

END OF THE YEAR ADDRESS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With the 2022-23 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 24th at 10:00AM at HVCC**. Email



blasts will be sent to all Seniors and their parents with details.

Please note that Tuesday, June 13th is the last day of classes.

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

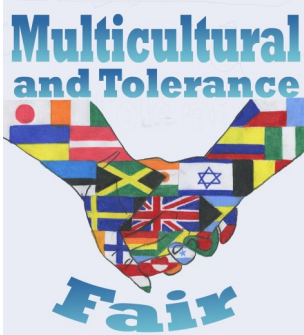
Your Partner in Education,
Michael J. Harkin



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Multicultural Fair



Columbia High School was transformed into a world's fair on April 4th as students displayed poster boards, performed demonstrations and distributed food to celebrate diversity at its Multicultural Fair.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.

Staff Goodbyes

We say Goodbye to the following Faculty or Staff who are leaving or already have left CHS this year and will be dearly missed:

RETIREES:

Marianne Wilhelm, Typist
 Melissa Dupont, Reading Teacher
 Patti LeRoy, Art Teacher
 Kathleen Fitzgerald, Reading Teacher
 Jill Frankoski, Teaching Assistant
 Anthony Servidone, P.E. Teacher



We also lovingly said our final goodbyes to Teaching Assistant, Sue Gier, who has recently gone along the silent way. She will forever be remembered for her caring and impactful ways with her students.

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 student'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. Tables will be set up for returned books that last two days of classes prior to Regents exams.



Program of Studies for Next Year's Classes

Columbia High School has published its **2023-24 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.

- College Credit Options
- Career Paths
- Graduation Requirements

If you have questions, contact your child's **high school counselor**.

The Program of Studies includes important information including:

- Course Descriptions for Required courses and Electives

Awards Ceremony

Daytime Columbian Awards Ceremony takes place on Friday, **June 2nd**. Please note that **Seniors must stay in school until 11:00 at the earliest that day.**

The evening Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, **June 12th** at 6:00 PM.

Congratulations to the Award recipients!



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.

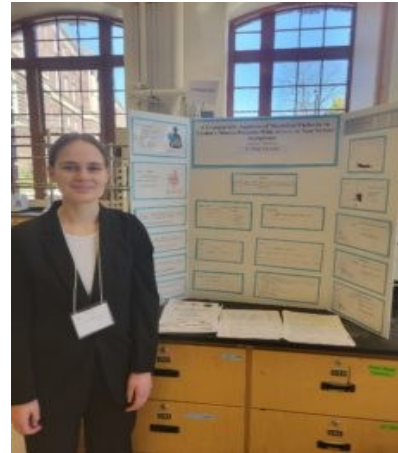


Alaina Marino '23 Wins Award at Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair

Columbia High School senior Alaina Marino was awarded the American Society for Microbiology Award at the ISEF/Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair hosted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Ms. Marino's project titled "A Comparative Analysis of Microbial pathways in Crohn's disease patients with severe vs non-severe symptoms" is being done through the Columbia Science Research program.

Congratulations!



Will Inman Wins Bronze in NYS SkillsUSA Competitions

Columbia High School senior Will Inman '23 won a bronze medal in HVAC at the 2023 NYS SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships in Syracuse. He qualified for the state championships by winning the SkillsUSA Area III Regional competition in March.

SkillsUSA competitions provide a showcase for students to display their skills learned through career and technical education. During the state competition, contestants took a written test and then completed a circuit of different stations where they were tested in their knowledge of HVAC such as heat pumps, propane furnaces, window air conditioner units and compressors.

"It was fun," he said. "I thought of it as a learning experience."

For the past two years, Mr. Inman has attended technical education classes in the HVAC and Renewable Energies program through Questar III BOCES at the Robert H. Gibson Technical School in Troy. He receives classroom instruction and training for HVAC for half of the day at that school and attends regular classes at Columbia for the other half of the day.

As part of his technical education classes, Mr. Inman has learned about the design, installation and repair of HVAC systems and emerging technologies. He also has a part-time job installing HVAC systems for a local company.

