



DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of the Class of 2011:

This letter contains important information about the graduation ceremony and rain contingency plan. Please read it carefully and advise your child about his or her obligations for this exciting event, with close attention to the "Graduation Ceremony Agreement" (especially the dress code) included on the reverse side of this letter.

Graduation is Friday, June 17th at 5:00 p.m. on the Darien High School Stadium Field, weather permitting. Graduating seniors should arrive by 4:00 p.m. and report to the South Gym for final preparations.

Seating is unlimited if the ceremony is held outdoors on the Stadium Field. Gates will open at 4:00 p.m. and seats are first-come, first-served. Please do not come earlier in the day to save seats. The stage is elevated so all seats on the field and in the home side bleachers have a clear sight line.

If the weather is unsettled, graduation will be held indoors in the Auditorium, and seating there will be by rain ticket only. Each graduating senior will receive two rain tickets by mail to their primary address a week before graduation. There are no extra tickets available. *Regardless of the weather*, the ceremony will be broadcast live in the air conditioned Main Gymnasium where seating will be available, no tickets required. A final decision on the location of the ceremony will be posted on the high school website at noon on graduation day.

Graduation rehearsals will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 12:45 p.m., and Friday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m. Graduating seniors should assemble in the Auditorium on both days.

Mandatory cap and gown pickup will be on Thursday, June 16th in the Main Office from 8:30 - 11:30 based on last name (**8:30-9:30 A-G; 9:30-10:30 H-N; 10:30-11:30 O-Z**). All students must collect their cap and gown at the designated time on June 16th or make other arrangements to do so beforehand. All caps and gowns must be collected no later than noon on June 16th. Payment on pickup day will be \$20.00 cash or check payable to Darien High School. No student will receive a cap and gown until cleared from all school obligations listed in Destiny (Blue List).

Traffic and parking for graduation will be controlled by the Darien Police Department. All traffic must enter via Noroton Avenue; High School and Nutmeg Lanes will be closed. Additional handicapped parking spaces will be available in the lower parking lot near the Stadium Field. Let a traffic officer know if you need to park there and you will be directed accordingly.

The DHSPA will host a reception for all graduates, their families, and guests in the Main Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. As it can get warm on the Stadium Field, cold water bottles will be provided to graduating seniors during the ceremony; parents and other guests should bring water along for themselves if desired as there is none available on the field.

A professional photographer will attend the ceremony and will make photos available for sale online a few days after graduation. Check the high school website for further information and logon information.

Complete graduation information is available on the high school website. Should you need further information please do not hesitate to call the Main Office and a member of my staff will assist you.

We are very proud of the Class of 2011 and are excited about celebrating their achievements. We look forward to seeing you at the graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

Dan Haron
Principal