

CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL - 2016 PROJECT GRADUATION DETAILS

CMR 2016 Project Graduation is a collaboration between many city-wide corporate sponsors and hardworking parents. It provides a week-long celebration of the graduates' accomplishments. The All Night Party has become a tradition at CMR.

The success of these events depends on CMR parent participation!

The festivities begin on **Wednesday, June 1 at 2:00 pm** with **Senior Celebration**, held in the CMR Field House. This assembly recognizes the seniors on their "Last Hour of the Last Day" of school and is very memorable. It provides the seniors an opportunity to say goodbye to the teachers and staff who have positively impacted them while at CMR. All students, parents and CMR staff are invited and encouraged to attend.

That evening, the **Baccalaureate Ceremony** takes place in the CMR Bill Williamson Hall at 7:30 pm. ***Baccalaureate has been held as an ecumenical (religious) celebration of academic achievement since the 8th century.*** At CMR, the Baccalaureate Service is a parent sponsored non-denominational reflection on the graduates and their futures. Attendance is optional; however, graduates are encouraged to be present and to invite those who have supported, prayed for, and taught them during their school years. This can be parents and/or other relatives, mentors, friends, church members, etc. The Baccalaureate Celebration is a highlight of graduation week and is a joyous occasion for the entire CMR community. It includes prayer, music, a scripture reading, a meaningful message, and a reception for the graduates and their guests.

Graduation Rehearsal (**mandatory**) will be **9:00 am** on **Thursday, June 2** in the CMR Field House. Rehearsal will be followed by a pizza party at 11:30 held outside on the North lawn.

The Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the CMR Field House.

Graduation will be followed immediately by the All Night Party. We strongly encourage all graduates to spend their last hours together with their classmates in a fun and safe environment. **We expect the students to stay for the duration of the party, unless a medical reason necessitates departure.** Tickets are \$35.00 per graduate. This includes a graduation t-shirt, a door prize for all students, food, and the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in prizes, including a CAR! Tickets will be on sale in the CMR Commons during lunch hours, May 31-June 3 and at Baccalaureate and the Senior Picnic. **Students can purchase tickets or pick up tickets previously purchased through the mail, along with your t-shirt,** during these sales times the last week of school. Scholarships are available for students who cannot afford the ticket price – please see Mr. Parsons. All senior students who are candidates for graduation are invited.

Senior Parents: WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE PARTY DEPENDS ON YOUR PARTICIPATION. Generally, shifts run from 9:00 pm - 12:00 am, and 12:00 am - 3:00 am. We need help prior to the party for selling tickets the last week of school, set up and decorating the day before the event. During the party we need help: working the games; serving food; working in the bank, raffle and auction areas; and helping in personal possessions area. Please print out the form below and mail it in if you are interested in helping. **Parents are ONLY allowed to attend the party if they are on the volunteer list – no exceptions.** You will receive a reminder card from your committee chairman closer to graduation with the particulars of your volunteer assignment. THANK YOU for volunteering to help make this party special for our graduates!

Parents are also encouraged to contribute monetarily to the project. All contributions are tax deductible. **Donations and purchases of tickets may be sent to the address below. Please include your student's name along with your \$35 check for ticket purchase and send to:**

**CMR PROJECT GRADUATION
PO BOX 2754
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403**

To those that have already donated, thanks for your contribution to the continued success of this event! We appreciate it.

SOME HELPFUL HINTS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUATES:

1. Dress comfortably; wear your graduate t-shirt or other comfortable clothes.
2. Any personal items you bring will be stored and identified by your ticket number by security personnel. You may access these items throughout the evening if necessary.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ⤴ **Senior Celebration – Wednesday, June 1, 2:00-3:15 pm, CMR Field House**
- ⤴ **Baccalaureate – Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 pm, CMR's Bill Will Hall (Baccalaureate group photo taken at 7:00 pm)**
- ⤴ **Graduation Rehearsal – Thursday, June 2, 9:00-11:00 am (mandatory)**
- ⤴ **Senior Picnic – following Rehearsal, 11:30-12:30 pm, on the CMR North lawn**
- ⤴ **Graduation – Friday, June 3, 7:00-9:00 pm, CMR Field House**
- ⤴ **All Night Party – immediately follows Graduation ceremony.**

Yes I would like to volunteer:

_____ Baccalaureate Wed evening, June 1 _____ ticket sales (during lunch the last week of school)

_____ Set up (Thursday June 2) _____ Decorating

At party: _____ Where needed _____ Check in _____ Games _____ Food

_____ Hair & Tattoo _____ Silent Auction _____ Raffle _____ Bank

_____ Personal Possessions

Preferred shift: _____ 9:00 p.m. to midnight _____ midnight to 3:00 a.m.

Name: _____

_____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Student's name & grade _____

For volunteering, please mail form to Paula Sandefur, 2769 Greenbriar Drive, Great Falls, MT 59404 or email her at psandefur2012@gmail.com

Any other questions, call Sanford McAllister, Event Chair, 868-9826 or gswpcmcallister@gmail.com

Thanks for supporting our CMR Seniors!! This party is successful because of your help and support.