

# North Haven High School

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**TO:** Members of the Class of 2017  
**FROM:** Russell J. Dallai, EdD, Principal; Christian Johnson and Candice Funsch, Advisors, Class of 2017  
**SUBJECT:** End of the Year Schedule and Graduation Information  
**DATE:** June 1, 2017

## End of Year Schedule

### **FRIDAY, June 2nd**

**Senior Class Picnic:** Holiday Hill, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a school-sponsored activity, and all students attending the picnic will travel on school buses. If you miss the bus, you will not be able to attend. Personal belongings are subject to search. Students may sign up for a 1:00 p.m. or a 3:30 p.m. departure from Holiday Hill. Please provide a cell phone number at the time of ticket purchase.

Speeches for graduation are due. **THIS INCLUDES THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS.** Please submit speeches to Dr. Dallai.

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 6th and WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th**

Graduation Tickets and Announcements may be picked up during time block three outside the cafeteria. You must pick up your own tickets. Complete your obligations now: library fines, class dues, book fines, parking fines, etc. If you have fulfilled all obligations, you will receive your graduation tickets. The debt list will be published outside the cafeteria. Tickets not picked up on June 6th or 7th can be picked up from the Principal's Office beginning Thursday, June 8th.

### **TBD**

Yearbook Distribution for the *2017 Sachem*.

### **MONDAY, JUNE 19th**

Line of March is set. All graduation requirements (credits, learning expectations, community service) must be completed at this time. Any student who has not completed his/her graduation requirements will not participate in commencement exercises with the Class of 2017.

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 20th**

Graduation Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. You will receive your cap and gown at this time if you have met all obligations. Rehearsal will conclude by 11:00 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st**

Graduation Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. Please sit in your assigned seats according to the line of march. We will rehearse the outdoor

ceremony during this rehearsal. Rehearsal will conclude by 11:00 a.m.

**Graduation Ceremony @ 4:00 p.m.** Assemble at 3:15 p.m. in your assigned room (NHMS for an outdoor ceremony; NHHS for an indoor ceremony)

**Project Graduation** – The Only Game in Town, North Haven. Transportation by bus from the high school. Seniors should be at NHHS by 6:30 p.m. Personal belongings are subject to search. Buses return to NHHS at approximately 2:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided in the cafeteria.

NOTE: Students may pick up their diplomas immediately after graduation or in the main office of the high school beginning June 22nd.

## **GRADUATION GUIDE 2017**

### **PURPOSE**

Graduation is a celebration planned by the school for the benefit of graduating seniors, their families and friends, teachers and administrators, and the Town of North Haven. It is in all of our best interests to project a positive image of our school. Many judge our school based solely on the graduation ceremony. Graduation should be an "occasion with class." This graduation guide includes specific expectations of graduating seniors. Participating in the ceremony is a privilege, not a right. If you are unwilling to abide by the expectations, you may choose not to come. You may pick up your diploma Thursday, June 22nd after 9:00 a.m. in the high school main office.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

#### **1. Rehearsals**

You must be present for both rehearsals. They are planned for two hours, but may be shorter depending on your cooperation. They are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday, June 21st. All senior obligations (debts, learning expectations, community service) must be completed prior to participating in the rehearsals. If you owe money for books, etc., please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to take care of this.

#### **2. Caps & Gowns**

Caps and gowns will be distributed at the first rehearsal. You may pick up your own cap and gown if you have no outstanding financial obligations.

#### **3. Tickets & Announcements**

On Tuesday, June 6th and Wednesday, June 7th during Block 3, outside the cafeteria, all seniors may pick up four (4) indoor tickets, six (6) outdoor tickets and announcements. Forms to request additional tickets are available in the main office. Additional tickets for an indoor ceremony will be mainly in the theater, where the graduation will be simulcast onto the stage screen. Seniors who have obligations (book fees, community service hours, etc.) will not be able to pick up their tickets until all debts are cleared. All tickets must be picked up in person.

#### **4. Photos/Video**

Professional/personal photos will be taken of each student receiving the diploma.

You will be provided with an opportunity to purchase photos. No persons are allowed inside the fence on the field to take photos. After graduation, the principal will be available to pose for a photo with you. The ceremony will be videotaped and copies can be obtained at an anticipated cost of \$20 (to be determined in conjunction with NHTV).

#### 5. Standards of Conduct/Dress

Students are expected to adhere to the following standards:

- Appropriate attire including: dress shirts, dress pants, skirts, dresses, dress shoes, etc.
- Jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip-flops, tee shirts, etc. are not permitted.
- No additional decorations may be worn, including anything on the cap or gown.
- Behavior before and during the ceremony must be appropriate.
- No additional items (cameras, cell phones, pocketbooks, etc.) should be brought onto the field.

Additionally, do not bring anything designed to interfere with the ceremony: beach balls, whistles, confetti, etc. Respect all speakers. If you are unable or unwilling to abide by these expectations of conduct, please do not come. We hope all seniors will participate, but if you are unable to meet the expectations, you may pick up your diploma at the school after 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22nd. If you are under the influence or in possession of drugs/alcohol at rehearsals or the ceremony, you will be subject to legal sanctions and discipline and will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

#### 6. Violations of Conduct

If, in our judgment, you violate the standards of conduct you will be asked to leave. If you refuse to leave you will be escorted out by a police officer. If the principal believes the ceremony is not consistent with what is planned, he will cancel the graduation ceremony and all students will be able to pick up their diplomas after 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22nd.

An individual removed from graduation would receive the diploma only at a scheduled parent/student conference with the principal.

#### **AFTER THE CEREMONY...**

Please report back to the Middle School to pick up your diploma. To facilitate an efficient ceremony, empty diploma folders will be distributed to students on stage, and the actual diploma will be distributed to students in the Middle School afterwards. (In case of an indoor ceremony at the high school, diplomas will be distributed in the cafeteria.)