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To the Students and Parents/Caregivers of the Class of 2024:

It's hard to believe that the last quarter of the school year is here and that graduation is just a few short weeks away! This means that as seniors, along with maintaining your grades and keeping up with classes, there are a variety of events scheduled to help you celebrate and remember your high school experience. Please read through this letter carefully and mark your calendars.

GRADUATION: Practice, Clothing, and Commencement

Mandatory Marching Practice – Friday, May 17, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance is required if you plan to march in graduation.

- On May 17, students **MUST** report to the field house no later than 9:00 a.m. During the practice, instructions regarding the commencement program will be provided. This activity prepares the graduates for actual marching and gives students a chance to be sure that their name is pronounced correctly. Students may dress in regular school attire.

Caps and Gowns – Friday, May 17, 2024

- Immediately following the marching practice, instructions will be provided where to pick up your cap and gown that morning. To receive your cap and gown, all obligations must be cleared. This includes (but is not limited to) items such as library fines, outstanding behavior obligations, athletic equipment, and any financial obligations that may be pending.

Commencement Day – Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Rosemont Theatre 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Illinois

- Graduates should plan to arrive at the theater between 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and must report to designated gathering areas no later than 2:30 p.m. Bring or wear your cap and gown to the set-up area. There will be no area to leave valuables (purses, etc.). Please leave all valuables with your family. Leave cameras and mobile computing devices with your family and do not bring these to the staging area.
- The ceremony is a dignified way to celebrate your accomplishments; anyone interrupting the ceremony, even in the interest of humor, may be asked to leave.**
- All graduates are asked to wear appropriate clothing with their cap and gown. The theater has a sloped aisle and stairs leading to the stage: please consider avoiding high heels that may make it difficult to walk onto the stage.

PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT GRADUATION

Guests

- Make sure you ask where your graduate will be seated on stage so you know where to position yourself in the audience to be able to see her/him.

- No food, drinks, signs or balloons will be permitted since this is a formal theater venue.

Parking

- There should be ample free parking available, but additional parking is also available in **pay** garages near the Rosemont Theatre. If you plan to park in one of the garages, please make sure you allow adequate time to park and walk a short distance to the theater.
- Parking at the Rosemont Theatre will be directed by the Rosemont Theatre staff.

Time

- Students are to be dressed appropriately and in the staging area no later than 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Pictures

- Guests in the audience are to remain seated during the ceremony. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of the graduates as they receive their diplomas on stage. You will receive proofs and have an opportunity to purchase photographs but are not obligated to do so. If you do not want to have your graduate's picture taken, please notify Mrs. Sophie O'Malley somalley@maine207.org 847-692-8508 in the principal's office by Friday, May 3, 2024.

Recessional

- Graduates will formally recess out of the theater. Parents and guests are asked to remain in their seats until all graduates have passed. This will allow graduates to go directly to the designated area to receive their actual printed diploma. After they have received their diploma, they will be able to join you for pictures and flowers.

Graduation Congratulatory Messages

- We are offering parents and relatives the opportunity to congratulate their favorite senior with a special send-off message to be printed in the Maine East Graduation Program. See the enclosed flyer for more details. **The deadline for submission of "Senior Send-Off Messages" is Friday, May 3, 2024.**

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior Prom/Post Prom – Saturday, May 11 - 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Chevy Chase Country Club 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090

Six Flags Great America Grad Nite - 9:45 p.m - 3:45 a.m.

- Tickets can be purchased at the Bookstore. Ticket sales dates/prices are as follows:
 - Prom only: \$95/person
 - Prom Only ticket sales start March 13, 2024 and end May 1, 2024
 - Six Flags Grad Nite only: \$90/person
 - Prom and Six Flags Grad Nite: \$180/person
 - Six Flags Grad Nite only, and Prom and Six Flags Grad Nite ticket sales start March 13, 2024 and end April 15, 2024 (NO EXTENSIONS)
- Seniors should look forward to the prom-themed (*Masquerade*).

- Seniors must arrive and check in between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. No one will be admitted after 7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Students are to remain in the designated area for the prom dinner and dance. Once you leave the Prom, you may not re-enter.
- There will be no formal photographer, but a free photo booth will be available from 7:00 pm - 10:30 p.m.
- If you are bringing a guest (not a current Maine East student) you must submit a Guest Permission Form. **Remember: No guests over the age of 20 will be allowed.**
- **Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable, and will not be sold at the door.**

Senior Breakfast – Thursday, May 16 - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Chateau Ritz - 9100 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714

- Ticket prices/sales dates are as follows:
 - April 10–April 30 - \$15.00 per person
 - May 1–May 10 - \$20.00 per person
 - May 10 - (Last day to purchase tickets)
- Only graduating seniors may attend the Senior Breakfast
- Tickets may be purchased online using 5-star or at the bookstore from Wednesday, April 10th – Friday, May 10th.
- Absolutely no tickets may be purchased after May 10th
- Seniors must arrive and check-in between 8:00 and 9:00 am. No one will be admitted after 9:00 am.
- **Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable, and will not be sold at the door**

Seniors will receive a *Class of 2024 Guide to Prom and Senior Breakfast* that will provide complete details about these events, and a copy will also be posted on the school website on the *Class of 2024* page.

Senior Honors Night – Wednesday, May 15, 2024– Maine East Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

- The Senior Honors Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Recognition of outstanding seniors will include Departmental Awards, Good Will Awards, Merit Awards, and awards and scholarships from internal and outside organizations. Students (and their parents) who are being honored will receive an invitation; however, all are welcome to join us in the audience for this memorable and meaningful event.

EXPECTATIONS

- These activities are meant to provide positive experiences to celebrate the culmination of your high school experience; accordingly, we hope that everyone in attendance will conduct themselves with a sense of respect – for themselves and for others. In order to ensure the safety of all students, all school rules will apply. Pranks and other activities, whether meant to be harmless or not, may result in severe consequences. Any student arriving at any of the activities under the influence of, emitting the odor of, or in possession of alcohol or illegal substances will automatically result in suspension from school and exclusion from participating in the Commencement Program.

SUMMARY OF DATES

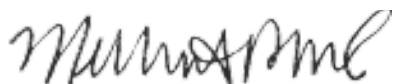
March 13 - April 15

Senior Prom and Six Flags Grad Nite ticket sales

March 13 - May 1	Senior Prom (only) ticket sales
April 10 - May 10	Senior Breakfast ticket sales
May 3	Deadline for Graduation Program Senior Send-Off Messages
May 11	Senior Prom
May 15	Senior Honors Night
May 16	Senior Breakfast
May 17	Mandatory Marching Practice/Cap & Gown Pick Up
May 19	Commencement Ceremony at Rosemont Theater

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with your family!

Sincerely,



Melissa A. Pikul, Ed.D.
Principal