom of the Naviance home page (click “View all from my school”)

# SCHOLARSHIPS IN NAVIANCE

- College Home
- Find Your fit
  - SuperMatch College Search
  - College Match
  - College Events
  - Advanced College Search
  - College Lookup
- Research Colleges
  - Colleges I'm Thinking About
  - College Visits
  - College Compare
  - College Resources
  - Acceptance History
  - Enrichment Programs
  - College Maps
- Apply to College
  - Colleges I'm Applying to
  - Manage Transcripts
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Test Scores
- Scholarships & Money**
  - Scholarships I'm Applying To
  - Scholarship List
  - National Scholarship Search

SEARCH

## Seniors - FAQs

### Class of 2022 - Fall FAQs

As you are preparing and establishing a timeline for submission of college applications, we are aware that you might have process and procedure questions. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions for this fall:

**Q: If a college accepts multiple applications, should I use their application or the Common Application?**  
A: The college has absolutely no preference. They provide the various options to make things simpler for you. I would not suggest

[Read more](#)

- COLLEGES I'm thinking about
- COLLEGES I'm applying to
- COURSES I'm thinking about
- CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about

## Important To-Dos and Tasks

**TASK** Apply to college  
DUE Tuesday May 31, 2022  
Assigned by Your counselor

[See All in My Planner](#)

## What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.

# NEXT STEPS

## **Housing Contracts & Enrollment Deposits**

- Check refund policy – most offer refunds if you change your mind prior to May 1

## **May 1**

- You have until May 1 to make final commitment to your school
- Once you've decided, let the rest of your colleges know you won't be attending
- External correspondence coursework needs to be finished
- A+ tutoring hours and appeals due

## **Keep Grades Strong**


- Don't forget – all admissions decisions are pending final transcripts!

## **Final Transcripts from PCH & Dual Credit**

- PCH Final Transcript - request in **May** via Senior Exit Survey in Naviance.
- Dual Credit (ie UMSL) Transcript - request directly from the college in late May/early June. PCH has no access to these college records!
- If you self-reported test scores, you might also need to order official scores to be sent from the testing agency to the school you choose to attend.



## **OTHER INFO**

- **You will need to take TWO surveys before you graduate. One in Naviance and one from the district. More information will come out next semester.**
  - **If you know someone not here today, send them to my office.**
  - **We will email this info to you / your parents.**
- 

**AS WE LEAVE...**

**TURN IN—DIPLOMA / CAP &  
GOWN CARD IN THE BOX!**

**GO TAKE PICTURE IN GYM**

**A **

**BRING ALL YOUR STUFF!!!**