



**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – NORTH**

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Senior Class of 2018,

On behalf of the faculty and administration, I would like to extend our congratulations to you and your families for the effort, dedication, and perseverance that you have demonstrated throughout your high school career. Graduation is a special event that is celebrated with life-long friends, family, teachers, administrators, and our community. With these thoughts in mind, the following guidelines and information will help you in planning for this important event.

Commencement will be held on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018, promptly at 5:00PM**, in our North High School gymnasium. Each student will receive eight (8) tickets (5 gymnasium/3 auditorium) for guests to our ceremony. Our gymnasium will serve as the live venue, there will be a live stream in the auditorium, and Blue Ridge Channel 113 is expected to air graduation live on TV. Students will be issued their tickets and parking information during their second rehearsal on Wednesday, June 13th. There will not be extra tickets available through the school; however, students can check with friends and classmates to see if they have any extra tickets that they won't need. **If for any reason your son/daughter does not wish to participate in the graduation ceremony, please send us a letter stating your approval of this decision by Thursday, June 7, 2018.**

To participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must have successfully completed all academic requirements. Punctual attendance at **all** rehearsals is **mandatory** unless prior permission for absence or tardiness is obtained through an administrator. Anyone missing a practice without permission may not be able to participate in the ceremony. The Practice Schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 12, 2018:**
 - Rehearsal will begin at **7:45AM** in gymnasium following Homeroom.
 - Caps & Gowns will be distributed (**NOTE: all obligations must be met by JUNE 12th in order to receive Cap & Gown and graduation tickets - CASH ONLY**).
 - Following graduation rehearsal, the Senior Barbeque will occur near the concession stand in the stadium.
 - Seniors will be dismissed after the Barbeque with a note from a parent/guardian and their own transportation home.
 - Seniors without a note from a parent and their own means of transportation will remain in school until the end of the day.

- **Wednesday, June 13, 2018:**
 - Rehearsal will begin at **7:30AM**. Senior will report to Homeroom and be called to the the gymnasium for rehearsal.
 - Students will be given their tickets at rehearsal on June 13th. (5 tickets for the gymnasium & 3 tickets for the auditorium).
 - Seniors will be dismissed after graduation rehearsal with a note from a parent/guardian and their own transportation home.
 - Seniors without a note from a parent and their own means of transportation will remain in school until the graduation ceremony.
 - **Seniors return to High School North by 3pm in preparation for our graduation ceremony.**

****All rehearsals are closed to the public****

Graduation Reminders:

- A. All obligations to the school, including library fines, books, athletic equipment, projects, etc., must be satisfied by no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 12, 2018, **CASH ONLY. Check payment cut off is April 30, 2018. Checks will NOT be accepted after that date.**
- B. Dress and personal grooming for graduation:
 - a. **Girls** should wear light colored outfits. Bright colors and patterns show through the graduation gowns. Shorts, jeans, flip flops, sneakers, and boots are not appropriate dress for this formal occasion and should not be worn.
 - b. **Boys** should wear dress slacks. Shorts, jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots of any type are not appropriate dress for this formal occasion and should not be worn.
 - c. Students are **NOT** allowed to place any messages on their caps and gowns.
- C. Parents and graduates will be allowed to take pictures outside the school in a designated area following the ceremony. There will be a professional photographer taking photos of the graduates with their diploma during the ceremony. Information is enclosed with this letter and will be given to graduates on how to purchase photos through the photographers website.
- D. During the procession, the audience must remain seated, thereby allowing everyone to view the graduates.
- E. During distribution of diplomas, all applause should be held until the end. Participants and observers should refrain from shouting, whistling, heckling, and catcalling. These behaviors are inappropriate and detract from the dignity of the ceremony.
- F. During the Recessional, no one is permitted to leave their seats until all graduates have left the gymnasium.
- G. Observance of the “No Smoking” policy is required while on the North Campus.

Because graduation is one of the most memorable events in a person's lifetime, please encourage family, friends, and graduates to maintain a high level of dignity that this ceremony deserves.

Upcoming Senior Events:

- **Friday, May 4, 2018:**
 - Seniors Only Mock Crash behind the High School.
 - Seniors can be excused for a half day with a parent note.
 - Seniors must attend school on Friday in order to go to Prom on Saturday.
 - Seniors must have own transportation home if taking a half day.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2018:**
 - Senior Prom at Genetti Manor in Dickson City, PA.
 - Pre-Prom at 1:30pm in the High School Gymnasium.
 - Prom Departure at 3:00pm from High School North.
- **Wednesday, June 6, 2018:**
 - Senior Final Exams for **Blocks 1 & 2**
- **Thursday, June 7, 2018:**
 - Senior Final Exams for **Blocks 3 & 4**
- **Friday, June 8, 2018:**
 - Senior Final Exams Make-ups

Attendance and Behavior Expectations:

During these final weeks of school, our expectations regarding attendance and appropriate behaviors for all students remain the same. Please note, the timing and/or level of an offense may compromise a senior's ability to participate in the various end of year senior events to include the graduation ceremony. Please encourage your child(ren) to make good decisions that will support participation in all senior end of year activities and events.

Lastly, any senior suspended during the last ten days of school will have the opportunity to make up assignments and exams. The only acceptable reason for missing a final exam will be illness verified by a doctor's excuse. If a senior's suspension from school includes graduation day, June 13, 2018, he/she will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of the information included in this letter.

Sincerely,

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