

**Central High School  
1700 W. Olney Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141**

May 27, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the 279,

I am pleased to inform you that the School District of Philadelphia has given our school permission to distribute caps and gowns to our seniors. Please review the following schedule for distribution:

**Thursday - June 4, 2020** (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Members of 279 with their last name beginning: A - D - 10 am - 11 am  
E - H - 11 am - 12 pm  
I - L - 12 pm - 1 pm  
M - P - 1 pm - 2 pm

**Friday - June 5, 2020** (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Members of 279 with their last name beginning: Q - S - 10 am - 11 am  
T - V - 11 am - 12 pm  
W - Z - 12 pm - 1 pm

We are asking for families (if possible) to drive into our new parking facility. The renovation has been completed, and we want our seniors to drive the new road around the parking lot to the new loading dock area where members of the administrative team and faculty will be waiting to distribute caps and gowns. We would ask for students and family members to remain in their cars for their safety and the safety of our volunteers. We will bring items to you.

If you do not have a car: Please walk past the front door and meet our administrators and faculty volunteers at the rear of the building for pick-up.

Feel free to decorate your car. Have fun with this pick-up. We are excited to see you and look forward to distributing some of your graduation items.

Seniors: If you have books at home please bring them when you pick up your cap and gown. We ask you to put your books in a plastic bag. With your books please write your name, student ID number and the teacher that lent you the book. This will support us with sorting the thousands of books that will be returned.

We still do not have a date of delivery regarding yearbooks and the 279 Super Pan Picture. We will forward that information when it becomes available.

**CHS 279 Virtual Graduation:**

Our CHS 279 Virtual Graduation Ceremony will be broadcast on the PSTV channel on June 10, 2020 at 10 am. All seniors will be introduced, awards will be announced, student speeches will be given, our orchestra will perform, and I will give my president's address. All components of our traditional graduation will be included.

Graduation can be viewed on the following:

Comcast Channel 52

Verizon Channel 20

Streamed: [philasd.org/pstv/watch](http://philasd.org/pstv/watch)

If you have any questions and/or concerns please email your class sponsor, Ms. Zeserman ([azeserman@philasd.org](mailto:azeserman@philasd.org)) or Ms. Harrington, CHS AP ([tharrington@philasd.org](mailto:tharrington@philasd.org)).

Be well and stay safe.

Timothy J. McKenna  
President of Central High School