Following graduation in June, Mr. Inman plans on attending SUNY Delhi to study Plumbing and HVAC.

Congratulations!



PARKING UPDATE

Please note that next year's **SENIORS ONLY** (Class of 2024) 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.



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." – Dr. Seuss

Do Not Go Where The Path May Lead. Go Instead Where There Is No Path And Leave A Trail.

Transcript Requests / Proof of Graduation

Transcript request forms can be found on our website WWW.EGCS.D.ORG, under Forms.

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 19 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 213 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:

- Brian Benjamin
- Grace Dwileski
- Ian Fisher-Layton
- Mya Estes
- Cameron Frisone-Hulsopple
- Joshua Gurney
- Drew Hook
- Sara Hulett
- Lucas Imhoff
- Olivia Jones-Patterson
- Jordan Kramer
- Kejhaune Lester
- Matheos McCumber
- Sofia Micheli
- Michelina Rowny
- Marc Smallwood
- Anthony Thompson
- Emma Thompson
- Jason Verdi Jr.

CAP

CAP is very pleased to announce the successful end to the 2022-2023 school year. CAP is Columbia's Alternative Program designed to serve approximately 50 students.

We are proud to announce that the CAP program anticipates graduating 9 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 plan on 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:

- Edward Baker
- Shane DeCelle
- Destin Fox-Schreiber
- Caden Moore
- Aдриanna Salvatore



- Brayden Cruz
- Tyler DiLallo
- Ana Manning
- Adam Novak

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.

The students anticipated to graduate in June 2023 are:

- Wesley Albert Jr.
- Melissa Anderson
- April Bergmann-Haro
- Kaitlyn Lever
- Michelle Miller
- Callia Regensburger

Congratulations to all!

Science Olympiad Wins in 2023

The Howard L. Goff Middle School Science Olympiad team won 10 medals and placed 9th overall at the NYS Tournament in April in Syracuse. Ryan Ecker and Amulya Ryali led the team, each winning three medals.

Of the 285 teams competing at the middle school level this year, only 40 qualified for the NYS Championships.

Click [HERE](#) for full article.



Columbia High School won three medals and placed 20th at the 2023 New York State Science Olympiad Championships on March 17-18 at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. Columbia advanced to the state tournament by placing 2nd at its regional championship in February.

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



Valedictorian and Salutatorian 2023

This year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be revealed on June 12th at the Evening Awards Ceremony. Watch the EGCSD.org webpage for the announcement.



Regent Margaret Snow VanderVeer Scholarship

NYS Education Department Posted:

Congratulations to Brianna Langenbach of Columbia High School on receiving the Regent Margaret Snow Vander Veer Scholarship.

Brianna plans to attend SUNY Polytechnic Institute where she will pursue a Nursing degree.



Ethnic Coalition's Talent Show

Ethnic Coalition hosted their annual Talent Show on Friday, 5/12/23.

Cheyenne Bott was the winner and Shea Thorpe came in as runner-up. Congratulations to everyone on a fabulous show!

Ethnic Coalition will be donating \$1500 to a local Social Justice Center.



Three Students Nominated for High School Musical Theatre Awards

Three Columbia High School students received nominations for the 7th annual High School Musical Theatre Awards on Friday, which was announced by the Collaborative School of the Arts at Proctors. Aidan Halsey '23 (Best Actor), Emma O'Kane '24 (Best Actress) and

Kaden Witte '26 (Best Supporting Actor) were nominated for their roles in "Freaky Friday," which Columbia High School's theatre company the Columbia Players performed in March.

Click [HERE](#) for the full story.



Aidan Halsey



Emma O'Kane



Kaden Witte

MUSIC NEWS

2023 High School Musical “Freaky Friday”

The Columbia Players performed the musical “Freaky Friday” on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 in the high school auditorium.

We stopped by a dress rehearsal prior to the show to speak with Aidan Halsey '23 who played Adam. He was nominated for Best Actor in the 6th annual High School Musical Theatre Awards last year for his performance in “Little Women.” Mr. Halsey has also been involved with Park Playhouse, Master Class Performing Arts and Staging Youth’s Future, Inc.

