



March 2026

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please read carefully and check for updates on our daily announcements and the [Senior Information page on the Kennedy Website](#)

1. **Grades:** Senioritis is a real condition that often affects students who believe they are finished with high school before it is actually over. Grades and credits, even this late in the year, matter. Check your grades on Infinite Campus and check them often. Parents, please be sure that your child is passing all the credits needed to graduate. Students are also reminded that colleges will ask for final transcripts and they can rescind acceptance offers if there is a significant change in grades. Students, keep up with your studies. Our goal is to have every senior graduate on Saturday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. **Every student must complete all requirements to participate in the graduation ceremony.**
2. **CPR- The Healthy Kids Act** requires that every high school student receives CPR training by a certified instructor prior to graduation. This is a requirement for graduation and students have been given several opportunities here at school. To check if this requirement has been met, log into your Infinite Campus account. Click on **Documents**, then **Other**. This will take you to the Academic Progress Page. Click on **Academic Plan**, then generate a report. Check the bottom right. If this is **No**, this requirement is missing and you will need to arrange to take a class and give your certificate to the Counseling Office.
3. **Yearbook-** Yearbooks will be delivered in May before you graduate. For more details, look at the Yearbook page on the Kennedy website.
4. **Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held 3pm, Sunday, April 26 in the Kennedy Main Gym.** We will be honoring the many seniors who have earned special awards and scholarships. Invitations will be emailed out in April for all students who will be recognized. We encourage parents to attend this special awards ceremony and we urge seniors to **wear dress clothes** to the event. We also ask that seniors who receive scholarships at this event take time to send thank-you notes. Group pictures will be taken at school the following day.
5. **Senior Class Photo** is scheduled for **Monday, April 27th at 9:30** (block 2). All Seniors should plan to attend. We will also take Senior Recognition groups photos at this time. These pictures and all pictures taken at Kennedy assemblies this school year can be purchased through www.Teamphotonetwork.com -use Password: KHS2526. You can also call Impact Photo at 319-362-6187 if you would like to order pictures from previous years.
6. **Senior Walk**, sponsored by Student Government. This is an opportunity for seniors to visit their elementary school and say “thank you” to teachers and to encourage young Cougars to stay in school. The Walks will be May 12-15. The link to sign up will be shared on the daily announcements in May.
7. **Prom will be held on Friday, May 1st.** The dance will be at Kirkwood Hotel and post prom will be at Kennedy. *As with all school events, all school rules, including those regarding the use of alcohol or other drugs prior to or during any part of this function and **good standing requirements**, are in effect at all times.* If you would like to donate to the prom, either financially or with prizes, please contact Mrs. Langton at clangton@crschools.us.

8. **Chromebook Return:** Your **Chromebook and charger** must be returned before you graduate. Device turn-in days are: **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19-20, 7:30-3:00 in the fishbowl area of the Main Entrance.** If you won't need your device for any schoolwork the last few days of class, you may return your device to Mr. Long in the MIMC at your convenience before the above listed dates. Please note that per the Student Acknowledgement Form that was signed, students are responsible for any damages/and cost of replacement if the device or charger is not returned.
9. **Past due school financial obligations need to be settled by Monday, May 18th.** Please note that most fees can be paid with a credit card online through the Infinite Campus parent portal or by check/cash in the bookkeeper's office. We reserve the right to charge for any textbooks & Chromebooks not returned. Bills will be mailed out for these charges. **All unpaid fees/fines will be sent to Collections.** If you are wondering whether you have any bills or outstanding fees, please check the parent portal of Infinite Campus, contact our bookkeeper Matthew Lovegood at 558-2251 x72032, mlovegood@crschools.us , or check with your performing arts director.
10. **Library/Textbooks:** All materials and books must be returned and fines paid prior to graduation. The final due date will be May 15.
11. **Last Day-** May 20 is the last attendance day for seniors with senior final tests on May 19-20. We ask that seniors not be on the campus grounds after the 20th. We appreciate your support and cooperation on this issue.
12. **Expectations for student behavior** during the final weeks of school are the same as they have been for the entire school year. **Parents and students please understand that pranks or other inappropriate behavior, including violations of district drug/alcohol policies, can jeopardize their participation in our graduation ceremonies.** We expect the school year to be focused on teaching and learning and require all of our students, including our senior leaders, to adhere to this goal.
13. **Lunch Account:** To check lunch account balances, go to <https://cedarrapids.familyportal.cloud/>(student ID number required). Remaining lunch money can be refunded, transferred to a sibling, or donated for students in need. To move lunch money, go to the School Meals page on the District Website or call the District Food & Nutrition department at 558-2305.
14. **Senior Slideshow:** A "Then and Now" picture slideshow will be displayed on the big screens at the Alliant Energy Center before the commencement ceremony. If you would like your picture to be included:
 - Upload two pictures, one a baby/child picture and one that is recent (does not need to be an official senior picture). Pictures are due by Monday, May 11. The link is on the Senior Information Page of the Kennedy Website.
 - If you do not have pictures that you can send electronically, bring them to the Main Office and we will scan them for you. Make sure photos are labeled. We will attempt to return all pictures but take no responsibility for them.
15. **Commencement announcements, caps, and gowns will be distributed April 10 at school.** Caps, gowns, tassels and stoles are yours to keep. **YOU MUST HAVE A KENNEDY CAP, GOWN, and TASSEL TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT.** If you cannot afford any or all of these items let the Main Office or

your counselor know. You can use Kennedy caps and gowns previously used by siblings. Tassels can be purchased separately in the Main Office.

Caps and gowns may not be altered or otherwise decorated to be used in the ceremony. Students not qualifying for graduation who would like a refund MUST return garments to the Main Office by Monday, May 11. Questions? Contact Greta McChesney at greta@teamiowa.net. *After graduation, gowns can be donated to the school.*

16. **Rehearsal for graduation will be held in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse on Friday, May 22, 8-9:30 am.**

It is **required** that all seniors who have indicated they will participate attend rehearsal; attendance will be taken. Do not bring your cap and gown to rehearsal. Parents should **not** attend the rehearsal.

Seniors not in attendance at rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in graduation unless preapproved.

17. **Graduation is Saturday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.** The ceremony will be held at the Alliant Energy

PowerHouse Center. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. for seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are not required. Impact Photo will be there to take individual pictures of graduates before the ceremony and as students receive their diploma. These pictures can be purchased at www.Teamphotonetwork.com -use Password: KHS2526. You can also call Impact Photo at 319-362-6187. The event is usually broadcast on KCRG 9.2.

18. **Garments, including shoes, worn under your graduation gown need to be “dress up”** (i.e. dress slacks, or dresses, shirts and ties). No tennis shoes or flip-flops. Corsages or flowers on gowns are discouraged. Please do not personalize your cap/gown.

19. **Students are encouraged to wear academic medallions and cords at commencement.** Members of our various honor societies may purchase cords from the Honor Society sponsor.

20. **Final Transcript requests** need to be completed through the counseling office. **All seniors** will be asked to complete the **Senior Survey** in early May. This is used to request where your final transcript will be sent and to let us know what your plans are for after graduation. **In mid-June once all grades are complete, final transcripts will be mailed** to the institution requested. Admission applications usually will not be finalized until the final transcript is received. **It is considered a courtesy for students to notify all other schools to which they have applied when a final decision has been made.** Note, If you have an early registration date, please contact the counseling office for an unofficial transcript.

I am very proud of you all! Let's finish your senior year the right way! Go Cougs!

Sincerely,



Jason Kline