

END OF THE YEAR ADDRESS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This school year has seen many changes as we've adjusted to returning to on-site schooling.

With the 2021-22 school year winding down, I would like to extend congratulations to all the students as they finish this school year, especially to the Seniors as they move on to their next endeavors.

Regents exams are once again taking place in June. Regents exam information may be found toward the back of this newsletter or please consult the District webpage for specific breakdown dates.

Please note that throughout this issue are links to articles. Simply click on the

links to view.

Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 25th at 10:00AM at HVCC. Email blasts will be sent to all Seniors and their parents with details.



Please note that Tuesday, June 14th is the last day of classes.

Congratulations to all on a successful school year! As always, I thank you for your continued support.

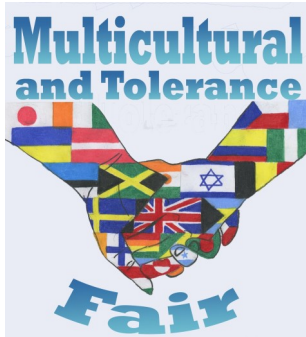
Your Partner in Education,
Michael J. Harkin



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Multicultural Fair



The Multicultural Fair is back, albeit virtually. Please watch the District Webpage for details and the link to check it out. It is expected to be available sometime in mid-June. It will definitely be worth the view!

Staff Goodbyes

We say Goodbye to Mrs. Chin in the Main Office. She has been a long-time staple and smiling face greeting everyone early every morning.

Also leaving or already have left CHS this year and will be dearly missed are:

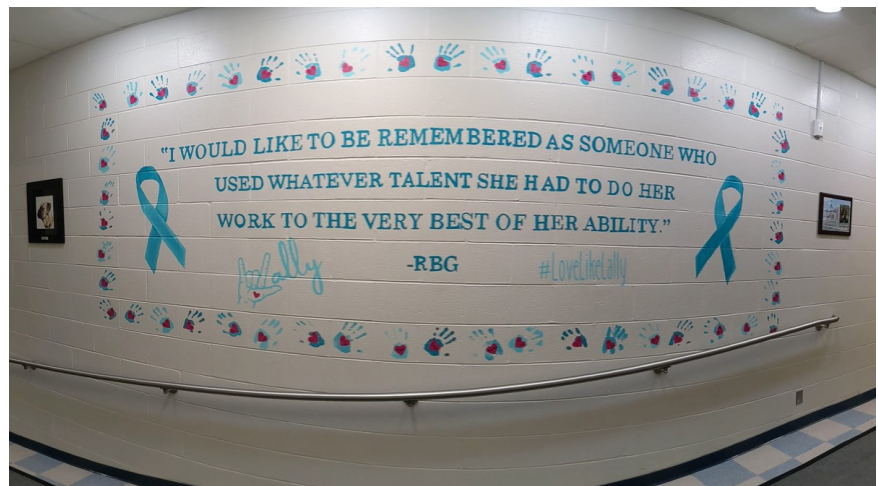
Len Fudge, Teacher
Joanne Clum, T.A.
Sheree Kelley, T.A.



And most of all, we heart-brokenly said goodbye to beloved Teacher Mary Lally, who was taken from this life much too young.

Here is a link from the Columbia website honoring her legacy:

<https://egcsd.org/2022/02/23/columbia-unveils-lovelikelally-mural-in-memory-of-beloved-teacher/>



Seniors Only: Chromebook Return / Cap-Gown Distribution

As Seniors prepare for graduation, they will be required to return all classroom text and library books.

Please note that **SENIORS ONLY** must return their Chromebooks before they can collect their caps & gowns. Tables will be set up in the Main Lobby for book returns. Chromebooks will be returned to Mr. Margielewski.

SENIOR SURVEY:

Seniors must complete the Senior Survey which is being sent out to each person's email account.

Please keep checking on the District webpage for specific details as updates may be posted.



Grades 9-11 Textbook Returns

Underclassmen students, grades 9 through 11, will be required to return all classroom text and library books. Students may return books directly to their teachers. Please be sure the student's name and teacher are indicated on each book for easier return.



Program of Studies 2022-2023 for Next Year's Classes

Columbia High School has published its **2022-23 Program of Studies** to assist students and families with course selections for next year. Counselors met with students in January and February to do course selection for next year.

