



As we get closer to graduation, I wanted to take a few moments to update you on end of the year plans. Please note the following:

- Graduation for Parker is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Monterey Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. The decision to move graduation indoors will be made no later than 9:00 a.m. on the 8th. Please listen to WCLO – 1230 AM, WJVL – 99.9 FM, or check out the Parker webpage regarding this decision. We will make every effort to have an outdoor graduation; however, in order to coordinate set-up, a decision about the location must be made by that time.
- If graduation is moved indoors to the main gym at Parker, a ticket will be required to enter the gym. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on June 8, if needed. Each student will receive 6 tickets. ***Only those people with a ticket will be allowed into the gym.*** This is due to occupancy requirements set per the fire code. We are **not** able to provide extra tickets to any family. However, if you do know of someone that will not be using their tickets or you do not plan on using all of your tickets, those may be shared with someone else. The graduation ceremony will be broadcast live in the auditorium for anyone unable to get a ticket.
- Seniors must have **25.5 credits** for graduation and those credits must be in the correct areas. If you have concerns about your student's status, please call their counselor at 743-5651 or the specific teachers of classes that you have questions.
- Check Out forms will be available in the Main Office for seniors to pick-up on June 1. Each student must complete a check out form and submit it to the main office by 3:30 p.m. on June 6. Additionally, textbooks, LMC materials and any registration or other fees must be paid at this time.
- Seniors will report to Monterey Stadium for graduation practice beginning at 1:00 p.m. Practice will last about 1 hour. Seniors will need to report back to Monterey Stadium for the graduation ceremony no later than 6:00 p.m. and check in with their homeroom teacher. Graduation is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. There is limited seating for guests with disabilities. Please arrive early as there is no reserved seating.
- More information will be shared regarding end of year senior activities.

We are looking for a successful completion of your child's senior year, culminated by a spectacular outdoor graduation ceremony. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 608-743-5600.

Sincerely,

Chris Laue, PHS Principal

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The purpose of this document is to distinguish “graduation” from “commencement” and explain the criteria for each.

“Graduation” occurs when a student has successfully completed the requirements needed to earn a high school diploma. The requirements for this process are explained in Board Policy 6310 (available at the School District of Janesville’s website). If a student has met the identified criteria, he/she has a right to graduate - or earn a diploma.

“Commencement” is the ceremony held to recognize students who have graduated (successfully completed the Board requirements to earn a diploma). The High School Principals are responsible for coordinating and overseeing commencement. Students participate in commencement exercises at the Principal’s discretion. Participation in commencement is an earned privilege.

In order to be eligible to participate in commencement exercises, students must:

- Complete all requirements as described in Board Policy 6310.
- Maintain satisfactory/appropriate behavior up to and through the commencement ceremony.
 - NOTE: Students may be removed, at any time, from the ceremony due to behavior at the Principal’s discretion.

Students who complete their programming at Rock River Charter School earn diplomas from Craig or Parker High Schools. They may choose to participate in their home school’s commencement and are expected to follow the policies described above.