



**CLASS of
2022**

**GRADUATION
CEREMONY:**

**Saturday
May 21, 2022**

Rich Township High School
Fine Arts Campus (FAC)
5000 Sauk Trail
Richton Park, IL
5:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

Admittance by ticket only, including
infants & small
children.

Parent Information

Meeting

RTHS administrations and the Senior Class Sponsors will host a parent meeting updating you on important information leading up to commencement.

March 22

6:00p.m.

STEM Gym

3600 W. 203rd St
Olympia Fields, IL

Graduation Connection

Jim Cranley

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- Class Rings
- Graduation Announcements
- Varsity Jackets

RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH DISTRICT

Class of 2022

Graduation Newsletter

SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE By May 13, 2022

All senior's fees are due by May 13th. Students who fail to pay fees will not be issued a cap & gown or tickets. Fee statement will be sent home monthly to ensure accuracy on your student's account. No personal checks will be accepted after April 1st. Cash, money orders, credit and debit cards will be accepted in the cashier's office or by calling (708) 679.3000

GRADUATION REHEARSALS

BOTH REHEARSALS are MANDATORY!!

Seniors must be on time and remain for the entire rehearsal in order to participate in the ceremony.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Rehearsal #1

Thursday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the FAC gym/stadium

Rehearsal #2/

Baccalaureate Ceremony

Friday May 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the FAC gym/stadium



Cap and Gowns/Tickets Information and Distribution

Due to COVID-19 protocols, graduating and participating seniors will receive **four (4)** tickets for the outdoor ceremony and **two (2)** for the indoor ceremony **in the event of inclement weather.**

♦ **Cap and Gowns** will be distributed

following **Mandatory Rehearsal #1** - Thursday, May 19th

♦ **Tickets** will be distributed following **Mandatory**

Rehearsal #2/Baccalaureate Ceremony —Friday, May 20th

***Please note that ALL fees must be paid in full before tickets are distributed.**

SENIOR CREDIT CHECK

Only seniors who have achieved all academic graduation requirements (**22 credits**) as of May 14, 2022, will participate in the graduation ceremony. Questions regarding requirements should be directed to

Diploma Pick-up:

Graduates are to proceed immediately after the ceremony to the designated area (TBD) to pick up their diploma.

Handicapped Seating

Please inform you campus Senior Class Sponsor in writing, if seating in the handicapped area is needed. Due to the limited space, only two guests and per family will be allowed to be seated in this section.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

If your student will not be attending the graduation ceremony, please notify your campus registrar so arrangements can be made to pick up your student's diploma and cap & gown.

Flower/Gifts:

Due to limited space, and as not to block the view of others, balloons, and/or large gifts **will NOT be allowed in the ceremony**

Cell Phones

Seniors are not allowed to utilize cell phones during graduation rehearsal. On the day of the ceremony, students should not have a cell phone on their person at anytime within the facility. Please, prior to entering the facility coordinate a meeting point for post-ceremony departure. Any student found to be using their phone will be removed from activity.

The Day of the Ceremony

- **Arrival:** Seniors should arrive no later than 4:30p.m. and report to the pre-function room. (Directional signs will be in the center)
- **Parking:** Parking will be available at the FAC Campus and surrounding locations. Shuttles will be available for anyone who needs assistance.
- **Guests:** Guests will **NOT** be allowed to enter the stadium or gym until 5:00 p.m.
- **Start Time:** The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30p.m. Once the processional begins, we will hold admittance until all the graduates have entered the stadium/gym.
- Late seniors will only be allowed to sit behind the class. They will receive their diploma at the end of the ceremony.

Graduation/Yard Sign Pictures

Congratulations are in order for making it this far. Just a little longer and you will be at graduation. Regarding your senior pictures, if you want to take your cap and gown pictures without purchasing a package we are offering two Saturdays to get those done. (These pictures will be used for the complimentary district yard signs).

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Saturday, March 19, 2022

ALL SENIOR PORTRAIT APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE BEFORE:

MARCH 5, 2022.

To purchase senior portrait packages:

An email from Mr. B. Bridgeforth has been sent to seniors.

Please see Schoology for more information.

DECORUM

The graduation ceremony is a formal event and it is an expectation that the decorum reflects such an atmosphere. Graduates and their guests are expected to hold their applause until all names are called so that our graduates are guaranteed the respect they deserve. Yelling names, loud devices, or any other sounds that may interrupt the ceremony are strictly prohibited. Thank you in advance for your support in making this a respectful and memorable occasion for all.

Social and Academic Suspension

Marching in the graduation ceremony is a privilege. If a senior is on suspension at or during quarters three and four he or she will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony or any senior activities.

Graduation Dress Code

- Graduates must have their cap, gown, tassel, medals, cords, etc. to be worn.
- Caps must be worn with the point in the center of the forehead and the **tassel on the RIGHT SIDE** of the cap.
- **GOWNS MUST BE ZIPPED!**
- Sun glasses **may not** be worn during the ceremony
- Appropriate and respectable clothing should be worn under gowns.
Men:
Shirt and slacks
(Tie's optional)
Ladies:
Dress, skirt, or slacks
- Ladies, use caution when making the decision to wear heels. There are prolonged periods of walking and standing.
- Flip flops and sneakers are prohibited.
- **NO** gum chewing .

ALL-WHITE LUNCHEON CRUISE

May 20, 2022

12:30p.m.- 6:30p.m.

Cost: \$58

Eligible seniors will experience Chicago from a new perspective on the *Spirit of Navy Pier*. They will ride to Navy Pier on a luxury coach bus, take a picture as they board the ship, dine on a gourmet lunch, and dance to an awesome DJ.



Eligible Seniors will be going to

Six Flags Great America

in Gurnee, IL

May 14, 2022

10:00pm—4:00am

Cost : \$60

Includes:

Coach Bus Transportation

Admission to park

Buffet Dinner

