

**August 11, 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the **Graduating Class of 2018:**

This is a very special year! It will be exciting and busy; yet, somewhat expensive. The intent of this letter is to inform you of some activities planned for this year so that you might be better prepared to meet some of the costs.

- **FUNDRAISING:** Members of the Class of 2018 will be **Fundraising** from September 1, 2017, through September 15, 2017. **ALL members of the Class of 2017 are asked to try to sell items to help with GRADUATION and SENIOR CLASS EXPENSES.** Additionally, if class goals are met, there may be opportunity for a percentage of sales to be applied to individuals who are going on the Sr. Trip.
- **SENIOR TRIP:** The **CHS Senior Class Trip** is scheduled for **April 16 – April 20, 2018.** We would like to take all of our seniors to NYC/DC/BUSCH GARDENS next spring. It is an enjoyable and educational experience as well as a memorable way for students to end their high school career with friends. It would be difficult to see and do as much in these five days for as little cost on any other trip. With careful planning on your part, the cost of the trip should be within reach of all seniors. The cost has not been determined, yet. However, we are estimating between \$1100 and \$1200. **This includes all expenses.**

It is extremely important that we know exactly how many students plan to go on the trip so we may secure rooms, reservations, and buses. We are asking for a commitment from you as to whether your child plans to go on the trip. Please make a nonrefundable **\$200 deposit by September 1, 2017**, to reserve a space. **Money will not be refunded unless the trip is cancelled.** Therefore, it is important that a student make up his or her mind **NOW** concerning the trip. Further information about the senior trip will be sent home once we have a committed number of students who plan to attend.

- **CAP, GOWN, ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS:** Orders for announcements, **caps and gowns**, tassels, diploma covers, etc., will be taken on **December 5, 2017.** The total cost will depend on each individual order, and a \$100 deposit will be required at that time if your order exceeds \$100. The balance may be paid in

payments to the company and will be due in full when the merchandise is delivered; usually around the middle of April. You may pay the entire amount in December when the orders are taken if you wish. You will receive additional information on these items in November. Credit cards will be accepted on December 5<sup>th</sup> or checks for these items should be made to “Balfour.”

- **GRADUATION:** Chilhowie High School will observe **graduation exercises** at the end of the school year. Men are strongly encouraged to wear caps and gowns with dark pants, white shirts and ties, dress shoes and socks. Ladies are strongly encouraged to wear caps and gowns, with dresses, skirts or slacks and blouse, and dress shoes.

We welcome your interest. If you have questions or special needs, please contact us at 646-8966. You may also visit our school web site or sign up to receive school emails for current information and reminders.

The Chilhowie High School web site may be found at [www.scsb.org](http://www.scsb.org).  
To sign up for school emails, send a request to [melissaharrington@scsb.org](mailto:melissaharrington@scsb.org).  
To sign up for REMIND: See back of this page.

Thank you,

Pamela C. Hill, Sr. Class Sponsor  
Keith Holley, Sr. Class Sponsor

Please **complete page 3 and return it** to Mrs. Hill or Mr. Holley ASAP. Please keep pages 1 and 2 as a reference.

STUDENT'S PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATION:**

I AM AWARE OF CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL'S REQUEST REGARDING APPROPRIATE GRADUATION ATTIRE.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SENIOR TRIP:**

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:** (Deposits do not need to be sent with this page.)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, MY SON/DAUGHTER PLANS TO ATTEND THE SENIOR TRIP  
APRIL 16 – April 20, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, MY SON/DAUGHTER DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE SENIOR  
TRIP APRIL 16 – April 20, 2018.

**\*\* PLEASE SIGN BOTH PLACES AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO MRS. HILL OR  
MR. HOLLEY ASAP. \*\***