



## SENIOR NOTES – CLASS OF 2021

**HOMECOMING:** Homecoming has been rescheduled for the week of March 8 – 11, 2021. There will be a flag football game and naming of the Homecoming Court followed by an outdoor movie on Thursday, March 11. Plans for additional activities are being finalized. Due to the ongoing pandemic, Homecoming activities will **not** include a dance this year.

**SENIOR PARENT MEETING:** Thursday, February 4, 2021

Link to video recording of Senior Parent Meeting:

[https://www.carrollwooddayschool.org/cf\\_media/index.cfm?obj=4419](https://www.carrollwooddayschool.org/cf_media/index.cfm?obj=4419)

- Update on college admissions procedures
- DP exam schedules
- End of year expectations
- Graduation activities

**JUNIOR SENIOR PROM:** The administration is working with the Dance Committee and Student representatives to plan a special social event for the junior and senior classes.

Parent volunteers may be needed to help coordinate decorations with Dance Committee/Student Government.

**GRAD BASH:** Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in a day of fun at an Orlando theme park on Monday, May 24, 2021. More details will be announced once plans are finalized.

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:** Please be sure to submit to the College Counseling office copies of all college acceptances and all scholarship letters your senior receives; even if your child does not plan to attend that school.

**SENIOR SLIDE SHOW:** A special slideshow will be prepared that will showcase pictures of the Class of 2021. Each family is asked to send in 4-5 pictures from their baby albums through their senior year to include in the slideshow. Group shots of current 12th grade students from throughout their years at CDS are also welcome and will be used as time and space allow. **Extra pictures of individual students cannot be included.**

All pictures must be received by **Thursday, April 15, 2021**. No print pictures, pictures must be digital pictures on DVDs/CDs, thumb drives, or emailed to [seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org). (Please enter your child's name in the subject line of the email.)

**SENIOR PARENT REFLECTIONS:** At the Senior Honoring Reception on Thursday, May 20, 2021, we would like to incorporate reflections from parents and family members. These reflections can be overall impressions or thoughts about what being part of CDS meant/means to you and your child ... or simply sharing of a specific memory/event that had an impact on your child during his/her time at CDS. A booklet with these reflections will be distributed at the reception. Please mail reflections to Mrs. Compher and include your child's name in the subject line ([ccompher@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:ccompher@carrollwooddayschool.org)).

Reflections are due by **Thursday, April 15, 2021**. The maximum length for reflections is **450 words** per student. Thank you in advance for helping to make the Senior Honoring Reception a personal and meaningful night for all in attendance.

**SENIOR CLASS GIFT:** The Class of 2021 will raise funds for a legacy gift to the school. More detailed information will be sent out later in the year.

**LOCKER CLEAN OUT:**

- Locker clean-out will be held on **Friday, May 14, 2021**. Any unclaimed items will be discarded, recycled, or donated. CDS assumes no liability for items left in lockers after May 14, 2021.

**SENIOR SEND-OFF: TBD: Thursday, April 22, 2021 or Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

- The date for this event will be determined by the IB testing schedule set by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).
- Senior Appreciation Lunch for Class of 2021 will be held from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. **(students only)**
- Other celebratory activities TBD based on current health and safety regulations

**COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:** CDS partners with Balfour to provide commencement announcements, thank you notes, and other commemorative products. The deadline for online ordering of commencement announcements to avoid late fees is **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**. Orders can be placed at [www.balfourfl.com](http://www.balfourfl.com). If you have any questions, contact Balfour Florida Division at 727.539.7070.

**GRADUATION CAPS, GOWNS, AND REGALIA:** The upper school office will take care of ordering your graduating senior's cap and gown and any honoring regalia he/she has earned. These items will be kept at school and graduating seniors' gowns will be pressed and ready for the graduates on graduation day.

**GRADUATION PICTURES:** **If your senior has not yet made an appointment for their senior portrait; please contact Studio Artistry immediately at (813) 873-7959.** Studio Artistry is the official photographer for Carrollwood Day School. You are not obligated to purchase any pictures from Studio Artistry; however, **only official Studio Artistry formal graduation pictures will be published in the yearbook.** Studio Artistry will also take a group picture of the entire class and will be at the graduation ceremony to take candid and formal pictures before and after the ceremony. These pictures will be available for purchase from the photographer's website.

**GRADUATION CRITERIA & IB EXAMS: April 30 – May 20, 2021**

A *tentative* schedule of IB exams is attached.

