



WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Seniors,

As the members of the Class of 2019 enter the final leg of their senior year, we are preparing a number of memorable events to celebrate their achievements and the end of their high school career. Their class advisors, Joanne Schmidt and Dave Schmirer, and the administration are working very hard to ensure that these will be enjoyable occasions. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about upcoming dates related to end-of-year activities and Graduation. This letter will also provide more background information and details on each of these functions so that you are fully aware of their significance, purpose, and the corresponding standards for behaviors expected of all participants. I ask that you share this letter with your senior so that he or she is aware of the expectations and requirements that accompany these events.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Notes
Fri., May 24	Last Day for Seniors	Mandatory -- Breakfast hosted by Wayland Police in the Commons at 7:00 a.m.
Tues., May 28	“Escalation” Workshop	Mandatory -- In the WHS Theater, 10:00 a.m.
Tues., May 28	Class Night at Lombardo’s *	Board buses at 4:30 p.m. in WHS lot
Wed., May 29	Graduation Rehearsal	Mandatory -- In the Field House, 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 29	Boston Harbor Cruise *	Board buses at 4:45 p.m. in WHS lot
Thurs., May 30	Graduation Rehearsal	Mandatory -- In the Field House, 10:00 a.m.
Thurs., May 30	Senior Awards Night	Mandatory -- In the WHS Theater, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 2	Graduation	3:00 p.m. Students should report to the Commons at 2:00 p.m.

* This event requires a signed permission slip. Permission slips, which will be distributed by class officers, must be returned to the Main Office by **Friday, May 17**.

Graduation Fee

The graduation fee is **\$90** this year. This mandatory fee covers all of the expenses for the events above, in addition to cap and gown and other incidentals, and cannot be pro-rated. **The fee must be turned in to the Main Office no later than Friday, May 17.** There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Checks should be made out to Wayland High School; *please include the student’s name on the memo line*. If you anticipate any problems paying this fee, please feel free to contact your child’s class advisors at 508-358-7746.

Senior Sign-Out and Laptop Return

Prior to graduating, seniors ***must*** clear up all obligations with the school. This includes restricted study hours. Students with outstanding demerits must serve their restricted study hours ***before*** the last day of school, May 24, in order to participate in Senior Week activities. This also includes the return of textbooks and other materials from previous years or the payment for lost items. A notice has been mailed to parents/guardians of seniors who have textbook obligations from previous years. If your child received such a notice, it is advised that he or she look for or plan to pay for these textbooks right away to avoid the last-minute scramble to locate books or to find the money to pay for them.

Seniors must return their laptop and their charger in the Library Media Center during one of these times: on **Friday, May 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; or on Tuesday, May 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Both the laptop and the charger must be in full working condition, or the responsibility for their replacement falls on the student. If students have any issues with their computer, they should bring it to Mr. Clevenger (Technology office) and have it fixed now. **Seniors *must* turn in their laptop and charger by Tuesday, May 28, at 3:00 p.m. in order to participate in any Senior Week activities, including Class Night that evening. There are no exceptions to this deadline. A student return is complete when we have the laptop, the cord protector and the Apple certified charger. We will not take partial returns.**

If you would like to find out if your child owes anything, please call Mr. Dolleman at (508) 358-3702 or Mr. Nocito at (508) 358-3703; they will be happy to let you know your child's status.

Friday, May 24 – Last Day for Seniors/Senior Breakfast

Friday, May 24 marks the last school day for seniors. Seniors will meet in the Commons from 7:00-7:30 a.m. to enjoy a breakfast sponsored by the Wayland Police Department. All seniors who want to participate in other Senior Week activities ***must*** attend the breakfast; attendance will be taken. The breakfast will be followed by a regular school day.

Tuesday, May 28 – “Escalation” Viewing and Workshop

For the fourth year in a row, we are proud to organize and host a showing for the entire senior class of the 40-minute movie “Escalation” and workshop experience. This short movie, which portrays a fictionalized, unhealthy college relationship that involves abuse, is produced by the One Love Foundation and is the cornerstone of their work towards “ending relationship abuse by educating, empowering, and activating young people in a movement for change” (www.joinonelove.org). The movie is followed by a 50-minute workshop in small groups consisting of a guided discussion by trained facilitators.

