

Hello Members of the Class of 2017 and Parents,

This document contains valuable information regarding end-of-the-year activities for the Class of 2017. I will be taking time to speak with the entire senior class soon, to relay this information personally. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Senior Awards

- Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 pm
 - You will receive a special letter in the mail if your child is receiving an award.
 - The awards are intended to be surprises; we will not reveal who is getting what before the ceremony.
 - Parents are welcome, we ask that the students dress nice (business casual or close to it).
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All Things Graduation

- PRACTICE
 - Fri. June 9th, Mon. June 12th, and Tues. June 13th, 1:00-3:00 (Finals end at 12:25)
 - When students are on time and behave appropriately the practices usually end around 2:30.
 - Practices are Mandatory - Those with legitimate conflicts should meet with Mr. McGeehan well before June 9th.
 - There will be no buses after practice.
- GRADUATION ATTIRE
 - *Overall:* No Sunglasses, No phones, No Signs, No food or drink, No Decorated Caps
 - *Boys:* Collared shirt, Tie, Shoes (no sneakers or work boots), Slacks (no jeans or shorts)
 - *Girls:* Dress or skirt/pants and appropriate top, Flats or wedges (Heels will sink into the grass, No Flip-flops, Dressy sandals are okay)
 - Caps and Gowns
 - Have been provided by the school.
 - Will be handed out during graduation practice.
 - Give back gown after graduation.
 - Keep the cap (no decorations)
 - Teachers will be assigned to check attire as students enter the building
- GRADUATION DAY TIMES – **Thursday, June 15th**
 - Seniors must be at school by 8:30 am in the Mall (consider getting dropped off by parents due to available parking)
 - Class Picture at 9:00 am in the gym
 - **10:00 am Ceremony** (this time could be pushed back briefly if the forecast calls for a passing shower)
- BEHAVIOR
 - Students – Don't do anything that jeopardizes your special moment or someone else's
 - Parents/Family – Please **refrain from the use of air horns** or any other loud devices that could potentially irritate spectators or drown out the names of other graduates
- TICKETS
 - Outside – Football Field (suitable weather)
 - First come, first served seating
 - No Tickets needed...BUT...
 - Bring your tickets in case we have to move the ceremony inside at the last minute (it happened in 2013).

- **Inside** – Gym (inclement weather)
 - **Each student is guaranteed two tickets for a ceremony in the gym.**
 - All extra tickets will be given out via lottery system. Results have been posted in in the Mall area.
 - Graduation will be streamed live through a YouTube feed in the auditorium and classrooms if necessary.
 - The YouTube feed will also be viewable at home.
 - Figure out now what the family contingency plan is for rain.

- Handicapped Parking and Seating
 - I will distribute Handicap Parking Passes to students in need of them after each day of graduation practice.
 - Handicapped parking will be in the back of the school.
 - For an outside ceremony
 - Custodians will shuttle those who have trouble walking to the field.
 - Those who can't make it up the bleachers will have special seating inside the fence alongside the track.
 - For an indoor ceremony
 - With a ticket - custodians will shuttle those who have trouble walking upstairs to the elevator on the 1st floor. Seats will be reserved on the first row of bleachers.
 - Without a ticket – YouTube broadcast will be shown in the Auditorium on first floor or YouTube broadcast can be viewed at home.

- Fines and Obligations
 - Students **must have all their fines paid and school property returned** in order to receive their cap & gown prior to the ceremony.
 - All students must complete the Graduation Survey in Naviance (About Me Tab) in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
 - Mr. McGeehan will read a list of these fines and obligations during each of the three graduation practices.