



# PROSPECT HIGH SCHOOL

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April 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Seniors of the Class of 2021:

It has been quite a year, and we are thrilled to be able to conduct an in-person commencement ceremony with guests. I do not believe that Prospect has had an evening ceremony before, so the class of 2021 is starting a new tradition. With the new tradition, we also have a few surprises in store that I think you will like.

**Prospect High School's 61<sup>st</sup> Commencement will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** This letter and the accompanying materials contain important information concerning commencement for the Class of 2021.

Commencement will be held outside in George Gattas Memorial Stadium. While we are all hoping for a pleasant evening, we remain prepared for an alternate ceremony with a rain date of Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. District 214 is anticipating graduation to occur within the "Bridge" phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The "Bridge" phase will allow for 60% capacity of an outdoor venue. Subsequently, 2021 graduates will be allowed 4 tickets for the ceremony (barring any changes to public health guidance or a move back to Phase 4). Seats will be grouped and six feet apart. We will also live stream commencement to allow family members and friends to watch from home. The link will be available on the Prospect website.

**Please note:**

- Attendance at graduation rehearsal on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. is **required** for students to participate in commencement.
- Students that do not plan on participating in commencement should notify their counselors.

With Pride and Respect,

Greg Minter  
Principal



# Prospect High School

SENIORS 2021

## END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

### Athletic, Arts, and Academic Celebrations

- Senior Athletic Celebration - April 28
- Fine and Performing Arts Signing - April 29
- Academic Awards Celebration - May 13\* - new date

### Cap and Gown & Yard Sign Pickup - May 13 & 14

- 10 a.m - 3 p.m during English classes
- Pickup in PHS Community Room (Rm # 148 & 149)

### Senior Yearbook Distribution - May 17 & 18

- May 17 - Theatre - 8 a.m-10:30 a.m & 1:15 p.m-3:15 p.m
- May 18 - Theatre - 8 a.m- 3:15 p.m

### Senior Obligations Due - May 18

- If you have not already, please check the "fees" tab in InfiniteCampus to see what obligations are owed.

### Senior Car Parade - May 18

- 8- 9 a.m - alpha time slots - more information to come
- Wear caps and gowns!

### Graduation Rehearsal - May 19

- 8-10 a.m - please read on for more detailed information.

### Graduation - May 19

- 8:00 p.m - please read on for more detailed information.

### Prom - May 22

- 7:30- 10 p.m - please read on for more detailed information.



# Prospect High School

COMMENCEMENT  
MAY 19, 2021

## Location

- The Commencement of Prospect High School will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the George Gattas Memorial Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be Thursday, May 20th and families will be notified by Wednesday morning.

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## Graduate Seating Chart

- The commencement-seating chart will be posted online and will be emailed to students the morning of May 19.

## Graduation Rehearsal

- Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all who choose to participate in the ceremony. Rehearsal is Wednesday, May 19, 8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please meet in the field house.
- Students who have met all school obligations (library fines, return of books, financial obligations, etc.) will be given their four commencement tickets at the rehearsal.
- After rehearsals, seniors are free to leave campus and do not need to return until 6:30 p.m.





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## Graduate Arrival and Ceremony Time

- Graduates should report to the Walker Field House appropriately attired with cap and gown at 6:30 p.m. Graduates will enter through doors 23 and 24.
- Stadium gate opens at 7:00 p.m for guests.
- Graduates should leave all valuables at home.
- The ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. and last approximately 1½ hours.
- Following the ceremony, graduates will proceed to the field house foyer to pick up their actual diplomas.

SENIORS,  
CLASS OF  
2021!

## Distribution of Tickets

- District 214 is anticipating graduation to occur within the "Bridge" phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The "Bridge" phase will allow for 60% capacity of an outdoor venue. Subsequently, 2021 graduates will be allowed four tickets for the ceremony (barring any changes to public health guidance or a move back to Phase 4).





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COMMENCEMENT

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## Dress Code

- For the safety of the students participating in the commencement ceremony as they walk on the turf, up and down steps, and across the stage, graduates are expected to follow the below guidelines for acceptable dress. Students not adhering to this dress code will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.
- Girls: Dress, skirt and top, or dress slacks and top are all appropriate. Because of the artificial turf, absolutely no spiked heels are allowed. We strongly recommend flats or shoes with stacked heels (no tennis shoes, sports shoes or “flip-flops”). Jeans or shorts are unacceptable.
- Boys: Collared shirt (optional tie), dress slacks, and dress shoes (no tennis shoes, sports shoes, sandals, or “flip-flops”). Jeans or shorts are unacceptable.

## Photography

- Professional Photography: Lifetouch Photography will photograph graduates immediately after they receive their diploma covers.
- Proofs will be mailed home 2-3 weeks after the graduation ceremony. Portraits can be viewed online at [Events.lifetouch.com](https://Events.lifetouch.com). For questions regarding photography, please contact Lifetouch Photography at 800-505-9496.
- Guests may not leave their seats to take photographs.

GRADUATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR ALL HONOR STOLES, CORDS AND TASSELS FOR THE CEREMONY.

SENIOR  
2021



## Caps, Gowns and Diplomas

- Graduates may keep their gowns, caps and tassels.
- After the commencement recessional, graduates should immediately proceed to the field house foyer to receive their diplomas.

## Smoke/Vape Free Campus

- Prospect High School is a smoke-free campus. No smoking and vaping will be tolerated before, during, or after the ceremony.

## Flowers

- For your convenience, flowers for graduates will be available for purchase. Prices range from \$20-30 per each bouquet. Please save any flowers until after the ceremony.

## Seating for Persons with Disabilities

- Outdoor bleachers are ADA compliant. There is additional seating (folding chairs) on the track in the stadium behind the graduates. Wheel chair access is available.

CONGRATULATIONS KNIGHTS!



THE SENIOR CLASS IS  
INVITED TO ATTEND

*Prom 2021*  
*Formal on the Field*

SATURDAY | 5.22.2021 | 7:30 PM-10:00 PM

RAIN DATE | 5.23.2021

GEORGE GATTAS STADIUM

ONLINE TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN

MONDAY 5.3.2021

AND CLOSE ON SUNDAY 5.9.2021

\$45/PERSON

EVENT DETAILS FORTHCOMING