
Graduation 2017

Community of Christ Auditorium

1001 W. Walnut

Independence, MO 64050

Monday, May 15, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Graduation Tickets

Anyone wishing to view the LSHS graduation ceremony at Community of Christ Church, Independence on Monday, May 15, 2017, must present a ticket at the door. A graduation announcement is not a ticket to the ceremony. Ticket distribution will occur Tuesday, April 25 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. in the Brockman Lecture Hall at LSHS. Students must have all fines paid, community service completed and documented in the community service office, and both the Missouri and United States Constitution tests passed before tickets will be released.

Admittance to the Ceremony

1. Tickets will be collected by event security staff. Anyone who fails to produce a ticket absolutely will be refused admittance.
2. A ticket is not a reserved seat. Tickets do not assign seats in the auditorium.
3. A ticket gains one person, per ticket, entrance to the building. Toddlers (two and under) and infants require their own ticket if they are not in the lap of an adult.
4. Parents and guests are allowed admittance beginning at 6:15p.m.
The auditorium has four entrances: west, east, south and north. The west entrance is the main parking area (off Chrysler Street) of the auditorium (see diagram on page 6). Reserved seating for graduates is displayed (see page 8). Lee's Summit police officers, Independence police officers, and event security staff will assist in crowd supervision, emergencies and audience security. If a guest needs to exit and re-enter the building, they must check out through the event security staff.
5. The saving of seats at commencement is not allowed. Guests will be reminded that they cannot save seats and noncompliance to this request will be referred to security.
6. Guests may not stand in the aisles during any part of the ceremony, including the processional.
7. Guests who shout or use noisemakers will be escorted out. The most important part of the ceremony for each person in attendance is to *hear the name of his/her special graduate*. The LSHS Class of 2017 expects all guests to observe this rule so that all graduates' names may be heard.
8. Guests will not be allowed admittance to the auditorium once the graduates gather in the north foyer for the processional. Once the processional is over, guests (with tickets) may enter or re-enter.
9. Once the ceremony has begun, late guests will be directed to balcony seating only.

Disabled Seating (wheelchair only)

The west entrance to the auditorium has wheelchair accessibility and seating (see page 8). This is the main entrance as most of the parking is available on the west side. A circle drop-off area is at the west entrance. The auditorium has other handicapped seating on the floor level east side. Elevators and ramps are available inside the auditorium. Parking is restricted to areas designated on the attached map as "Auditorium Parking" only.

Graduation Ceremony

1. Seniors should arrive at the Lower Assembly Room no later than 6:00p.m.
Each senior should bring his/her cap, gown, and tassel. Seniors should not bring purses or extra items to the Lower Assembly Room. No extra items will be allowed into the ceremony. Seniors should access the Lower Assembly Room by coming in the auditorium's west entrance and taking the stairs or ramps to the lowest level.
2. Once in the Lower Assembly Room, each senior will be issued a card showing his/her name. This is how the senior's name is read at graduation. Seniors must pick up the card at the appropriate table.
3. Lee's Summit High School allows NO noisemakers, confetti, balloons, or any such items in the auditorium. Neither seniors nor guests will be allowed to interfere with the continuity of the graduation ceremony. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN GRADUATES HAVING DIPLOMAS AND TRANSCRIPTS WITHHELD IN ADDITION TO NOT ATTENDING PROJECT GRADUATION PER R-7 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY.**
4. Just prior to the start of the ceremony, the graduating class will be lead, by sponsors, to the north foyer where seniors will line up in pairs at the north ramp to enter for the processional.
5. Following the processional, all seniors will remain standing. Senior men will remove their caps for the salute to the flag, National Anthem, and the class aspiration.
6. Seniors will sit in unison following the class aspiration.
7. After presentation of the class by Dr. Faulkenberry, seniors will stand, by row, and proceed across the stage and receive a diploma cover as their names are read from the cards. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME CARD IN ORDER TO CROSS THE STAGE.**
8. Students will not pass any items during the diploma exchange.
9. After all diplomas have been presented, seniors will rise for the affirmation and moving of the tassels (right to left). The seniors will then recess out of the facility, from back to front (rows U to A), following the ushers lead, and move across the road on to the front lawn where they will throw their graduation caps in unison. Mr. Haub, the event photographer, will capture this moment on film and make the photo available for purchase. One 5x 7 can be purchased for \$7.00 or an 8 x 10 can be purchased for \$10 if ordered by May 10. This photo can be ordered prior to graduation by contacting Haub Photography at 702 SE Blue Parkway, 524-4188. Other sizes will be available. Fees will vary.

10. Seniors may pick up actual diplomas at the designated table in the field house lobby the following morning, May 16, 2017, upon returning from Project Graduation. Students who do not attend Project Graduation may pick up their diploma in the counseling center.