To read the full article, [Click HERE.](#)



The Columbia Players performing at a dress rehearsal of “Freaky Friday” the musical in the school auditorium in March. Three students in that performance – Aidan Halsey, Emma O’Kane and Kaden Witte – received nominations in the 7th annual High School Musical Theatre Awards.



March 3rd & 4th, 2023
At 7pm
Columbia High School Auditorium

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.



The students – Jacob Barno '26, Emily Craven '26 and Kamilla Conboy '24 – and Ms. Neiman attended the exhibit’s opening reception on April 15 in the von Stade Gallery at the museum. The exhibit was on display through May 14.

Ceiling Art Tiles at Albany Medical Hospital

Going to a doctor’s office can be an anxious experience for a child, especially for those with autism, anxiety, ADHD or other developmental disorders. Thanks to Columbia High School art students, that experience has become much more cheerful and colorful.

Students in Columbia’s Cartooning class recently painted 32 ceiling tiles with cartoon characters and inspirational messages. The tiles were then installed at Albany Medical Center’s Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, which includes an Autism Speciality

Practice. Now, patients can look up and see Peppa Pig, Winnie the Pooh and SpongeBob SquarePants smiling down at them to help ease their fears.

Click [HERE](#) for full story and additional photos



Art Show 2023

Students from across the East Greenbush Central School District showed off their artistic skills at the 2023 Art Show on Thursday May 11th at Columbia High School. From drawings to photographs and paintings to pottery, the Columbia hallways, art rooms and cafeteria were lined with diverse and impressive works of art.

More than 2,000 people attended the event to look at and appreciate the artwork.

"For the past 32 years, I've been hoping to teach students to 'Show the Love,'" said Columbia Art Teacher Patti LeRoy, who is retiring at the end of the school year. "It became evident they heard me when former students traveled from Florida, Boston, Oswego and Buffalo to see the 2023 Art Show, my final one, to give hugs, wish me well, and see the amazing artwork from our talented artists ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12. It is said 'To teach is to touch a life forever.' I have been honored to have them touch my life as well."

Special thanks to all of the district's art teachers who organized the Art Show, and for bringing out such wonderful talent in our students!

District-Wide Art Show

Students Artwork Accepted at Questar III Art Show

Two Columbia High School students – Zoe Allen '25 and Hannah Roberts '24 – had artwork accepted to Questar's 34th annual Juried High School Art Exhibit this spring. They attended the opening reception and awards ceremony last Tuesday.

Ms. Allen placed second at the show for her drawing titled "Soulful Songs Self Portrait." The drawing was done during a lesson in Patti LeRoy's Drawing class that had students incorporate text that described themselves into self portraits.

The Questar art exhibit featured artwork from 20 local school districts.

Congratulations!



Zoe Allen '25



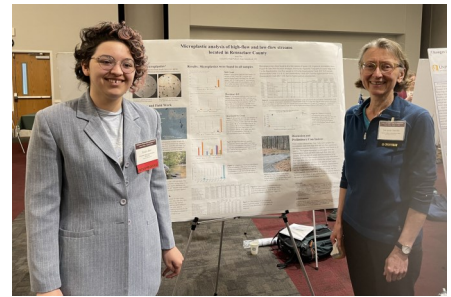
Hannah Roberts '24

Inara Ilse '24 Presents Research

Columbia High School junior Inara Ilse '24 presented her Science Research project at the Mohawk Watershed Symposium at Union College in March. She was the only high school student presenting research at the event. Each of the other projects were presented by college students, college professors and professionals from environmental organizations such as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Water Resources Institute, and Riverkeeper.

