



# NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

March 17, 2017

Dear Parents of Seniors:

As we approach graduation, it is important you are informed regarding graduation and end-of-the-year activities.

This is an exciting part of every graduating high school senior's life. We want to be certain we do all we can to ensure that each graduate looks back on this time with fond memories.

Below is a chronological list of events that are important for every graduating senior:

**CAP/GOWN DISTRIBUTION** - Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (during both lunch periods)

Josten's will be here to distribute cap and gown and other graduation items ordered. They will be here during both lunch periods in the commons. Final payments are needed in order to collect items.

**SENIOR CLASS MEETING** - Wednesday, April 12, 2017 (periods 1 & 2) - **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**

The class meeting begins promptly at 7:55am on April 12th. This meeting is mandatory for seniors planning to participate in Commencement. Attendance will be taken. Those not present will need to meet before or after school prior to May 19th to receive the detailed information about Commencement.

**ALL SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT** - Wednesday, May 3, 2017, North High Auditorium (6:30 p.m.)

This program recognizes all-school academic and athletic award winners. All are invited to attend, award winners will be notified in advance. Relatives and friends are welcome.

**SENIOR BANQUET** - Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan (6:00 p.m.)

Senior banquet is sponsored by Student Council. Students must purchase tickets in advance, which will be sold in the commons during both lunch periods. Seniors are encouraged to be listening to the announcements to find out when tickets will be sold. At this event, seniors share a nice dinner, recap the year, and see a live hypnotist. Students have a chance to win many raffle prizes.

**SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT** - Wednesday, May 17, 2017, North High Auditorium (6:30 p.m.)

Scholarship winners will be formally invited by the counseling center approximately one week before the ceremony.

**YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION** - Wednesday, May 31, 2017, North High Field House (1:45 p.m.)

Yearbooks will be distributed to all students on Wednesday, May 31 immediately after school in the field house. Seniors need to be sure all financial obligations are taken care of prior to yearbook distribution. A list of all student fines will be posted in the general office when students return from spring break.

**GRADUATION REHEARSAL** - Friday, June 2, 2017 (9:30 a.m.)

South and North High Schools will conduct a **required graduation rehearsal at Vollrath Bowl on Friday, June 2nd at 9:30am**. Attendance will be taken. Failure to attend this rehearsal will result in the student's removal from the **graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 4th**. In case of rain, rehearsal will be held in North's auditorium for North's seniors starting at **9:30am**. Attendance will be taken. School rules remain in effect for graduation rehearsal and Commencement.



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**BACCALAUREATE AND CLASS PICTURE** - Friday, June 2, 2017

Seniors report to the Raider gym at 5:45 pm for a class picture wearing their gowns, and then proceed to the auditorium for Baccalaureate which will begin approximately 6:30 p.m. Although caps and tassels will not be worn for the class picture, please plan to bring caps and tassels given the need to wear them during Baccalaureate. Gowns, caps and tassels will also be worn for the Commencement program.

**GRADUATION** - Sunday, June 4, 2017

**Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 4th.** Graduating seniors need to arrive at Vollrath Bowl at 1:15pm. Should weather prevent an outdoor ceremony, separate ceremonies will be held in the respective fieldhouse at South and North High School. Announcement of any change will be made over Sheboygan radio stations and our school district's Web site on Sunday morning. If poor weather calls for an indoor ceremony, seniors need to arrive at North's auditorium by 1:15pm. If the weather in the morning is poor and the outdoor graduation is moved indoors, it will remain indoors even if conditions improve in the afternoon because, once a decision is made to move indoors, some things at Vollrath Bowl are disassembled and moved to North and South.

Should we need to conduct Commencement indoors in the fieldhouse at North, the seating capacity, including the bleachers and placement of chairs on the floor and space in the commons/cafeteria, will allow all friends, family members and public to attend. North's fieldhouse will be open for public access starting at 12:45pm with seating on a first-come first-seated basis. Most parking is available on the east side of the school with access to school through the southeast set of doors (number 3) where an elevator is available. The public will also have access through the Raider gym lobby and commons doors facing School Avenue.

**A dress code will be in effect using the following guidelines:**

Decades ago, the Board of Education adopted a set of rules for graduating seniors with the intent of maintaining dignity and decorum at Commencement. When these rules were adopted, the senior class officers were very involved in making these recommendations to the Board. The following expectations are those adopted by the Board. They will be enforced.

**The boys must wear dress shoes (not tennis shoes), slacks (not blue jeans or shorts), socks and a dress shirt, along with the appropriate colored cap, gown and tassel. Ties are optional.**

**The girls must wear a skirt and blouse, a dress, or dress slacks and blouse, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) and the appropriate colored cap, gown and tassel. ("Dress" sandals are permitted.)**

**There may not be any writing or symbols on the caps and/or gowns.**

Disruptive students will be removed from the ceremony and may appear before the Board of Education to get their diplomas. Disorderly conduct citations will be recommended for participants who disrupt the ceremony. [Our seniors' behavior has been such that this has not happened in more than 20 years.]

Seniors receive diploma covers at the ceremony. The actual diploma may be picked up on Sunday, immediately following the ceremony, in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational Church across from Vollrath Bowl. Diplomas may be picked up in the North High School General Office beginning the week of June 5th. Graduates will need to show a photo I.D. to pick up their diploma. Only one diploma will be issued. Future proof of graduation is in the form of a transcript.

Parents are reminded that senior participation at Commencement is strictly voluntary. Seniors not wishing to attend may pick up their diplomas at the above-stated time and place. It is the administration's desire that all graduating seniors participate in the program. However, if a senior has a problem regarding the established standards or has other obligations, the senior may opt to forego the graduation ceremony.

We appreciate the cooperation of the City Council in passing an ordinance prohibiting alcoholic beverages at Vollrath Bowl between the hours of noon and 6:00 pm on graduation day. Years ago, we asked the Council to enact this ordinance to help us plan an event that has the dignity and decorum our graduation exercise deserves. Smoking is also prohibited.

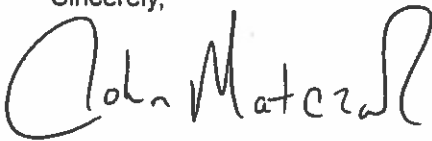
Our seniors know they must have earned twenty-three credits and passed all requirements to graduate. Anything less will prevent them from participation in the **graduation exercises on June 4th**. Please review this fact with your daughter or son. If there is a problem in any class, encourage your child to do all that is necessary to pass the class or classes. In a few cases, some seniors may not know if they passed a class needed for graduation until the very last day (**Friday, June 2nd**). If a student should fail a needed class at the very end of the year, parents will be notified by a telephone call. Hopefully, we will not have to do this. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's counselor in the Counseling Center at 459-3611.

Apart from Senior Banquet, the schools do not sponsor or organize any school picnics, parties or trips. If other community organizations conduct such activities, please be aware that the high schools do not provide the chaperones.

We are encouraging our seniors to treat their graduation with proper behavior as evidenced by the above expectations. We are asking you, as parents, to support our efforts by discussing these expectations with your son or daughter. Your help in this matter will be much appreciated.

Graduation is a wonderful event for students and their families. We want everyone to enjoy this year's graduation. This letter is sent to you with a sincere desire to keep you informed of our expectations and plans.

Sincerely,



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