The Program of Studies includes important information including:

- College Credit Options
- Career Paths
- Graduation Requirements
- Course Descriptions for Required courses and Electives

If you have questions, contact your child's **high school counselor**. Please note that Elliot Cohen is filling in for Kim Sabella this year.

Awards Ceremony

Daytime Columbian Awards Ceremony takes place on **June 10th**. Please note that **Seniors must stay in school until 11:00 at the earliest that day.**

place on **June 14th** at 6:00 PM.

Congratulations to the Award recipients!



The evening Awards Ceremony will take



Students with 90% and higher (weighted) GPAs were informed

National Honor Society Induction

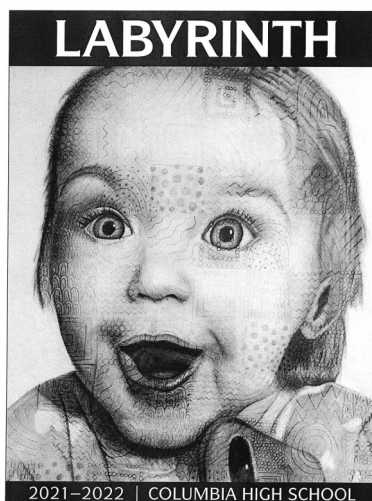
of their candidacy in May. Columbia High School tapped 6 new members of the school's National Honor Society chapter in March. Teachers and staff recognized the students by surprising them with special shirts,

funny sunglasses, special treats and more.



Columbia's Labyrinth Magazine

Columbia High School has published, "The Labyrinth," its annual art and literature magazine. The magazine features photography, drawings and poetry created by students from this school year. [Click here to view "2021-22 Labyrinth"](#)



NYS SkillsUSA Competitions

Columbia High School senior Mark Monthie '22 won **3rd place statewide** in the Heavy Equipment event at the NYS SkillsUSA competition on April 28th at the Empire Expo Center in Syracuse. The statewide competition tests students in job-related events which are judged by industry professionals.



Mr. Monthie, who is enrolled in career and technical education at the Rensselaer Educational Center through Questar III BOCES, qualified for the state competition by winning his regional event in March.

Other regional event placers from the March competition are:



Christian Cirincione
HVAC,
2nd Place



Zoe Jaeger
Cosmetology,
3rd place



Mia Hart
Crime Scene
Investigation,
3rd Place

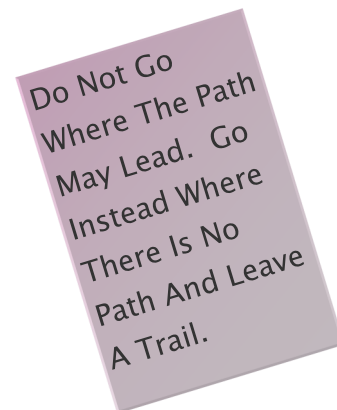
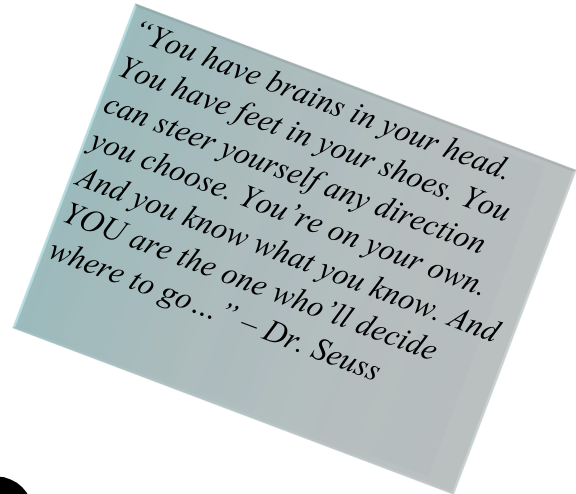
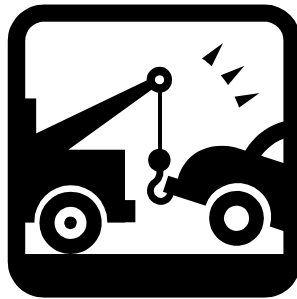


Shawn Hoag
Crime Scene
Investigation,
3rd Place

PARKING UPDATE

Please note that next year's **SENIORS ONLY** (Class of 2023) may sign-up for student parking beginning the first day of school in September.

