

May 14, 2021

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

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*
M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program, an award-winning program providing high school seniors across the Commonwealth with valuable financial literacy education, taught by volunteers, on Personal Finance and Budgeting, Using Credit and Credit Cards, and Financing a Car, etc. This instruction is recommended prior to participation in the Financial Literacy Fair
- May 27- 10:10-10:40 Second ACT program*
A follow up program to the Signs of Suicide program students participated in as sophomores, this short program focuses on the transition to post-high school
Led by AHS adjustment counselor Jennifer Pavia-Shiels
- May 28- **Seniors “last” day of school!**
Reality Fair/Community Service Day/class letters, etc.*
All seniors will return their Chromebooks/IT will have a table set up
Replacement costs:
Chromebook \$150
Chromebook Charger \$50
Hotspot \$100
Hotspot charger \$20
Broken screen \$50

● **Senior Week - please click link to see week at a glance chart**

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)- 9:30am

Rehearsals do not have a set end time but are typically 90 minutes

Senior prom/banquet at Lakeview- board busses at 5pm, return approximately 10:15pm

A formal banquet with dinner, yearbooks, etc.

Wednesday, June 2:

Graduation rehearsal * (morning)- 9:30am

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- Board busses at 9 am

Return time - leave Six Flags at 4 pm, return by 6 pm

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.)
[The pre-registration form](#) is attached here.
- **Families are asked to come in one car** when possible to assist with parade organization and parking availability.. 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 MUST be passengers in the car so they can enjoy the parade without distraction!** Ashland Police will be monitoring the cars as they 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