The Escalation Workshop is being rolled out at schools across the nation (almost 400 college campuses and about 150 high schools), and we are proud to be part of the movement in Massachusetts. Our senior student leaders from the Mentors for Violence Prevention (MVP) club have played a significant role in bringing this event to the senior class. Because of the workshop's topical relevance and power, we wanted to bring this to the seniors before they

graduate and head off into their next phase of life. More information about this event was emailed to parents of all seniors last week.

Tuesday, May 28 – Class Night *

Class Night will be held at **Lombardo's in Randolph**. Students will leave the high school at **4:30 p.m.** sharp. **All students must ride the buses.** Students must have presented a signed permission slip before boarding the bus. No bags are allowed. We will return to Wayland at approximately **10:30 p.m.** Hors d'oeuvres will be served as students dance and share in the fun of their class slide show. Administrators and faculty members will be in attendance. This event is a school-sponsored activity. Accordingly, violations of school rules relative to alcohol and other illegal substances or any other serious disciplinary infraction will result in a consequence up to and including exclusion from the graduation ceremony. It is rare that we experience such problems with students during this memorable event. Please review the rules for behavior with your student so that we can ensure a safe and enjoyable time this year.

Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30 – Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal on May 29 and May 30 is mandatory. As preparation for the Graduation Ceremony requires the cooperation and attendance of everyone, any students who miss this graduation rehearsal without prior approval from an administrator may not be allowed to march in the graduation procession. Rehearsal runs from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the WHS Field House. **It is essential that students be on time for each rehearsal as we have little time to prepare for the formal graduation ceremony.** Students will receive their caps and gowns following rehearsal on May 29.

Wednesday, May 29 – Boston Harbor Cruise *

Students will leave the high school at **4:45 p.m.** sharp; buses will transport them from Wayland High School to the Boston Harbor dock. **All students must ride the buses.** Students must have presented a signed permission slip before boarding the bus. No bags are allowed. We will return to Wayland High School at approximately **10:00 p.m.** Food will be provided on the boat. Students are encouraged to bring a sweatshirt or jacket, as it can get cool on the open water. Administrators and faculty members will be in attendance. Once again, this is a school-sponsored activity. Thus, all school rules will be in effect. Any violation of school rules relative to alcohol and other illegal substances or any other serious disciplinary infraction could result in exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

Thursday, May 30 – Senior Awards Night

The awards ceremony will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the WHS Theater. The entire Senior Class is required to attend, wearing their gowns (not caps), and celebrate the accomplishments of their peers. Parents of seniors receiving an award or scholarship through the Wayland Scholarship Committee will receive an invitation to the ceremony under separate cover. However, all parents are encouraged to attend and join with the school community in recognizing students for a variety of achievements.

Sunday, June 2 – Graduation Ceremony

We shall host the 2019 Commencement Ceremony at the High School stadium. This venue will allow us to accommodate as many people as would like to come. It is our hope that we will have

nothing but blue skies over our heads; in the event of inclement weather, however, we will move the ceremony to the Field House. Students will be provided **four tickets** for this inclement weather scenario. We will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible, but ticketed guests will be given priority for seating in the Field House. If the weather necessitates a move to the Field House, families will be notified of our intent on Friday, May 31, and tickets will be distributed on that day.

In either case, guests may find their seats for the ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. Graduates are expected to arrive to the Commons at 2:00 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony. Any guest with a serious medical condition who requires special attention should contact one of the class advisors or the administration.

The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. with the processional and will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. This is a very formal and dignified event. Kindly remind your student that Graduation is a community event and, in many cases, the only opportunity our community members have to see our students congregated. We ask that parents and students help us keep a high level of decorum during this important occasion. Graduates are asked to wear clothing that is comfortable yet appropriate for a formal ceremony such as this. We also ask that students not carry any toys such as bubbles, squirt guns, and beach balls, and to silence (or not carry) their cell phones. **Further, in keeping with Massachusetts General Laws, smoking cigars or any other tobacco product on school grounds before, during, or after the ceremony is strictly prohibited. This applies to both students and adults.**

The days leading up to Graduation are designed to bring the class together in celebration of their many accomplishments, and they are often some of the most memorable experiences for our graduates. We are proud of the Class of 2019 and look forward to celebrating with them!

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns at (508) 358-7746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Mizoguchi', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Allyson Mizoguchi
Principal