

Class of 2022 Countdown to Commencement



PCHS Class of 2022,

In about 5 weeks you will be a Pella Christian High School alumni. Congratulations on reaching this milestone! As you approach the end of your chapter at PCHS and begin the next chapter in your life, there are a few things that you will want to be aware of to make the final days smooth and positive. **Please keep this letter handy and/or get these dates on your calendars.**

1. **Senior Awards Night:** Senior Awards Night is **Wednesday, May 18** at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you are receiving an award or scholarship (many of you are receiving a Dollars for Scholars Scholarship). Please note that this evening is for scholarships only, academic awards will be presented during an assembly at school on another date (more information to come).
2. **Last Day of Class: Thursday, May 19** is your last day of class at PCHS. You are only required to be here for the periods in which you have a test/exam to take. We ask that if you come late or leave early, you do so quietly and with minimal disruption. Please remember to clean out your lockers before leaving, including removal of any adhesives on or in your locker. Please use the garbage cans in the locker pod area to dispose of anything you no longer need.
3. **Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, May 20** is graduation rehearsal. Graduation rehearsal will be in the gym beginning at **9:30 a.m. sharp. Please be on time and enter through the west gym door.** Doors to the gym will open at 9:00 a.m. if you would like to reserve seats for your immediate family. Each graduate is allowed **four** reserved seats on the floor. You may also reserve bleacher seats. Keep in mind that bleachers are better seats for viewing the stage. Rehearsal will last approximately one hour. If you are in Concert Choir, plan on staying after graduation practice to rehearse.
4. **Senior Send-Off:** Something new this year in place of the Senior Sunset event is a Senior Send-Off. Immediately following graduation rehearsal May 20 there will be organized fun activities and a meal served at school. The Senior Send-Off will end shortly after noon.
5. **Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 21** is your graduation day! The ceremony will begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.** You will gather in the music room per the times mentioned below. Please dress appropriately for this event. Remember your cap, gown, AND tassel. No shorts, tank tops, tennis shoes, beach-style flip flops, etc.
6. **Graduation Photos:** Adams Photography will take a staged photo of you receiving your diploma from the board president in the music room prior to the ceremony. Students with last names A-R should arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. and those with last names S-Z reporting by 6:15 p.m. A second photo will be taken during the processional. See the attached yellow form for ordering pictures. Orders with payment are due in the school office Friday, May 13. **ALL students will get their picture taken even if you do not place an order.**
7. Be sure to take your gown out of its packaging prior to the day of graduation and get the wrinkles out. Cool iron if needed - they scorch easily!
8. **All fines, fees, and tuition must be paid to the school and all textbooks and other school related items must be returned in good condition before you may receive your diploma.** Check the appropriate list(s) at school.
9. All detentions and community service hours must be made up before you receive your diploma. In other words, no unexcused absences for these final few weeks. Any Good Conduct Policy violation between now and graduation will mean that you will not be allowed to “walk” during the ceremony. Please make good choices!
10. Enjoy your final weeks of high school. Take time to tell your friends, teachers, fellow classmates, and other PCHS staff how much they have meant to you over these past four years.

Thank you seniors for your cooperation this year. We have had a good year due in part to your leadership and cooperation. God’s blessings to each of you as you leave this place as PCHS alumni to serve in His world!

Sincerely,
Mr. Herdegen

To: Graduating Seniors & Parents

Re: Commencement 2022 Picture Information

Al Adams from Adams Photography of Oskaloosa, Iowa will be at PCHS to take pictures at the commencement exercises on May 21. He will take two photos of each graduate, one of each student receiving his/her diploma from the board president (this is a staged photo taken prior to the commencement exercises in the music room) and a second photo of the student in the processional. There are 2 options for ordering; a single photo of the graduate receiving their diploma OR a package with both the diploma and processional photos. **Students with last names A-R should report to the music room May 22 no later than 6:00 p.m. and those with last names S-Z report by 6:15 p.m.** for your staged diploma photo. The pictures will be 5”X 7” color photos and must be prepaid. Adams Photography will mail the photos directly to your home when they are finished.

If you desire to take advantage of either of the options listed below, simply indicate which one is your choice, the quantity, and include a check for the proper amount. **All photo orders must be accompanied by payment and placed in the box in the office by Friday, May 13.**

Graduate’s Name _____

_____ (quantity) Photo receiving diploma only - \$16 EACH

_____ (quantity) Receiving diploma and processional- \$25 FOR BOTH

\$_____ Total (due at the time of order- no orders processed without payment. Checks made payable to Pella Christian High School)

Orders due WITH PAYMENT Friday, May 13, in the PCHS office.