A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL ... GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

May 23, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the year is quickly arriving, and I join the NHHS faculty and staff in wishing our seniors a safe and enjoyable graduation season. Graduation is an opportunity to honor the achievement of our senior class, the support of their family and friends, the guidance of their teachers, and the distinguished educational tradition in North Haven. Graduation exercises for the Class of 2018 will be held Thursday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m. on the Mike Vanacore Football Field.

Additional documents are available on the school website.

GRADUATION DETAILS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TICKETS: On Monday, June 11 and Tuesday, June 12th outside the cafeteria, seniors will pick up graduation announcements as well as six blue outdoor tickets (for our planned outdoor ceremony) and four green indoor tickets (in case weather necessitates an indoor ceremony). Students may request several more tickets with the *Additional Ticket Request Form* (available in the main office). Tickets may be picked up once obligations to the school have been met (e.g., library book fines or textbook debts).

Graduation Rehearsals: Mandatory rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, June 20th and Thursday, June 21st at 8:30 a.m. sharp in the NHHS gymnasium.

<u>CAPS AND GOWNS</u>: Caps and gowns will be distributed at the first graduation rehearsal. No decorations may be worn on the cap and gown.

<u>PHOTOS</u>: A professional photographer will take photographs, offered for sale, of each graduate. The ceremony also will be videotaped by NHTV. Copies are \$20 picked up or \$25 mailed to you. Parents and guests are asked not to enter the fenced area at graduation, so the ceremony may go on without disruption. Pictures and videos may be taken from your seats.

<u>Dress</u>: Graduating students are expected to wear appropriate attire: dress shirts, dress pants, skirts, dresses, dress shoes. If finances make it difficult to afford such items, please be in touch with the school so that we can assist. Jeans, sneakers, tee-shirts, flip-flops, etc. are NOT permitted.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: The graduation ceremony is for you, the parents/guardians, as well as for the graduates and the town community. We appreciate our awesome seniors and anticipate a great, dignified event, as always. Seniors are asked not to bring or do anything that may interfere with the ceremony. We ask the same of families and friends who attend. This especially includes not using horns during the event.

<u>OFFICIAL DIPLOMA</u>: During the graduation ceremony, students will receive empty diploma covers. This practice spares seniors from having to safeguard these documents during the ceremony. Official diplomas are available for pickup immediately after the ceremony, though students are welcome to pick them up the next day if that is more convenient.

It has been a genuine pleasure to come to know the seniors. As I shared with them at our senior assembly, they are a great class. I ask your support to ensure that this ceremony reflects the true class and pride of *North Haven High School*. I look forward to sharing this most special day with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Russell J. Dallai

Principal