

KATONAH-LEWISBORO SCHOOLS

Union Free School District No.1
Towns of Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem and Pound Ridge

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

It may seem that just yesterday your child was beginning his or her time at John Jay as a freshman. In just a few short months, your senior will be crossing into the next stage of his or her life as an alumnus. I felt it important to share with you some upcoming event dates and information concerning members of the Class of 2018.

Cap and Gown orders will occur next week on Tuesday, March 13th and Wednesday, March 14th. Students will have the opportunity to choose the color gown they would like to wear. While we will continue with the traditional purple and white, colors need no longer be based on gender. JJHS recognizes that gender-based practices can result in students feeling excluded or marginalized. In addition, the state has also recommended that schools revise gender-based practices and consider other options that would result in more inclusive practices.

Cap and Gown orders will happen in the theater lobby during the day. Parent volunteers will get your son's or daughter's information and collect money. Your son or daughter should fall into one of three categories:

1. He/she needs the full ensemble, which includes the cap, gown and the 2018 tassel: \$40
2. He/she is planning to wear a gown from an older sibling so only a cap and 2018 tassel is needed: \$15
3. He/she is planning to wear a cap and gown from an older sibling so only a 2018 tassel is needed: \$5

All items need to be ordered and paid for next week. Payment may be made in the form of cash or check made out to John Jay. Items will be delivered following graduation rehearsal in June. The decision of gown color will need to be indicated when your son/daughter orders his/her gown.

This year's prom will be held at ***The Surf Club in New Rochelle from 7:00pm - 11:00pm on Friday, June 15, 2018.*** To view the facility, please visit the website <http://thesurfclubonthesound.com>. ***ALL*** students must take the coach bus service from John Jay to the prom venue. At the conclusion of the event, students may return on the bus, but they are not required to take the bus back to John Jay. Any student not returning by bus must indicate that on his or her permission slip. Students will be expected to follow the indicated means of travel on the permission slip. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!** If your student is planning to take a guest who is not presently a John Jay student, a separate permission slip is required for this guest, and he/she will need to be cleared by an administrator. More information regarding prom will be sent out closer to the date.

Commencement rehearsal is scheduled this year for Monday, June 18, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the high school theater lobby. Students are expected to be there by 1:15 a.m. Rehearsal will last approximately one hour. Please ensure that your student saves the date as all candidates are expected to be present unless they have a scheduled exam. Gowns will be distributed after commencement rehearsal. Should a student be unable to attend, caps and gowns may be picked up from Debbie Fried or Joanne Cignarella in the Main Office during school on the 19th. Students who have not returned all uniforms, textbooks, library books or other school materials will not be given their gown until all missing items are either paid for or returned.

Commencement will occur at the Caramoor Center for the Arts at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Students should plan to arrive by 5:15 pm. Further details regarding tickets will be forthcoming from the Office of the Principal. A photographer and videographer will be on hand at the event. The opportunity to provide an e-mail address for graduation photos will be provided at graduation rehearsal and graduation. Otherwise photo proofs will be mailed home. Order forms for the videos will be sent out in a packet from the principal's office. Should you not receive photo proofs by September 2018 or a copy of the video, if one was ordered, by December 2018, please contact one of us.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us by email at trizzotti@klschools.org or drottmann@klschools.org. Thank you so much for all of your help supporting the students as they conclude their time here at John Jay.

Sincerely,
Tom Rizzotti & Dina Rottmann
Senior Class Advisors