

May 22, 2017

Dear CMS families:

Graduation is an exciting and rewarding time. Our graduates deserve a ceremony they can take pride in now and throughout their lives.

As a result, we ask all graduates, family members and guests to please be mindful of the following guidelines:

- Stand as graduates march into the graduation venue
- Show respect for all graduates
- Applaud politely for each graduate
- Limit cheers so every graduate's name is heard by all attendees
- Remain seated during the entire ceremony (including when taking photographs)

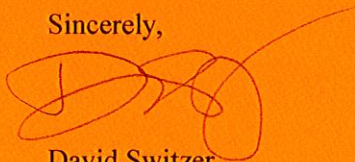
For safety and security reasons, and to keep the focus on our graduates, guests will not be allowed to bring the following items into the graduation venue:

- Flowers
- Duffel bags
- Fanny packs
- Backpacks
- Gifts
- Balloons
- Air horns
- Noisemakers

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, in collaboration with local law enforcement, will provide security at all CMS graduations. Our goal is to allow our graduates and their families to enjoy this very special day without distractions. For this reason, we reserve the right to search all individuals and bags, including diaper bags and camera bags, as guests enter the facility.

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the K-12 experience and thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family. We know our graduates are prepared to compete in a global marketplace, and we look forward to their continued success.

Sincerely,



David Switzer
Principal
Ardrey Kell High School

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian of Graduation Seniors,

The Tenth Annual Graduation of Ardrey Kell High School is fast approaching. Please read this letter carefully and be aware of the expectations we have for our seniors and their guests on this important day.

In order to receive the diploma on Monday, June 12th, the senior *must* attend the **rehearsal on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Bojangles' Coliseum**. We will rehearse starting promptly at 5:30 p.m. and will end by 7:00 p.m. Seniors must pay all fines prior to rehearsal, and only seniors and CMS staff are allowed in the arena during rehearsal.

The Graduation Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 12th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Bojangles' Coliseum. Parking may be a concern so plan accordingly. We are asking seniors to be in the coliseum, attired in cap and gown, by **5:45 p.m.** The processional will begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.** The doors will open to the general public at **6:00 p.m.** Seniors may invite an unlimited number of guests; therefore, tickets are not required for admission.

The senior must wear the cap and gown properly. Young ladies are asked to wear an appropriate dress or skirt with top with the gown. Dark shoes are suggested. Young men should wear a white shirt and tie with dark dress pants and dark dress shoes. *No blue jeans, shorts, clogs, flip-flops, tennis shoes, or other athletic footwear may be worn with the graduation robe.*

A professional photographer will take a picture of each senior receiving the diploma. Parents will be able to view the proofs online for purchasing. In addition, a video will be professionally made for purchase. Flyers about the video and pictures are available on our website in the Graduation 2017 link.

Please remember that participation in graduation is a privilege, not a right. Let us all work together to make this event the highlight of the school year for Ardrey Kell seniors.

Sincerely,



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