- IB Exams:
  - IB exam dates are scheduled to take place April 30 – May 20  
*These dates are set by the International Baccalaureate Organization.*  
*As of January 2021, IBO has not made a determination on whether IB exams will be given this May. As soon as this decision is made, parents and students will be notified.*
- Missed Exams:
  - If a student misses an IB DP exam, the earliest he/she will be able to make-up the exam is November 2021.
- IB Exams will be administered on campus this year.

**SENIOR HONORING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, MAY 20**

- Parents will be asked to provide baby and childhood pictures for a slideshow honoring the Class of 2021.
- The Senior Honoring Reception will be held on Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.
- This event will be held outdoors on the CDS Bearss Avenue campus.
- **Junior and senior parent volunteers may be needed to help decorate and set up for this event.**
- Families will be limited to the number of guests they can invite, based on current health and safety regulations.
- Graduates will be complimentary; for parents and guests the cost is \$10 per person.
- Invitations will be provided by the school. Guests will be instructed to RSVP to their host/graduate family.
- Parents must make reservations for all guests, including graduate by **Friday, May 7**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate “walk-in” guests the evening of the event.

### **REHEARSAL: FRIDAY, MAY 21**

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- All graduating seniors must participate in the full length of the commencement rehearsal on May 21 in order to participate in commencement. **Seniors who do not participate in the entire commencement rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.**
- Girls should wear the shoes that they will wear to the commencement ceremony.
- In order to participate in the commencement rehearsal and commencement ceremony, students must meet all graduation requirements including: meeting all academic criteria, completion of all CDS service hours, turning in all books and athletic uniforms, and satisfying all financial obligations to the school.

### **COMMENCEMENT: FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021**

- The Commencement Exercises will take place on Friday, May 21, 2021. The procession will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Graduation will be held in Carrollwood Day School's **Wagner Athletic Complex**.
- Graduating seniors must arrive at CDS by **3:30 p.m.** for robing and class pictures. Faculty will assist the graduates with their robes and regalia.
- Graduates will **not be available** for pictures with family and friends until after the cap toss following the graduation recessional.
- Proper Attire for graduates:
  - No jeans, tennis shoes or casual footwear (i.e. flip-flops, crocs, or flat thong sandals) are permitted. Please leave all bags with family members. Do not leave valuables visible in your car, even if the car is locked.
  - Young Women: Underneath their gowns, young women should wear dresses, dress slacks, and black **flats**. Young women are encouraged to leave their purses and or bags with their families.
  - Young Men: Underneath their gown, young men should wear **white** collared, dress shirts with dark ties and black or navy dress slacks. They should also wear dark colored dress shoes and dark socks.
  - All school policies for dress apply; graduates should look neat and prepared for a formal ceremony.

### **GRADUATION SEATING:**

- There will be a section of seating reserved for families of the graduates on the field in the Wagner Athletic Complex. Each family will receive tickets for the reserved family

section. **Seats will be reserved in advance** for the families of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian and seats purchased at the annual auction. Additional guests are welcome to attend; seating for a limited number of additional guests will be available in the bleachers.

- A block of seats will be reserved for faculty and staff.
- Family commencement tickets will be mailed home in the packet containing the invitations to the Senior Honoring Reception.

**FAMILY AND GUEST ARRIVAL:**

- Gates to the Wagner Athletic Complex will open at 4:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. The graduation processional will begin **promptly** at 5:00 p.m.

It has been our pleasure to partner with you in preparing your children to “go confidently in the direction of their dreams.” The faculty and staff of CDS salute you for the huge role you have played in bringing your children to this momentous milestone.

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### Carrollwood Day School: IB DP Exam 2021 Testing Times

Date	Time	Test
4/30/21	PM	Business Management
5/3/21	AM	Business Management
5/3/21	PM	Physics
5/4/21	AM	Sports, Exercise & Health Science
5/4/21	PM	History
5/5/21	AM	History (HL)
5/6/21	PM	Math
5/7/21	AM	Math
5/10/21	PM	English
5/11/21	AM	Math (HL)
5/11/21	PM	Computer Science / ESS
5/12/21	AM	Computer Science (HL) / ESS
5/13/21	AM	Global Politics
5/13/21	PM	Spanish
5/14/21	AM	Chemistry
5/19/21	AM	Biology
5/19/21	PM	Psychology
5/20/21	AM	Psychology (HL)
5/20/21	PM	French

**Please note:** Exams begin promptly at the stated times. Students must arrive 20-30 minutes prior to their exams to get settled in. Exams cannot be rescheduled prior to November 2021. If your student does not arrive at an exam, it will begin without them. Students will be admitted late to an exam; however, they will not have any extra time allotted to them. For example, if they show up 30 minutes late for a 60-minute exam, they will only have the remaining 30 minutes to complete the exam.