



PINE BUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The end of the senior year is an exciting time and there are many activities and details relating to graduation to be aware of.

Seniors have already placed orders for caps and gowns to be worn at the graduation ceremony. If for any reason an order has not been placed for your son/daughter, please refer your child to see the senior class advisor, Mrs. Favalli, to remedy this. The cost of the cap and gown is \$21.00. Caps and gowns as well as tickets to the graduation ceremony and the all night graduation party will be distributed at the mandatory graduation rehearsal for all graduating seniors held on Friday, June 27th at 9am in the high school Main Gym.

All students who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend this rehearsal. Students who are indebted to the school (those who have not returned books, athletic equipment, or owe any money) will not be given any tickets until their debts have been cleared. Please encourage your child to return any school property and clear all debt prior to June 20th.

The graduation ceremony will be held at 10am on Saturday, June 28th. Students are expected to arrive at the school for line up no later than 9am. In the event of heavy rain or lightening, the graduation ceremony will be rescheduled to 6pm on Saturday. If the inclement weather persists into Saturday evening, the ceremony will be rescheduled again to Sunday afternoon at 2pm. If it is not possible to conduct the ceremony outside at this time, as a last resort, the graduation will be moved into the main gym and held at 5pm. If it is necessary to hold the ceremony indoors, seating will be limited to two tickets per graduating senior. Admission will be by ticket only. If there is the possibility of weather related postponement of the graduation ceremony, please check the district website (www.pinebushschools.org) for information.

There will be approximately 2,000 seats on the field. The main gate allowing access to the field will be closed at 9:45am; Those wishing to sit on the field must arrive prior to this time. If wheelchair or handicapped seating is needed, please contact Mrs. Longobardo in the principal's office no later than June 13th so that this can be accommodated.

During the ceremony, professional photographers from Chappell Studios will photograph the graduates as they receive their diplomas. Please encourage your child to dress and behave appropriately at the ceremony. The following dress, as stated in the Student Handbook, will be in effect:

“All graduates must be properly dressed for graduation. This includes: for the men, a dress shirt, dress pants, shoes and socks; for the women, a dress or skirt with an appropriate blouse, stockings and low-heeled shoes. No sneakers or shorts are permitted to be worn at graduation. No writing should be placed on the cap or gown. Any student that reports to graduation improperly dressed will not participate in the ceremony.”

Decorum of graduates should also promote a positive image to our school community. It is inappropriate to bring toys or other items or to otherwise disrupt commencement exercises. With your help and support, we can ensure that a very special and memorable day will be created for all.

The graduation ceremony will conclude at approximately 12pm and the all-night graduation party will begin at 10:30pm. Last year, nearly every senior attended the party. Please encourage your child to attend this drug and alcohol free experience. Many of you are chaperoning this event and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hopmayer
Principal, Pine Bush High School

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