

SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2018:

As this year comes to a close, we would like to provide you with important information about the events and activities planned for your students during the next several weeks. Hopefully, this will assist with your end-of-the-year planning.

The **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM** will be held on Friday evening, May 11th at the Riverview in Simsbury from 6:00-11:00 pm. Students must arrive by 6:30 pm and will not be allowed to leave before 10:00 pm. **SENIORS MUST HAVE PAID ALL CLASS DUES BEFORE PURCHASING THEIR TICKETS TO ALL SENIOR EVENTS. STUDENTS ATTENDING THE PROM MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE ON MAY 11th UNTIL after 4th period.** Suffield students bringing out-of-town guests must complete a Guest Information form (available in the office). No guests 21 years of age or older will be permitted. Guests must provide a picture I.D. A photographer from Grynn & Barrett studios will be available at the prom for photographs. Students should bring cash or check as payment is required that evening.

The **SENIOR CLASS OUTING** at Brownstone Exploration and Discovery Park in Portland, CT will be held on Tuesday, May 29th (with a rain date of June 1st). Seniors who have paid all class dues may sign up until May 22nd. Ticket cost is \$20 for this event. Signed permission slips (parent signature required) are enclosed and must be returned in advance to attend. Students are required to attend their first period class to go on the trip. Students will be allowed to travel only by bus and will leave Brownstone at 1:00 pm to return to Suffield High School. Suffield High School faculty and senior advisors will chaperone this event.

The **SENIOR BANQUET** will be held at Chez Josef on Thursday, June 7th at 6:00 pm. Please plan to arrive between 6:00-6:30 pm for social hour. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Seniors who have paid all class dues may sign up from May 7th-18th. Ticket cost is \$15 for seniors and \$30 per each family member. Information on tickets and meal choices is enclosed.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, June 6th in the SHS auditorium at 6:30 pm. Letters will be sent to the families of those students being awarded a scholarship.

FINAL EXAMS for seniors will be held Tuesday, June 12th thru Friday, June 15th. Long blocks will be run Tuesday through Friday of that week with seniors taking exams as follows: Tuesday-Period 5 and 6; Wednesday- Period 7; Thursday- Periods 1 and 2; and Friday- Periods 3 and 4. Students must schedule make-up exams with their individual teachers. As the rest of the school will still be in session, buses will leave SHS at 2:05 pm.

Three **GRADUATION REHEARSALS** are scheduled and it is mandatory for seniors to be present at all three rehearsals to take part in the graduation ceremony. Rehearsals are planned for Wednesday, June 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Thursday, June 14th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. and Friday June 15th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm following exams. On Friday June 15th rehearsal will be composed of continuing the tradition where seniors process through the student body of Spaulding Elementary School. The procession will allow seniors to reflect and the elementary students to visualize where they will be one day in the future. Students will be escorted and walk through Bruce Park to Spaulding, return to the high school to enjoy pizza and receive their **CAPS** and **GOWNS**. All financial obligations must be met before a student may receive his/her cap and gown. Should you have any questions about your senior's status as to books, materials, Chromebook and any other obligations, please contact the main office. For information on their class dues, please call

either Senior Class Advisors. Mr. Jordison or Mrs. Kruk may be reached at (860)668-3810 or by e-mail at wjordison@suffield.org or mkruk@suffield.org. Caps and gowns are the property of the graduate and will require pressing before Saturday's ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES will be held on **Saturday, June 16th** and will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Seniors will assemble in the auditorium at the high school at **8:45 am**. Ladies are expected to wear comfortable dresses and dressy shoes or sandals. **We remind you that no high-heeled shoes or beverages will be allowed on Beneski Field.** Men are expected to wear a shirt, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. Graduation invitations and announcements are the responsibility of the graduate. Weather permitting we are planning for an outside ceremony on Beneski Field. Grynn & Barrett Studios will photograph each student as he/she receives their diploma. Proofs and purchase information will be available online after graduation, therefore, guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony.

TICKETS – Graduating seniors will receive **7 BLUE tickets** and **5 WHITE tickets**. The **BLUE** tickets will be collected at the entrance to the outdoor seating area on Beneski Field. In the event the ceremony is held indoors due to inclement weather, entrance will be given only to those with **WHITE** tickets with overflow seating available in the auditorium for live streaming of the event.

The **AFTER GRADUATION PARTY** will take place on Saturday evening, June 16th. Suffield High School Safe Party Committee is sponsoring an evening of fun at Sonny's Place in Somers, CT exclusively for the graduating class. There will be food, soft drinks, snacks and a non-alcoholic margarita bar. Activities will include go-karts, mini-golf, zip line, batting cages, arcade, mini-bowling, rock climbing and laser tag. Please encourage your graduate to take advantage of this last opportunity to gather as a class. **Please return the enclosed confirmation page and a \$40 check made out to "Suffield High Safe Party" to confirm your student's participation.** Should you have any specific questions regarding this event, please contact Tricia Martin at (860) 752-0040. **LIMITED SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE.**

SKIP DAYS – Seniors and parents are reminded that the school **does not** sanction any skip day. Parents will be required to furnish a reason for any absence pursuant to CT State Board of Education attendance regulations.

SENIOR "ASSASSIN" – Parents are strongly cautioned about the "Assassin" game traditionally played by seniors in the spring. As you may be aware, the game includes members of our senior class chasing each other with squirt guns and ambushing assigned "targets." **Please note that this game is NOT sanctioned by the school**, nor is it allowed to be played anywhere on school grounds or at school events. Please speak with your students about this issue as it is a matter of safety. Serious injuries have been reported in other districts and every year the school receives reports of unsafe behavior or students playing the game in motor vehicles with high-speed traffic violations. Again, this is not a school-sponsored activity and I share this with you so that you, as parents, might have the opportunity to talk with your students about *your* expectations.

The administration and faculty hope that your son or daughter looks back on their high school years and senior class activities with satisfaction and pride. This is a memorable time of their lives. With all the excitement and fun associated with these senior activities, seniors are reminded that all policies and school regulations will be in effect. Our goal is to make this a safe and happy time for our seniors and their classmates.

We look forward to seeing you at graduation and appreciate your continued support during the remaining weeks. If you have any questions, please call the high school office.

Sincerely,

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