

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over and you will be graduating from The Woodlands College Park High School. At the end of the week, you will be walking across the stage to receive your diploma and celebrate this great accomplishment. Your dedication to education, activity/programs, and our school will be honored and celebrated at the Commencement Ceremony during Graduation 2018 at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. The excitement builds as we get closer to the actual graduation ceremony. Please see the following information regarding Graduation.

PAVILION SECURITY POLICIES:

- No bags or purses larger than 8.5" x 11" (the size of a standard size piece of paper) will be allowed into the venue.
- No backpacks of any kind will be permitted.
- All bags, regardless of size or type are subject to a search.
- Diaper bags will be allowed, only when accompanied by the child.
- The Pavilion is NOT RESPONSIBLE for bags or personal items left unattended in the venue or outside the gates. All unattended items will be discarded immediately.

No posters, air horns or other objects that would disrupt or take away from the calling of our Seniors names. Each family would like to hear their students name called.

Pavilion entrance gates, including the backstage entrance, there are walk-through metal detectors similar to those used in most stadiums and arenas. As you pass through the metal detectors, bags, hats, phones, cameras, smart watches and other large metal objects will need to be removed and shown to our Event Staff. Coins, belts, keys and wallets may remain in your pocket or on your person.

WEATHER

Graduation will occur rain or shine. If it is raining, graduates will report directly to their seats.

VIDEO

Please remember that Graduation will be streamed live from the CISD Homepage.

<http://www.conroeisd.net/>

Also, the DVD of the Ceremony may be purchased from the school [webstore](#) for \$25. Purchases can be made until **3pm on May 29, 2018.**

PRACTICE

Seniors will meet for practice on Friday, May 25th at 8:30 a.m. in the 1500 Gym. You must be on time. Seniors will then board school buses and will be transported to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Graduation practice is mandatory to participate in Graduation 2018. All seniors must ride the bus to and from the Pavilion. Practice should be over about 11:15 a.m. at which time the seniors will be brought back to TWCP. At this time, you will receive your graduation tickets.

TICKETS

Each graduate will receive tickets for graduation. We anticipate that each graduate will receive 4 reserved tickets. You will be issued your tickets on the bus once we return to College Park from graduation practice. All remaining seats and the lawn will be available for additional seating on a first come, first serve basis. (No ticket required). There are six areas for handicapped seating. Handicapped guests do not need a ticket for these areas, and we ask that only one family member sit in this area if assistance is needed. Other family members may sit on the hill. Pavilion ushers will be available to escort handicapped guests to their seats.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Seniors should arrive for graduation by 6:30 pm. Upon arrival, seniors will line up as practiced in the prearranged alphabetic order. At 7:30 pm the Class of 2018 will enter the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion seating area. The gates at the Pavilion will open at 6:30 pm, and we ask all guests to be seated by 7:15 pm.

PARKING

All parking areas for the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion will be available. You may enter the Pavilion from either side to avoid congestion and delays, so we encourage the use of all available lots. Please remember that parking at the mall and some surrounding areas is not permissible. Be sure to observe the "No Parking" areas, as they are strictly enforced. You may also use the Pavilion Parking Garage but they will be charging a parking fee for that area.

ATTIRE

Girls should wear dresses or dress slacks (no shorts or jeans) and dress shoes. Do not bring a purse. Boys should wear dress slacks, a white shirt, and tie. Flip flops or tennis shoes are not allowed. We recommend flats shoes as stage will be dusty and you could easily slip.

SENIOR GRADUATION PHOTOS

Flash Photography will take pictures as you graduate as well as when you leave the stage. They will contact you directly when the pictures are available. Guests will not be allowed near the graduate seating area to take pictures. We ask that you observe the formal and dignified atmosphere of this occasion.

CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

We are very excited to graduate at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. You are reminded that this is a formal and dignified occasion and you are expected to exhibit conduct that is appropriate for the ceremony. Students and the audience should exhibit class and dignity and hold applause until the last graduate has crossed the stage. Any inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the Pavilion. As a reminder, NO air horns, noisemakers, signs or items that would cause a distraction/disruption are allowed.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Community Scholarships and Booster Club Scholarships: Students who receive scholarships from organizations such as Rotary Club, community associations, or recognized school booster clubs, with few exceptions, will need to contact the club/organization directly to determine how the award will be

distributed. Please be aware that these organizations will be asking for the College/University you will be attending as well as your social security number so that the award is credited to the correct person. Please see the College and Career Center if you need any assistance.

School Organization Scholarships: Students who receive scholarships from school organizations that do not have a formal booster club must turn in a copy of the acceptance letter from the college or university which you will attend, its payment address, and your Social Security number to our Finance Secretary, Mary Lignieres, across from the main office by May 23rd. The scholarship check will be sent directly to the college or university. Acceptance letters received by our College and Career Center, etc., will NOT result in scholarship monies being issued. Many students have received numerous acceptance letters, but we do not know where you will be attending unless this information is given to Mrs. Lignieres.

Academics and attendance are extremely critical during the final weeks of school. In the excitement of the upcoming graduation, seniors are reminded to take care of all academic and attendance requirements for graduation!

FINES, BOOKS, EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, AND FEES

All seniors must make sure that they have turned in all text books, library books, equipment/uniforms, and paid all fees/fines prior to the purchase of Prom tickets and the last day of school for seniors. Any senior who has failed to complete these tasks will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, and your diploma will not be released until the items have been cleared. All fines, equipment/uniforms, books, and fees must be paid prior to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd.