



CLASS OF 2021

***GUIDE TO
GRADUATION***

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to earn a diploma and be able to participate in graduation activities, students must meet each of the following criteria:

- complete at least 20 hours of community service for each year enrolled at Cristo Rey Kansas City; 20 must be completed senior year
 - 80 hours total for students who have attended since freshman year
 - 60 hours total for students who transferred to CRKC as sophomores
 - (CRKC Service Scholarship recipients must meet those criteria.)
- have no balance due for tuition or other expenses (technology charges, lost or damaged books, etc.)
- pay meal fees (breakfast and lunch) in full
- submit full payment(s) for Jostens/School Traditions graduation attire
- ensure no CWSP day absences or have all missed work days made-up
- complete academic requirements for all courses taken during seventh (7th) semester or prior, including those earned through credit recovery by the posted deadline
- earn a passing grade for all eighth (8th) semester classes

Students will be given a Graduation Checklist (*see sample*) via Senior Seminar at the beginning of each month throughout the academic year, beginning in September. This document is aimed at keeping all seniors and their families on track for meeting the requirements for graduation in a timely manner.

Today, there are seventy-seven (77) students who are part of the Class of 2021. It is our expectation that they each reach their goal of graduation. We anticipate seeing every one of our seniors in purple, (shaking hands) with Mr. O'Connor as they receive their high school diploma on **Friday, May 14**.



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CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT

In order to earn a diploma and participate in graduation activities on May 14, seniors must meet each of the following criteria. Dates are planned, but pending state and local health guidelines.

The senior should initial next to each graduation requirement. Signatures from the senior and a parent/guardian are also necessary. PRIDE Leaders will help keep on pace.

_____ I will complete academic requirements for all courses taken during seventh (7th) semester or prior, including those earned through credit recovery by 5pm on Wednesday, March 31.

_____ I will submit full payment(s) for Jostens/School Traditions graduation attire no later than 5pm on Wednesday, March 31.

_____ I will complete at least 20 hours of community service for each year enrolled at Cristo Rey Kansas City, including 20 during senior year, and submit them for verification prior to 4pm on Friday, April 30.

- 80 hours total for students who have attended since freshman year
- 60 hours total for students who transferred to CRKC as sophomores

_____ I will have no balance due for tuition or other expenses (technology, lost or damaged books, etc.) by Friday, May 7.

_____ I will pay meal fees (breakfast and lunch) in full by 4pm on Friday, May 7.

_____ I will ensure that I have no CWSP absences or have missed work days made-up no later than Tuesday, May 11.

_____ I will earn a passing grade for all eighth (8th) semester classes.

STUDENT NAME (PRINTED): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____



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SAMPLE MONTHLY GRADUATION CHECKLIST

SENIOR: (*student name here*)

This report is designed to show individual seniors where they currently stand with regard to meeting the requirements set forth to be able to walk at graduation on May 14. Unless otherwise noted, this information is current as of (*insert date here*).

For each requirement, you will see a notation of current status, either completed or what is still owed. The Cristo Rey Kansas City staff member who serves as a contact for that requirement is also listed.

Seniors are to take this sheet home and return it with both the student and a parent/guardian, as well as PRIDE leader, signatures no later than (*insert date here*).

ACADEMIC CREDITS:

(Mr. Padow)

SERVICE HOURS:

(Ms. Girardin)

TUITION PAYMENTS:

(Mrs. Taylor)

MEAL PAYMENTS:

(Mrs. Taylor)

CWSP WORK DAYS:

(Mrs. Baker)

JOSTENS BALANCE:

(Ms. Hart)

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

JOSTENS

Jostens is our vendor for all items related to graduation, including caps and gowns, announcements, celebratory gear, and diplomas. We have an excellent relationship with our designated sales team and we work with them frequently to assure all families have affordable options and installment payment opportunities.

Seniors will attend an informational meeting on **(a pending date, TBA)**. They will receive details of what is available for purchase, as well as pricing. On **(a pending date, TBA)**, Jostens will return to take orders. A minimum down payment of \$60 will be required that day. Any remaining balance may be paid over time, but a zero balance must be reached prior to **5pm on Wednesday, March 31.** In the event that a student's balance due is less than \$60, payment in full is expected on order day.

Families may make payments directly to Jostens:

School Traditions / Jostens
PO Box 729
Kearney, MO 64060
(816) 628-6157
office hours are 9am to 3pm, Mondays through Fridays
<https://www.thegraduationcenter.com/>

When needed, Miss Hart is happy to take cash or check payments from families, then transfer the payment to a school credit card. In these cases, the student will receive two receipts; one showing the cash or check payment received by Cristo Rey Kansas City and the other receipt showing payment in the same amount made to Jostens.

NOTE: Cristo Rey Kansas City provides the diploma, the diploma cover, and ten graduation announcements for each graduate at no cost to the student or his/her family. Families may order additional announcements on Jostens order day.

LIFETOUCH

Lifetouch is our partner for school pictures, as well as senior photos. We have a long standing history with this company and enjoy a relationship that helps our families purchase important photographic reminders of this important life occasion without breaking a budget.

