

May 10, 2018

Dear Families,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Pelham Memorial High School Graduation at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018. The gate to Franklin Field will open at 8:30 am. No one will be allowed onto the field prior to that time which will allow for final preparations to take place.

The Pelham High School PTA along with parents of seniors are in the process of collecting contributions to cover the rental cost of a tent. However, if the school district determines that weather conditions are unsafe on graduation day – heavy rain, high winds, lightning, etc. – the ceremony will take place in the Middle School Gymnasium.

If the ceremony is held indoors, students will only be allowed two guests due to space limitations in the Middle School gymnasium. These inclement weather tickets will be distributed to graduates in their cap & gown packet at rehearsal on June 21 at 9:00 am. Enclosed also will be four tickets which will be needed for outdoor reserved seating under the tent on Franklin Field. The PTA will facilitate the reserved seating.

We know that June will be filled with excitement and many celebratory events. We urge graduates to continue their responsible behavior and refrain from any activity which would jeopardize their safety and their participation in the graduation ceremony or attendance at the Senior Prom.

The accompanying description of events is designed to help you plan for the *next few weeks*. Please read it carefully since it contains specific times, dates and directions for many events. All suggestions and directions listed are aimed at providing guidelines for an orderly close of your child's high school career.

On behalf of the staff and administration of Pelham Memorial High School, I again congratulate each student for his or her accomplishments and share in the anticipation of a bright and exciting future.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Clark

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Obligations: All obligations such as textbooks, library fines, athletic equipment and chromebooks **MUST** be satisfied prior to graduation rehearsal.

Senior Prom: The Senior Prom is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st, 2018 at Mulino's at Lake Isle in Eastchester. The prom will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 11:00 p.m.

Graduation Rehearsal: This rehearsal will take place on Thursday morning, June 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium. Students will march in alphabetical order. All seniors planning to attend commencement must come to rehearsal. If we can begin promptly, we will finish by 10:30 a.m.

Graduation Tickets: Following rehearsal, tickets for Graduation will be distributed to each graduate. Four tickets will be used for reserved seating outdoors and two tickets for use in the Middle School Gymnasium if inclement weather occurs.

Cap and Gown: Graduation caps and gowns will be issued in the Main Office after graduation rehearsal only to those who have returned all textbooks, library books, athletic equipment, uniforms and chromebooks. **Graduation tickets** will be enclosed with the cap and gown. Graduation caps are not to be decorated.

Commencement Dress: It is expected that in keeping with the dignity of the graduation ceremony, seniors will dress appropriately. Light clothing worn under the gown is encouraged. Wearing shirts with collars, slacks, ties, shoes and socks, dresses or skirts is recommended. Shorts should not be worn. Graduation caps are **NOT** to be decorated.

NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE PART OF THE CEREMONY WITHOUT PROPER DRESS. Shorts, flip-flops, jeans and sneakers are not appropriate for this occasion. Should you arrive inappropriately attired, you will be asked to change or view graduation seated in the audience.

Commencement: Graduates should plan to be at the Middle School Gymnasium by 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd. Students should not bring purses, cameras, phones or valuables to the graduation. There is no provision for securing them. Ms. Cerreto and Mr. Solazzo, the class advisors, will lead the graduation procession and the graduation ceremony will last approximately one hour.

Photo Release: To safeguard our students' privacy we will not be sending specific information to the local media, regarding your son/daughter's post-high school plans and their graduation picture without parent permission. See enclosed form.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

To safeguard our students' privacy we will no longer be sending specific information to the local media, regarding your son/daughter's post- high school plans and their graduation picture without parent permission.

If you want this information sent to the local media please complete the form below and send it to the main office **no later than June 12, 2018.**

I _____ hereby give permission for the administration of
(Name of Parent)

Pelham Memorial High School to provide the following information for my child,

_____ to the local media.
(Name of Student)

Check all that apply:

_____ Specific Post High School Plans: _____
(Name of College, Employment, Armed Services)

_____ Senior yearbook photo.

Signature of Parent

Date