Upcoming Seniors may download Student Parking Forms from the CHS webpage.



Transcript Requests / Proof of Graduation

Transcript request forms can be found on our website www.egcsd.org, under Forms. Please complete the transcript request form and mail or drop off to Columbia High School.

If you have any questions regarding a transcript, please call the

Columbia High School
Guidance Department
at 207-2020.



Operation Graduation

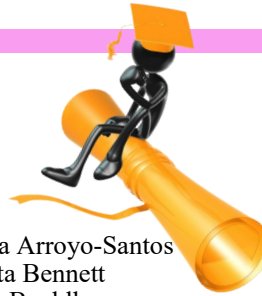
Operation Graduation currently has 20 students enrolled in the program. As the school year winds down and final work completion is collected, we are hoping for every student to receive their diploma.

Since 2011, our program has successfully graduated 193 students. We anticipate an additional 19 O.G. graduates in June.

As in previous years this honor is the culmination of not only the students' efforts but the many who have assisted them in their success.

Operation Graduation is an inspirational program that affirms your commitment to the education of our students.

Students anticipated to graduate are:



Selena Arroyo-Santos
Dokata Bennett
Lucas Boehlke
Madison Burnett
Anijah' Dodson
Ashley Fallon
Shyann Goldup
Kyrstin Houser
Eric Johnston, Jr.
John McLean-Lewis
Jaiden Monteau
Riley Munro
Leah Phillips
Cameron Taft
Joshua Taylor
Jonathan Wagoner
Adam Weeks
Tyheira Wilson
Taiheem Winters, Jr.

CAP

CAP is very pleased to announce the successful end to the 2021-22 school year. CAP is Columbia High School's Alternate Program designed to serve approximately 50 students.

We are proud to announce that the CAP program anticipates graduating 11 students this year once they meet Columbia High School and New York State Regent's graduation requirements to receive their high school diploma. All our students will be attending college or trade school, entering the workforce, or joining the military in the fall.

We want to thank all of our CAP seniors for their time, effort, and patience:

Skye Brown
Shawn Hoag
Kayleana Mooney
Skylar Quinn
Tyler Terry
Haeden Veshia



Amaya Goodermote
Austin Melius
Anthony Poggoli
Aiden Ramsey
DeAndre VanKampen

CTAEP

There are 6 CHS seniors in this year's Center for Therapeutic Academic Excellence Program (CTAEP). We are extremely proud of all our students' academic accomplishments and perseverance.

We have had one student graduate in January. The other students scheduled to graduate in June 2022. All anticipated graduates are:

Matthew Denton
Aurora Huffer
Ryan Leddick
Jared McCaffrey

Congratulations to all!

Science Olympiad Wins in 2022

The Goff Middle School Science Olympiad team **placed 3rd overall** at the New York State Finals in April in Syracuse, earning medals in 16 out of the 23 events.

9th Graders on this team are:

Ariana Baptista, Shreeya Gillela, Joscelyn Huestis, Alyssa Sentz, Umaiza Shah and Sophia Xiao

Click [here](#) for full article.

Columbia High School won five medals and **placed 12th** at the New York State Science Olympiad Championships on March 19 at Le Moyne College in Syracuse.

Congratulations to the following medal winners!

- Gold in Gravity Vehicle – Teddy Howard and Nich Pugliese
- Silver in Bridges – Akkhil Morkonda and Zach Booth
- Bronze in Remote Sensing – Teddy Howard and Akshat Arinav

Arinav

- 4th in Dynamic Planet – Teddy Howard and Nich Pugliese
- 10th in Forensics – Tori Patrissy and Harini Conji

Click [here](#) for full article.
Congratulations to all!!

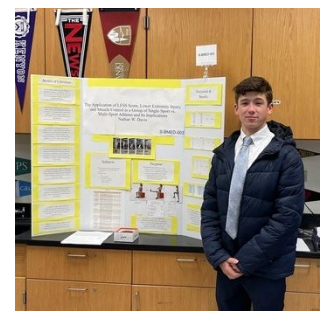


Nate Davis '22 Wins Two Awards at RPI Science and Engineering Fair

Columbia High School senior Nate Davis '22 won two awards for his Science Research project at the RPI Science and Engineering Fair on March 26. Mr. Davis' project titled "The Application of LESS Score, Lower Extremity Injury, and Muscle Control in a Group of Single-Sport vs. Multi-Sport Athletes and Its Implications" won the following awards:

- Brown League Sports Science Award
- National Level Award presented by The Office of Naval Research

Congratulations!