All seniors **must** sit for a cap and gown photo, even if purchasing the picture package is not in a family's plans. These photographs featuring our students in their purple graduation attire are utilized in several capacities, including a special section of the *Catholic Key*, Baccalaureate Dinner, and the large frame class composite that will hang in the main hallway of Cristo Rey Kansas City. There is no fee to take this picture, but there is a cost if the student wants to order prints.

We work in partnership with Lifetouch to offer our graduates the opportunity to take additional senior photos in a variety of more casual backdrops and non-academic, appropriate clothing choices. The details of the package options will be shared with the students and their parents in advance.

This year's senior photo sessions are scheduled for **Friday, February 12** (*staff Professional Development; workers only*). Seniors will sign-up for their timeslots through Senior Seminar before leaving for Christmas Break in December so that appointments for hair, nails, and make-up may be scheduled in advance.

DIPLOMAS

Seniors will complete a form during the fall semester through Senior Seminar indicating how they would like their name to be presented on their diploma. Often, seniors and parents have a difference of opinion on this matter, so we advise that families have a discussion in advance. The standard is to include the student's full name: first, middle, and last.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

During spring semester, the Class of 2021 will participate in a nomination process that will bring forth the graduates who will represent their class in prayer and via speeches at the Baccalaureate Mass and at Graduation. In addition the Salutatorian (second highest cumulative grade point average) traditionally speaks at Mass, while the Valedictorian (highest cumulative grade point average), addresses the audience at Graduation. In order to qualify for these two prestigious awards, the student must have attended Cristo Rey Kansas City for all four years of his/her high school education.

HONOR CORDS

Seniors who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of a 3.0 or greater will earn a gold honor cord to be worn with their graduation attire, which will be distributed to students during the Baccalaureate dinner program. Cristo Rey Kansas City covers the cost of honor cords for those who earn the distinction.

TICKETS – *PENDING STATE & LOCAL HEALTH MANDATES*

Tickets are required for both the Baccalaureate Dinner and Graduation. No ticket is required for Baccalaureate Mass.

Each senior will be able to bring two (2) guests to the Baccalaureate dinner, a catered meal offered at no cost to the graduate or his/her family.

Each senior will be given twelve (12) tickets for graduation. CWSP supervisors will already be invited, so no student needs to include their current work contact in their count.

Tickets will be distributed to seniors on **Monday, April 19 during PRIDE**. Students are responsible for keeping track of their share. We will not replace lost tickets.

In the event that we have additional seating available, seniors will be alerted about the option to secure more tickets. The **5pm on Friday, April 30** deadline must be met and instructions followed in order for requests to be considered. Based on the response, we will allocate extra tickets in the most fair manner.

If a senior knows s/he will not be using all twelve (12) of his/her tickets, we ask that the unused ones be returned to the College Counseling staff as quickly as possible so that we may include those in the reallocation of tickets.



TENTATIVE IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

FAFSA Night – Monday, October 19 from 5pm to 8pm – PENDING (IF POSSIBLE)

Jostens Informational Meeting – PENDING

Jostens Order Day – PENDING

Spring Student/Parent Conferences – PENDING

Senior Photo Sessions at CRKC – Friday, February 12 (*no school; workers only*)
(*seniors will sign-up for preferred times; final schedule distributed in advance*)

Fall Semester Credit Recovery Deadline – Wednesday, March 31 by 5pm

Jostens Balance Due Date – Wednesday, March 31 by 5pm

Grad Swag Distribution – Monday, April 19 (during PRIDE)
(*graduation cap and gown, announcements, senior photos, and tickets*)

Request for Additional Tickets Deadline: Friday, April 30 by 5pm
(*seniors will be given specific instructions for this process*)

Completed Service Hours Must Be Submitted – Friday, April 30 by 5pm

Senior Luncheon and Awards – Monday, May 3 (during lunch/PRIDE)

Spring Senior Final Exams – Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5

Seniors' Last Day of Work – Friday, May 7

Tuition and Meals Payment Deadline – Friday, May 7 by 5pm
(*student accounts must have \$0 balance; includes lost books*)
(*seniors eating breakfast during final exams must pay cash for each meal*)

Final Date for CWSP Make-Up Work – Tuesday, May 11

Baccalaureate and Graduation Practice – Wednesday, May 12 at 12pm

Baccalaureate Program and Dinner – Thursday, May 13 at 5pm

Baccalaureate Mass – Thursday, May 13 at 7pm

Graduation – Friday, May 14 at 3pm

INSPIRATION

“The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible.” – **Joel Brown**

“A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.”
– **Colin Powell**

“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” – **Carl Bard**

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.” – **Vince Lombardi**

“One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like doing it.” – **Unknown**

“The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered there is opportunity for growth.” – **Unknown**

“We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.” – **Jesse Owens**

“When you say “It's hard,” it actually means, “I'm not strong enough to fight for it.” Stop saying it's hard. Think positive!” – **Unknown**

“Life has two rules: #1, never quit and, #2, always remember rule # 1.” – **Unknown**

“Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.”
– **Gail Devers**

“No one is going to hand me success. I must go out & get it myself. That's why I'm here. To dominate. To conquer. Both the world, and myself.” – **Unknown**