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May 19, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians / Student:

As you know, the fourth quarter is a few weeks old and as you can surmise, senior students can sense the end of another school year. While this is an exciting time for our graduating seniors, we would be remiss not to remind students and parents of our expectations in regard to a few upcoming events. That said, the purpose of this correspondence is to maintain our lines of communication and to ask for your continued support with the senior picnic, the senior prom and commencement exercises.

The Senior Picnic

The senior picnic serves as an opportunity for members of the *Class of 2017* to spend time together in a recreational/social setting. The intent of the senior picnic is to eliminate what is commonly referred to as "senior cut-out day" and provide students with an opportunity to enjoy time together in a supervised, safe environment.

Subsequently, the senior picnic is scheduled for Friday, June 9, at Wildwood State Park. Following this graduation rehearsal, senior students will be transported by school bus to Wildwood State Park. Lunch will be provided and students will return to the high school no later than 2:02 p.m. The **Senior Picnic Permission Slip*** must be returned to the main office **no later than Friday, June 2.**

Students who cannot attend the picnic must bring a note from a parent/guardian prior to June 2 excusing them from school after the graduation rehearsal. Telephone calls from parents to excuse seniors from the picnic will not be honored. Similarly, seniors may not attend the picnic unless they utilize school transportation. Any student who arrives at the picnic by means of a privately owned vehicle will not be permitted to participate in picnic activities, will be directed to leave, and may face disciplinary action.

With the above stated, it is important that the intent of the senior picnic not be compromised. Administration will meet with the senior class and inform them that if there is any suspicion of a specific cut-out day, the following may occur:

- The school will make two telephone calls to the student's home during that particular school day. This includes seniors who sign out of school once the school day has begun.
- If the student is not at home at both times when the calls are made, he/she will be considered truant from school. The only exception will be an authorized note from a physician stating that the student was under his/her care at that particular time.

If a senior is considered truant on a suspected cut-out day, the particular student will serve one day of *In-School Suspension* on the following day of the truancy and serve an additional day of *In-School Suspension* on Friday, June 9, following the graduation rehearsal. The student will not be permitted to attend the senior picnic.

The Senior Prom

The senior prom is scheduled for **Thursday, June 22, from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. at Flowerfield's in St. James.** The **Senior Prom Ticket Order Form*** must be completed when purchasing tickets. Tickets will be on sale **June 1 through June 9.** (Please see Mr. McHugh or Mr. Zummo for ticket purchases.) Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the prom.

Please speak to your child about the many decisions and consequences that often accompany this event. Unfortunately, in the past, a few seniors have made poor decisions and have come to the prom under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Any student who attends a school function such as the prom under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or violates the *Code of Conduct*, will be suspended. The suspension will include the graduation ceremony. The student will not be permitted to participate in commencement exercises.

Please be aware of your child's whereabouts prior to and after the prom. We are asking parents to ensure that no alcoholic beverages are served at any pre/post prom gatherings. Please complete the **Prom Promise*** document which must be signed by both the parent and the student. Return this document along with the prom ticket order form/payment to Mr. McHugh or Mr. Zummo. Lastly, if your child is bringing a guest who does not attend Mount Sinai High School, a **Senior Prom Guest Contract*** must be completed and returned to the main office for approval prior to purchasing tickets.

Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2017 will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. on the turf/football field. In the event of inclement weather, a rain date is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. Should the weather remain unsettled, we will host the ceremony indoors on Sunday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. Each graduating senior will receive seven (7) tickets, which will admit guests to the outdoor bleachers. In the event of inclement weather, only four (4) of these tickets (red) will admit guests to the auditorium. In order to properly prepare for the ceremony, there will be two (2) graduation rehearsals. They are scheduled as follows:

Rehearsal Schedule

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| Friday, June 9 | 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, June 21 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. |

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must attend both rehearsals. **Caps, gowns, and graduation tickets will be distributed during the June 21 rehearsal. Please remind your child that all textbooks, library books, uniforms, calculators, lunch charges, etc., must be handed in or paid in full before the above mentioned items will be distributed.** At the ceremony, boys are expected to wear a shirt, tie, dress slacks and shoes with socks. Likewise, girls are expected to wear a dress, slacks/skirt and blouse with shoes. This attire is in addition to the required cap and gown.

In addition, to purchase photographs taken at the graduation ceremony, a **Graduation Day Picture Order Form*** must be completed and submitted **no later than Thursday, June 22.**

Seniors are to report to the high school no later than 6:00 p.m. on graduation day. Please be aware that students who do not complete the academic requirements for graduation will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

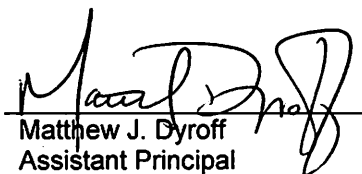
In closing, let us continue to work together to ensure a safe and strong finish to your child's career at Mount Sinai High School. Although the last day of formal classes, June 9, is fast approaching, please remind your child of the importance of attending all classes, studying for final and Regents exams, taking advantage of extra help and review sessions, and completing the 2016 - 2017 school year in good standing. A strong finish will provide momentum for a great beginning next year.

We look forward to seeing you on graduation day.

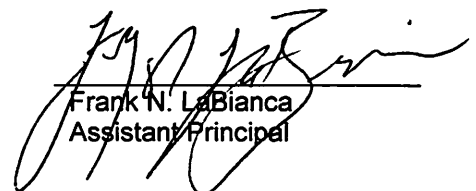
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