Valedictorian and Salutatorian 2022

This year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be revealed on June 14th at the Evening Awards Ceremony. Watch the EGCSD.org webpage for the announcement.



Scouts Gold and Eagle Awards

This year we have had one student earn the most highly regarded award in the Scouts. Students are required to complete their projects to improve local communities through passion and hard work.

Columbia senior Brenna Sambrook '22 completed her Girl Scouts Gold Award by addressing pollution and invasive species in our environment.

Congratulations Brenna!



Ethnic Coalition's Talent Show

Ethnic Coalition hosted their annual Talent Show on Friday, 5/20/22.

Sophia Hamilton was the winner and Aidan Halsey and Alyssa Manning (duo) came in as runner-ups. Congratulations to everyone on a fabulous show!

Ethnic Coalition will be donating \$1000 to the Education Foundation in Mary Lally's name.



Music Awards

The Music Department's virtual award ceremony will be posted on the EGCSO.org website when available. Be sure to check in to view winners when posted.

All-State and All-National Music Selection

Columbia High School senior LayVon Scott '22 received two impressive honors this school year as he was selected to both the All State and All National music festivals.

Mr. Scott, a Tenor 2 in the Columbia Chamber Singers, auditioned for and was selected to participate in the NYSSMA All State Music Festival which was held in Rochester this past December.

Mr. Scott was also selected in January to the National Association for Music Education All-National Honor Ensembles Mixed Choir, which

performed at a national online concert. Mr. Scott was one of only 240 vocalists from across the country selected to the mixed choir.



MUSIC NEWS

2022 High School Musical “Little Women”

Two Columbia High School students received nominations in the [6th annual High School Musical Theatre Awards](#), organized by the Collaborative School of the Arts at Proctors in partnership with The Broadway League. Aidan Halsey '23 was nominated for Best Actor and Roan Butterfield '24 was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for their roles in “Little Women.”

Eighteen schools and hundreds of students were a part of this year's High School Musical Theatre Award program. To read the full article, [Click Here.](#)



LEFT: Aidan Halsey



RIGHT: Roan Butterfield



Photo taken during rehearsal.
Standing: Emma O’Kane and Madeline Gruber
Seated on couch: Teagan Kreshik
Kneeling in front: Payten Hines and Marianna Loomis

ART DEPARTMENT KUDOS

Equine-Themed Artwork Featured at “Win, Place, Show” Exhibit

Three Columbia High School students from Ms. Andrea Neiman's Studio Art classes had their equine-themed pastel drawings on display at Win, Place, Show: The Student Art Show at the [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#) in Saratoga Springs.



Ava Canning '25



Alyssa Sentz '25



Cameron Race '25

Student Wins National Art Contest

Columbia High School senior Italia Verdi '22 was awarded the 4th annual Leonard Bus Sales “A Day in the Life of a School Bus” art competition on March 29. As the winner of the competition, Ms. Verde will receive a \$1,000 one-time higher-education scholarship from Leonard Bus Sales for her original artwork depicting a day in the life of a school bus. To read the full article, [Click Here](#).



The Winning Entry
“A Day in the Life of
a School Bus”
by
Italia Verdi

Columbia High School senior Italia Verde '22 was recognized for winning the 4th annual Leonard Bus Sales “A Day in the Life of a School Bus” art competition on Tuesday, March 29 at the D. Jack Hedden-Raymond H. Werking Sr. Transportation Center in East Greenbush, N.Y.



Virtual Art Show 2022

The East Greenbush Art Department hosted a virtual District-wide Art Show in May. While our community could not come together for this popular event, the dedicated art teachers throughout the district have produced a Google Slides presentation so everyone could enjoy the outstanding work of our students.

Despite the uncertainty that the pandemic has brought, all of the East Greenbush Central School District art teachers feel so positive about the artwork that was created this year at school!

