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Dear Class of 2019 and Parents/Guardians~

We have a busy time ahead of us! During these last two months of school, plans are being finalized so that graduation will be a memorable time for you and your families. It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us and graduation is just around the corner. There are a lot of exciting events and responsibilities associated with graduation. Listed below are some of the important details and information for the end of the school year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

All academic graduation requirements as described in the student handbook *must be successfully met for a student to participate and receive a diploma from Arthur L. Johnson High School. If a student does not meet the requirements, he/she will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony or other related activities. This includes attendance as well as academic requirements. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the student's guidance counselor.*

SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTIONS:

Seniors may be excused from taking final exams if they meet the requirements as set forth in the student handbook. Students will be notified by their teacher prior to the exam and must be approved by the administration.



GRADUATION DAY

Graduation will take place on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Students must arrive in the auditorium no later than 6:00 p.m. We hope that the weather will cooperate and the ceremony will take place on Nolan Field. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place inside the Peragallo Gymnasium. Each senior will receive six (6) white tickets for the outdoor ceremony and three (3) blue tickets for the indoor ceremony. Tickets will be collected upon entrance to the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, a decision about where graduation will take place (indoors or outdoors) will be made by 4:30 p.m.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE:

The graduation ceremony is a dignified ceremony and appropriate dress is required. Even though students will wear caps and gowns, proper attire is still mandatory for the ceremony. Boys must be dressed in a shirt with a collar, tie, long pants (no jeans), dress shoes, and socks. **No sneakers, boots or sandals are permitted.** Reasonable heels are highly recommended. Girls should leave pocketbooks with their parents or guests. Students are not allowed to carry cell phones, cameras, Ipods at the ceremony.

NO COMMENCEMENT LIST

Any senior who does not successfully fulfill the academic requirement for graduation or does not conform to the Code of Conduct as set forth in the student handbook will be placed on the NO Commencement List. These pupils may not participate in or attend the graduation ceremony or any related graduation activity. This list is fluid and will change depending on a student's progress.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will be distributed at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony in the upper gym. Only students should return to the gym to receive their diplomas. **Do not forget to go to the gym to pick-up your diploma.**

CAPS AND GOWNS and TICKET DISTRIBUTION:

Graduation caps and gowns and tickets will be distributed at school. The items will be distributed at practice on Wednesday, June 19. Students do not have to return the caps and gowns at the end of the graduation ceremony. **Gowns may not be altered in appearance in any way.** Students are allowed to decorate their caps if they wish. The Graduation Cap Guidelines sheet is attached. Students must count their tickets before leaving the distribution area to ensure he or she has the correct amount of tickets. **Additional tickets will not be distributed if tickets are lost.** Additional tickets may become available for the outdoor ceremony (white tickets); however under no circumstances will additional indoor tickets become available.



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SENIOR PRESENTATION AND GRADUATION PRACTICE

On Tuesday, June 18, students should arrive at 7:50 a.m. and will report directly to the auditorium. There will be a presentation entitled, "After the Fire" which discusses the Seton Hall Fire and the results of bad decision-making. After the presentation, the students will receive graduation information and complete a required survey for the guidance department. The students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

Graduation practice will take place on Wednesday, June 19 and again on Thursday, June 20. Students must arrive at 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday and report to the cafeteria for the senior breakfast. Practice and other activities will take place after the breakfast. Seniors will be released once practice is over and all caps and gowns have been distributed (approximately 11:00 a.m.). On Thursday, students will arrive to school at 9 a.m. and will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. or once practice is over. Students will receive more information about practice during the week.

HANDICAPPED PARKING AND SEATING FOR GRADUATION

Handicapped parking permits will be distributed to students after practice on Wednesday. Parking will be provided closer to the school for those in need. There will be handicapped seating available also, but seating is limited and will be to the side of the bleachers.

GRADUATION PICTURES

A photographer will be available to take a picture of the graduate receiving his or her diploma. The information sheet for this will be given with the caps and gowns. If you would like to take advantage of this picture opportunity, please bring the envelope with you to graduation.

OTHER SENIOR ACTIVITIES:

All of the stated requirements must be met for students to participate in any other senior activities (i.e. Class Trip, Powder Puff, Mr. ALJ, Senior Dinner, Senior Breakfast, Graduation Practice, and Project Graduation). If the requirements are not met, the student will not be permitted to attend the activities. Refunds for any activities will be determined by the class advisors, but are not guaranteed.

I hope everyone enjoys this special time of the year, and that all the students have a safe and memorable end of their time at Arthur L. Johnson High School. Thank you to the students for your cooperation throughout the year. I am proud of you for your accomplishments this year and wish each of you much success in your future.

Upcoming Events:

May 20th: Mr. ALJ
May 24th: Prom
June 5st: Blood Drive
June 3th: Senior Trip
June 10th: Powder Puff
June 19th: Senior Dinner
June 20th: Graduation

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Feeley

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