



Custer County School District, C-1

Post Office Box 730, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

Mr. Kyle Hebbard - Superintendent

Ren Olson - MS/HS Principal Sydney Benesch - Pre K-8 Principal

Aundrea McCormick - Athletic Director/ TOSA

Main Office: 719-783-2291 / Office Fax: 719-783-4944

Administration: 719-783-2357 / Administration Fax: 719-783-2334

Vision: To provide a Quality Education in a Safe Environment - Mission: To Prepare Students for Life Beyond Graduation

March 30, 2026

Dear Custer County High School Seniors and Families,

As the school year continues to fly by, it is hard to believe that we are planning for graduation activities. I am excited to share upcoming events and dates that commemorate this important milestone in the senior year journey. Below is a list of important dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, April 8th @ 5:30 PM - Senior and Parent Meeting (School Library) - Dinner Provided

Thursday, May 14th - Senior Life Skills Day & Lunch for Seniors (Provided by Sheriff's Department)

Tuesday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 20th - Seniors' Final Exams

Wednesday, May 20th - Senior Color Run & Last Day of School for Seniors only. Early Release 2 PM.

Thursday, May 21st @ 6:00 PM - Senior and Scholarship Night (West Gym)

Friday, May 22nd @ 1:00 PM - Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Gary Coleman Memorial East Gym)

Friday, May 22nd @ 6:00 PM - Baccalaureate (Location TBD)

Saturday, May 23rd @ 10:00 AM - Graduation Ceremony (Henrich Field)

On Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:30 PM, in the School Library, there is a meeting for all Seniors and their parents/guardians to discuss the details of graduation, as well as other important activities and events. We will provide dinner for you during this meeting. The meeting is an opportunity for us to form committees to plan Scholarship and Senior Night, Baccalaureate, and the Graduation Ceremony. For each of these committees, we will need a parent volunteer to lead the organization and planning.

As seniors, you have the opportunity to finish the year serving as positive role models to all other students in the district. Many students look up to you and value your leadership both in and out of school. The school faculty and staff, and your parents/guardians, have worked very hard and have made many sacrifices for this day of commemoration to occur, and they are looking forward to sharing this important occasion with your class. Graduation is also about heritage and traditions of honor, a strong statement of hope for our students, and the privilege of representing this school with gratitude and pride! We are proud of you and enthusiastic about celebrating your accomplishments.

We will continue to inform you of important events in the coming months, but please remember to check the school calendar on our website for possible changes to dates or times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (719) 783-4930, or our Counselor, Kelly Kingler, or the Senior Sponsors, Ms. Vania Nameth and Mrs. Laura Krall, can also provide important information to you or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Ren Olson