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# Remembrance Events Announced For Columbine 20th Anniversary

**GOLDEN, Colo.** (February 27, 2019) – Jeffco Public Schools and Columbine High School in partnership with the Columbine Memorial Foundation, Waterstone Community Church, Foothills Park & Recreation District – Clement Park, and The Rebels Project jointly announce the scheduling of several community events to honor and remember what occurred on April 20, 1999. A committee of volunteers from the participating organizations and the families of those impacted by the events at Columbine High School 20 years ago are planning the events. The community is invited to attend.

The following events are planned:

# Thursday, April 18

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.: "Columbine 20 Years Later: A Faith-based Remembrance Service"

 A non-denominational service designed to bring the victim's families, survivors and community together for reflection, prayer and speeches. The service will be held at Waterstone Community Church, 5890 S. Alkire St., Littleton, CO 80127, http://www.waterstonechurch.org/

## Friday, April 19

7:30 p.m.: Community Vigil at the Columbine Memorial in Clement Park

• To honor and remember those who were impacted by the events on April 20, 1999. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.ColumbineMemorial.org">www.ColumbineMemorial.org</a>

#### Saturday, April 20

8 a.m. - Noon: Columbine High School (CHS) World-Wide Day of Service

- Current students and staff will be spending the morning serving in the community. The
  Columbine Articulation area schools will also be participating. Participation is restricted
  to current students and staff. CHS is developing a website to share information about
  their service projects and encourage participation for people around the world to get
  project ideas and commit to the day of service.
- 3 5 p.m.: Remembrance Ceremony at Clement Park
  - A community remembrance ceremony presented by Columbine families, current CHS students and alumni, and current and former CHS staff. Clement Park, 7306 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80123

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## Parking and Access:

Limited parking will be available in Clement Park due to ongoing construction and other planned athletic activities. Public transportation and carpooling is encouraged. Attendees should plan for security check-points and crowd management restrictions during these events. For school safety, Columbine High School will not be open to the general public on Saturday, April 20. There are several private events planned for 1999-2002 Columbine families, staff and alumni. Entrance to the school facilities will be restricted to those with invitations and security clearance.

#### A note to media outlets:

Media access to Columbine High School is prohibited at all times without prior approval. No access will be granted during these events. A designated media area will be available during the Remembrance Ceremony in Clement Park to enable the proceedings to maintain decorum in keeping with the occasion. More information will be made available at a later date. The organizers appreciate the cooperation and support of the community and all interested parties in presenting these events with dignity and respect.

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