

May 8, 2021

Dear Charter Arts Seniors & Families,

GRADUATION

We are looking forward to celebrating with our students and families at our Graduation ceremonies on June 15th. As we shared last month, we are happy to partner with ArtsQuest/Steelstacks to hold our graduations in their new PNC Plaza open-air tent right near Charter Arts in South Side Bethlehem! To accommodate our graduates and their families, meet COVID-19 guidelines for gatherings (at the time of planning and contract signing), and enable social distancing, we will hold two ceremonies by artistic major on June 15th, 2021.

The graduation ceremony will follow a formal program similar to past years including administrative speakers, student speakers, music, awards, and presentation of diplomas. Students will each have an opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diploma and rose.

Each graduate will receive 3 tickets to the ceremony for their family members and will sit with their family during the event (the 3 ticket count does not include the student). The ceremonies will also be filmed and shared after the event. Seating will be arranged in pods of 4 under a larger and smaller tent. Each pod will be socially distanced according to current health guidance and recommendations made by ArtsQuest. Seating locations, in pods, will be on a first-come, first-seated basis and masks will be required.

Graduation rehearsal will take place, in two groups, on June 14th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Charter Arts. A boxed breakfast will be provided to both groups. Seniors will receive their cap, gown, cords (if applicable), and graduation tickets at this time. Students are encouraged to decorate their caps for the following day. Many students often pre decorate on another piece of material and then glue on to their cap, but this is of course up to our creative students to plan themselves! There will be time after each ceremony for pictures at the SteelStacks and a photographer from Christmas City Studios will be present. Visit their website after the ceremony to order photos. Additionally, graduates may keep their caps and gowns, so feel free to take pictures in other locations after the ceremony.

Monday, June 14th - Ceremony practice times will be as follows:

- 9 AM arrival - Group 1 - 10 AM ceremony - **Instrumental Music, Production Arts, Theater, Vocal Music**
- 10:30 AM arrival - Group 2 - 2 PM ceremony - **Dance, Literary Arts, Visual Arts**

Tuesday, June 15th - Ceremony majors and times will be as follows:

- **10 AM Ceremony: Instrumental, Production, Theater, Vocal (GROUP 1)**
Graduates arrive at 9:30 AM
Families arrive at 9:30 - 9:45 AM
Ceremony start time 10 AM
Photos after the ceremony at SteelStack 11 - 12 PM
- **2 PM Ceremony: Dance, Literary Arts, Visual Arts (GROUP 2)**
Graduates arrive at 1:30 PM
Families arrive at 1:30 - 1:45
Ceremony start time: 2 PM
Photos after the ceremony at SteelStacks 3 - 4 PM

Any questions about Graduation should be directed to Mr. Stephen Krock (skrock@charterarts.org).

MEDIA NOTICE: Please be advised that in past years, like other area high schools, local media outlets have covered arrivals to Charter Arts' prom and graduation events. This has not yet been confirmed, but it is a possibility that the media will attend this year's Senior Soiree and Graduation Ceremony. Please note that anyone participating in these events may have their image and/or name published in media articles, photos, or video. Charter Arts may provide media representatives with student identifications in accordance with the school's image release policy but holds no jurisdiction over any information or identifications given directly to media representatives by students or guests.

SENIOR SOIREE/PROM 2021

The Senior Soiree/Prom 2021 will be a moment in time to celebrate and enjoy the company of your Class of 2021 classmates!

Come and celebrate under the stars and glittering lights of the same tent that will host your send off as a graduate into your new adventure! This event is exclusively for 12th Grade Charter Arts students to ensure the continuity of safety in concert with the joy of celebration.

A Permissions Form will be needed at the time of ticket purchase. more information to follow. Please refer to the following details for our **Formal Senior Soiree** (Prom 2021 on June 14th, 2021).



Time: 6:30 - 10:30

Place: ArtsQuest PNC Plaza Tent at SteelStacks

Ticket Price: \$65 a person -- Dinner, Music, and Fun! All included!

Theme: The Secret Garden

Any questions about the senior celebration should be directed to Mrs. Kelly Wilson-Kelly (kkelly@charterarts.org) or Mr. Nate Zamoski (nzamoski@charterarts.org), Prom Club advisors.



SENIOR GIFTS

We are excited to shower our seniors with a couple of senior send offs this year. Each senior will receive their own yard sign to personalize with their name. Additionally, each senior will receive their first Alumni Swag - A Charter Arts Alumni T-shirt. Please fill out [this short form to select the appropriate t-shirt size](#) by Monday, 5/10 at 3PM to ensure you get the size you want. More information will be provided on distribution of both gifts.

FUTURE PLANS CELEBRATIONS

Decision Day was May 1st for 2021 Seniors to commit to their future plans for college and careers. To celebrate the decisions our Seniors have made, we encourage them on **Monday, May 10th** (for M/T students) and **Friday, May 14th** (for Th/F students) to wear any official college merchandise, school colors, or anything representative of their future plans after graduation from Charter Arts. Remote students can pick either day or both to share their exciting plans with their classmates and teachers! Don't forget to turn on your cameras! Teachers will also be representing their colleges and hopefully we can have two wonderful days of celebrating the Seniors' bright futures!



SENIOR SURVEY

Each year every graduating class is asked to complete a REQUIRED senior survey in Naviance Student. We have prepared directions for students to follow - please refer to this PDF document: [Class of 2021 Naviance Senior Survey Directions](#). This information has also been emailed to students and posted on the senior Google Classroom. The due date for completing this survey is **Friday May 21st at 11:59pm**. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback and to let us know your post-graduation plans!!!

ADOPT A SENIOR

“Adopt a Senior” is still underway and there is still time to add your senior! The parent of a 2021 graduate has coordinated an Adopt A Senior program for the Class of 2021! Being adopted means that they will receive something from their adopter, perhaps a card, goodies, snacks, something to bring a smile to their face and celebrate this milestone. Parents/Guardians (not students) are to post for their Senior. For more information please go to the private Facebook group: [LV Charter Arts - Adopt a Senior](#). Adopt A Senior is a parent-run group and is not sustained by the school. Any questions pertaining to Adopt a Senior should be directed to the owner of the Facebook page.

All the best,

The Administrative Team