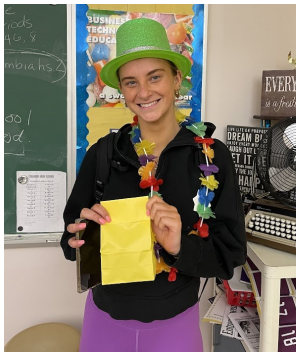
Ms. Ilse's project is titled "Microplastic analysis of high-flow and low flow streams located in Rensselaer County," which is being done through Columbia's Science Research program. She was joined at the symposium by her mentor Dr. Jacqueline Smith, a research professor of geosciences from Union College.

"Inara has accumulated many hours working on this project that she is very passionate about," said Columbia Science Teacher Heidi Gleason who coordinates the Science Research program. "Her being asked to present her work in such a venue is remarkable."



Business / Marketing Honor Society

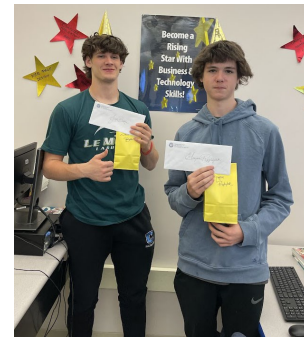
A dozen Columbia High School students were recently inducted into the Business and Marketing Honor Society. The students qualified for this honor society by taking three credits in business by the end of their junior or senior years, having a GPA of 88 percent in business classes and a GPA overall of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



Arricca Silliman



Jake Baker, Peyton Walters,
Kyle Blake, Joe Demarest



Jake Baker,
Grayson Przybylek

Outstanding Business Students of the Year

Jake Baker and Kyle Blake were chosen as 2022-23 Outstanding Business Students by the Business Department. They were both honored and recognized along with other Capital District High School Outstanding Business Students at a dinner and ceremony at the Century House in Latham on May 4. This event was sponsored by the Business and Marketing Educators' Association of the Capital District. Jake and Kyle are outstanding academically and possess outstanding character. In addition, they were also selected as members of the Business and Marketing Honor Society by their business teachers, and they are both Business Pathway students who will receive a Technical Endorsement on their diplomas. Both young men have been the Business Department's shining stars! We wish them well in their future endeavors.



CONGRATULATIONS!

2022-2023

BUSINESS AND MARKETING HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS



Jake Baker
 Kyle Blake
 Alyssa Cronkhite
 Joseph Demarest
 Madeline Hansen
 Grayson Przybylek
 Arricca Silliman
 Jescyka Thompson
 Peyton Walters



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 13th. Click on the link for full details.

ANNOUNCEMENT

COLUMBIA ALL SPORTS CLUB ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Introducing the Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Alumni Athlete Category

Jamie Carr Ferrari 2000 / Stephen Sayre 2002 / Brendan Morgan 2012

Coach / Staff / Community Category

Bill Neumann / Bill Clum / Todd Romer



#BLUEDEVILS

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

Participating Students, Cheerleaders, and Helpers are:

Austin Agar, 9	Nicholas Girgenti, 9	Madison McCarthy, 12	Amelia Rizzo, 12
Judah Berry, 12	Imara Green, 10	Juan Moran, 12	Gavin Roberts, 12
Makiyah Betha, 12	MaKaylah Harrington, 12	Silvio Orcioui, 12	Alexis Szemplinski, 11
Raziya Coleman, 12	Avery Jaeger-Morales, 10	Kendyl Ouimette, 10	Patrick Tracey, 12
Logan DeMarco, 11	Zach Jaeger-Sousis, 12	Kaia Parker, 9	Jared VanWely, 10
Lyndsey Edick, 11	Ben Kromer, 10	Zachary Pauli, 9	Simone Vera, 10
Maya Eriole, 11	Jordan King, 10	Trinity Prugel, 10	Kayla White, 9
Logan Eveland, 12	Domonick Lambert, 10	Benaiah Raphael, 11	Claysiah Wylie, 11
James Farone, 9	Alivia Landy, 10	Tasyanna Reynolds, 12	
Jordan Gales, 9	Ryan Mall, 10	Kennedy Ring, 10	