"I feel our teachers have adjusted well to the challenges, and our students have created absolutely amazing art," said Art Show coordinator Patti LeRoy.

To View the Art Show:

1. Click on the District-Wide Virtual Art Show link below
2. Click on your art teacher's name
3. Once the slideshow opens, click "Present" (or "View" on the toolbar and then "Present")
4. Click on the slide to progress through the presentation

District-Wide Virtual Art Show

Three Students Have Artwork Accepted to Questar III Art Show

Three Columbia High School students had artwork accepted to the 33rd annual Questar III Art Show on Wednesday evening. Amanda Craven (Won First Place), Sophia Xiao and Nova Vath each had their graphite drawings accepted to the juried art show and displayed as part of the exhibit. Ms. Craven's drawing titled "Blackbeard's Matey" won first place at the art show. *Congratulations to the students!*



"Shall We Dance"
Sophia Xiao '25



"Blackbeard's Matey"
Amanda Craven '22



"Gabby"
Nova Vath '22

Artwork Celebrates Black History Month

In February, Columbia Art Club members created artwork to celebrate Black History Month. The special exhibit at the end of the Art Wing included portraits of famous African Americans including Scott Joplin, Rosa Parks and Ella Fitzgerald. The portraits were accompanied by descriptions of the subjects to give viewers an insight into the individuals and their accomplishments.

Artwork was created by Benjamin Pauli, Nova Vath, Ari Barrows, Tal Craven, Sophia Arduini, Aries Raphael, Jenna Snyder and Zoe Allen.



Spotlight on Youth Awards

Eight students from Columbia High School were honored at the Town of East Greenbush Spotlight on Youth Awards ceremony on March 3rd in the Red Barn at the East Greenbush Town Park for their exemplary citizenship. Students were nominated for their volunteerism and exhibiting positive character traits such as kindness, citizenship, respect and responsibility.



Spotlight on Youth Award Recipients:

Kaitlyn Burke '22
Carter Durivage '22
Sophia Hamilton '22
Mikayla Kendrick '22

Sophia Pioggia '24
Lauren Preston '22
Anna Puglisi '22
Brenna Sambrook '22

Outstanding Business Student of the Year

Each year the Business and Marketing Educators' Association of the Capital District honors outstanding business students from local high schools. This year Liam Gibney '22 was chosen by Columbia High School business teachers due to his outstanding academics, character, and leadership skills.

Mr. Gibney has taken seven business classes within the Business Department, many of them for college credit through Hudson Valley Community College. He is an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America and was recently inducted into the Business and Marketing Honor Society.

Following graduation, Mr. Gibney will attend the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts where he will study business and play soccer.



Congratulations!

Business / Marketing Honor Society

A dozen Columbia High School students were recently inducted into the Business and Marketing Honor Society. The students qualified for this honor society by taking three credits in business by the end of their junior or senior years, having a GPA of 88 percent in business classes and a GPA overall of 80 percent.



Front Row (L to R): Ryan Seely, Liam Gibney, Steven Yang. Second Row: Kellie LaPointe, Akashi Walsh, Erin Dalton. Back Row: Ethan Harris, Riley Young, Carter Durivage, Jacob Yannone, Aiden Brock, Jayson Clerge.



SPORTS NEWS

For all things Athletic,
please check out the Athletics webpage at:
<http://egcsd.org/athletics/>



Columbia Athletics Hall of Fame Celebration

The Columbia High School [Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration](#) took place on May 14th. Click on the link for full details.



Columbia Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2022

Alumni Athlete Category:

- Jenna Servidone – 2010
- Jake Alviene – 2012
- Matthew Greene – 2012
- Angelo Kress – 2014
- Kevin Smith – 2014

Coach / Staff / Community Category:

- * Christopher Dedrick
- * Curtis Sankey

UNIFIED SPORTS PROGRAM CHS

Columbia has Unified teams, which are comprised of both special education and regular education students, in basketball and bowling.

Unified sports programs are made possible through a collaboration between high school athletic programs and the Special Olympics. They give students with learning disabilities a chance to compete in a unique setting.

The team is composed of athletes with and without disabilities who look forward to each year's games.

"We will continue to build a Unified program, helping students with and without disabilities compete together," said head coach Audra Di Bacco. "and helping the school become more inclusive through athletics such as basketball and bowling."