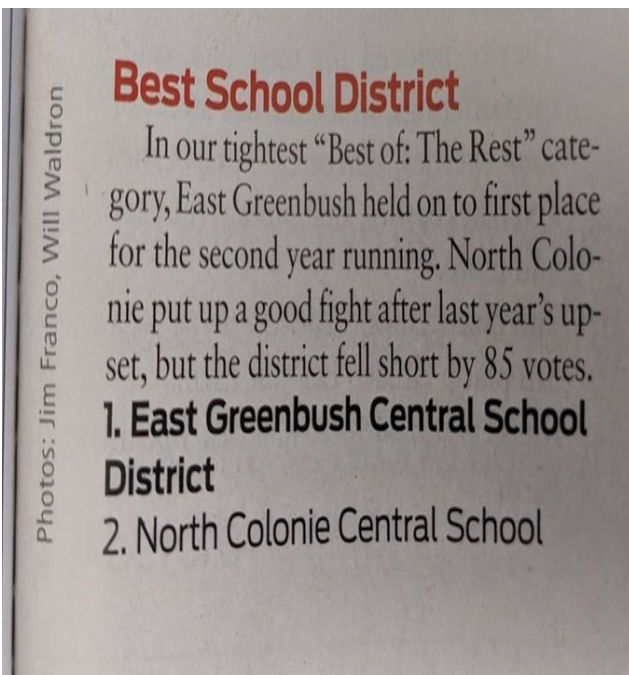
Library News

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](#)



For the second year in a row, the East Greenbush Central School District was voted "Best School District" in the Times Union Best of the Capital Region contest, which was announced in a special publication in April. The annual contest has readers vote on a variety of topics in categories such as Dining, Entertainment & Leisure, Services, and Best of the Rest.

Congratulations to all of our students, staff, families and community members!

Class of 2023 Senior Prom

Columbia High School's Senior Prom for the Class of 2023 is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2023, beginning with the Walk-In from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This year's prom will be held at The Desmond Hotel / Crowne Plaza.

Details may be found [HERE](#).



Columbia Hosts Mock DWI Event Ahead of Prom Season

As prom season and celebratory end of year events approach, Columbia High School students saw firsthand the tragic consequences of driving while impaired during a Mock DWI event on Friday, May 19th on the school campus.

All Columbia seniors and juniors attended the event which featured a simulated car crash with students acting as the victims, the individual who caused the accident, and bystanders.

Click [HERE](#) for full story, photos and Links.

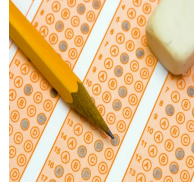


JUNE 2023 REGENTS INFORMATION

Columbia High School will administer Regents Exams on these dates:

June 2023 Regents Exam Schedule

- Thursday, June 1
- Wednesday, June 14-Friday, June 16
- Tuesday, June 20 - Thursday, June 22



There will be no school for high school students on those days except for those taking exams. Columbia will be offering special bus runs home during the June Regents Exams. Please click on the links BELOW for full exam and bus details:

June 2023 Regents Exams **Regents June 1 Exam** **Regents Exams Schedule** **Regents Exam Bus Schedule**

REGENTS EXAMS **BREAKFAST / LUNCH** **SCHEDULE**



Thursday, June 1 – Breakfast Only (7am-8:30am)
 Wednesday, June 14 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)
 Thursday, June 15 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)
 Friday, June 16 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)
 Monday, June 19 – Closed
 Tuesday, June 20 – Breakfast & Lunch (7am-12:15pm)
 Wednesday, June 21 – Breakfast Only (7am-8:30am)
 Thursday, June 22 – Closed

I.D. Badges

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. Math Review Classes are listed below.

Please check with your teacher if reviews are being given for a particular class.

MATH: Check with your Math teacher for appropriate class, if questions. Click on the word MATH above to see the full schedule.

FAQ

Graduation 2023

Saturday, June 24 @ 10:00AM

GRADUATION INFORMATION:

Columbia High School is hosting the Class of 2023 Graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the McDonough Sports Complex at Hudson Valley Community College.

Graduation Details:

- Saturday, June 24 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
- There is a mandatory rehearsal on Friday, June 23 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 on the link to access this information:

EGCSD.ORG