~ Audra Di Bacco and Chelsea Dyer - PROUD Coaches of the Unified Basketball Team



IF YOU BELIEVE
IN YOURSELF
ANYTHING
IS POSSIBLE.

Library News

Hello Library Friends! The CHS Library holds amazing information for you to access throughout the school year. There is also a News Archive for you to peruse so that if you missed any of the posts you can go back and see what they've shared!

If anyone is interested in any specific books for summer reading, reach out to the Library team with questions. Happy reading over the summer. Stay safe, healthy, and wear sunscreen!

We hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy. For any student or family seeking non-emergency mental health support please email the following mental_health_support@egcsd.org to connect with a provider. We are here for you!

[Click here to access the CHS Library Webpage](#)



Best School District

What's this? For the first time in five years, we have a new category champion. It boasts seven schools, high marks, an obviously fiercely loyal community, and now the East Greenbush Central School Districts bags bragging rights.

- 1) East Greenbush
- 2) North Colonie
- 3) Bethlehem Central
- 4) Shenendehowa
- 5) Guilderland

Proud to be voted 'Best School District' in the Times Union's Best of the Capital Region 2022! Click [here](#) for the article.

Class of 2022 Senior Prom

Columbia High School's Senior Prom for the Class of 2022 is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2022, beginning with the Walk-In from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This year's prom will be held at The Desmond Hotel.

Details may be found [HERE](#).

Prom Season Message: 'If You Feel Different, You Drive Different!'

Rensselaer County law enforcement and local school leaders, including East Greenbush Central School District Superintendent Jeff Simons, gathered recently to share a unified message of driver safety ahead of prom season. The campaign is titled **"If you feel different, you drive different!"** and is aimed at high schoolers regarding the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Click [HERE](#) for the full article.



Class of 2023 Junior Prom

Columbia High School's Junior Prom / Class of 2023 was held on Saturday, May 14th and a great time was had by all! Click on [this link](#) for Times Union's photo montage. They ask: Were you Seen at the Columbia High School Junior Prom walk-in at the Columbia High School on Saturday, May 14, 2022?

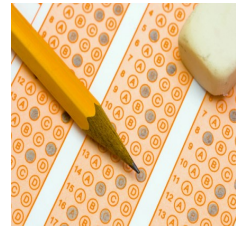


JUNE 2022 REGENTS INFORMATION

Columbia High School will administer Regents Exams starting Wednesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 23. There will be no school for high school students those days except for those taking exams.

Columbia will be offering special bus runs home during the June Regents Exams. Please click on these links for further details:

June 2022 Regents Exams
Regents Exam Schedule
Regents Exam Bus Schedule



I.D. Badges

REGENTS EXAMS BREAKFAST / LUNCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 15 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)

Thursday, June 16 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)

Friday, June 17 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)

Monday, June 20 – Closed

Tuesday, June 21 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)

Wednesday, June 22 – Breakfast Only (7am-8:30am)

Thursday, June 23 – Closed



All students must have their Student Identification Badge to enter a Regents or Local Exam.

If a student lost or misplaced their Student I.D. Badge, they must go to Mr. Malloy's office (C-105) immediately to receive one.

REVIEW CLASSES

Various Review Classes continue to take place in preparation for Regents exams. Here are a few noted ones. Please check with your teacher if reviews are being given for a particular class.

S.N.H.S.: 6/6 to 6/9 at 2:15-3:15 in Library Classroom

Math: 6/2, 6/8, 6/9 - Check with your Math teacher for appropriate class

FAQ *Graduation 2022*

Saturday, June 25 @ 10:00AM

GRADUATION INFORMATION:

Columbia High School is planning to host an in-person Graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the McDonough Sports Complex at Hudson Valley Community College.

Graduation Details:

- Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the McDonough Sports Complex at Hudson Valley Community College
- Tickets will not be dispersed as there is sufficient seating capacity for all students and their families
- Masks are optional
- There is a mandatory rehearsal on Friday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Columbia Auditorium.

At that time, graduating students will receive their caps and gowns.
Graduation will be live streamed for free at www.egcsd.org

A detailed Question and Answer FAQ is posted on Columbia High School's page of the East Greenbush website. Please click here to access this information: EGCSD.ORG

