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GRADUATION INFORMATION PRACTICE--BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS--OBLIGATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and with that comes Commencement! This letter is to inform you of our expectations for student behavior as it relates to the end-of-year activities leading up to the Commencement ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on June 1, 2018 and to provide you with details of your son/daughter's last few weeks at Eastern York High School.

This is an exciting time for seniors, so it is very important that they meet all of their obligations, i.e., those outlined in this letter, those outlined by their class Commencement advisors, those outlined by their teachers, and any financial obligations. **All obligations, including financial obligations, must be fulfilled by May 22, 2018.**

The end of the year activities begin Wednesday, May 23, 2018 with senior finals, senior make-up examinations, the class trip, practices for Commencement, and the Commencement ceremony.

SENIOR END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Wednesday	May 23		Final exams
Thursday	May 24		Final exams
Friday	May 25		Make-up Examinations/Senior Class Trip--Baltimore Inner Harbor
Tuesday	May 29	9:00 a.m.	Commencement Practice until Noon/Senior picnic Rudy Park.
Wednesday	May 30	8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast hosted by Student Council
		9:00-12:00 p.m.	Commencement practice
			Deadline to turn in Lifetouch Cap & Gown/Individual Picture packet; due to Mrs. McLaughlin. (Lifetouch Picture packets available in the main office).
Thursday	May 31	9:00 a.m.	Commencement practice, dress rehearsal. Cap & Gown/Individual pictures to be taken.
		10:00 a.m.	Senior awards and scholarships to be presented.
		6:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service, Mt. Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church
Friday	June 1	9:00 a.m.	Decorate for graduation, Commencement practice (if necessary)
		6:30 p.m.	Commencement. Seniors are to arrive by 5:45 p.m.

We earnestly request your son or daughter be made fully aware that no arrangements or commitments should be made that conflict with this pre-announced schedule. As has been past practice, if students do not participate in the senior trip, they are to report to the high school at the regular time.

All Commencement practices are mandatory. Caps and gowns will be distributed the week of practice. The price of the caps and gowns will be \$5.00, payable by cash or check, written to Class of 2018. All seniors must be **present and on time** for **all practices** and the

Commencement ceremony -no exceptions! If a student is unable to attend due to a medical emergency, a physician's note will be required. If a senior is late to Commencement practice, he/she will be required to serve detention that day making up for allotted time. If detention is not served, the student will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony. If a student misses a Commencement practice, the student will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony. We do not have a lot of time to prepare for the ceremony, so it is vital that everyone is at practice and on time each day. All obligations must be fulfilled by Tuesday, May 22.

Students should make arrangements with work--NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ARRIVE LATE AND/OR LEAVE EARLY!

On the evening of Commencement, seniors shall park at the Middle School by 5:35 p.m. (Seniors will enter the High School through the science wing entrance. A map with entrance points into the high school is included for your convenience.) Additionally, during their final days at Eastern York, we expect the seniors to continue to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate the Code of Conduct, dependent upon the severity of the infraction, may not be permitted to commence with their classmates. For participation in the Commencement ceremony, Seniors must wear unmodified caps and gowns. Failure to comply with this requirement may be deemed as insubordination and could cause exclusion from the ceremony. The Commencement Ceremony is a privilege and honor for students, not a right!

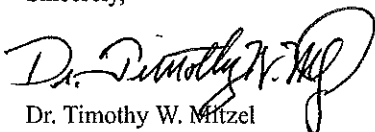
Commencement will be held on June 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Seniors must arrive by 5:45 p.m. All gentlemen who are graduating must wear a dress shirt, a tie, socks, dress shoes (no sneakers), and dress pants (no jeans). All ladies who are graduating must wear a skirt, dress or dress pants (no jeans) and dress shoes. Commencement is a momentous occasion and requires a certain solemnity to honor the occasion. We trust each family will assist with communicating this to their seniors. Students should remain dignified and respectful throughout the Commencement. Any student who disrupts the ceremony with beach balls, noise makers, silly string or any other item or actions which draw undue attention, may be removed from the ceremony and escorted out of the gymnasium by an administrator. If a student is removed from the ceremony, they must call the high school office and make an appointment to meet with Dr. Mitzel to receive their diploma. Balloons are not permitted in the gymnasium or Performing Arts Center.

Graduates will be issued a minimum **six (6)** tickets for Commencement. If more tickets are needed, please have your graduate speak with Mr. Forwood or Ms. Doutrich on the first day of practice. Other guests can sit in the Performing Arts Center and watch the ceremony (no ticket required). Refer to the enclosed map for entrances to the Performing Arts Center.

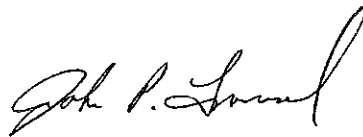
A parking map with traffic flow patterns will be posted on the website closer to graduation. There will be three shuttles to pick up guests at various locations in the high school and middle school parking lots. Also, a limited number of handicapped parking spaces will be available in the stadium lot. If you require handicap parking, please contact the high school office for a parking pass to get into the handicap parking area.

For your information, local churches sponsor a Baccalaureate Service to honor graduating seniors. This year the service for our seniors will be held at Mt. Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church, 5615 Mt. Pisgah Road, York, PA 17406 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2018. Seniors are invited to attend this service, but it is not mandatory. Cap and gowns should be worn.

Sincerely,



Dr. Timothy W. Mitzel
Principal



Mr. John Forwood
Commencement Advisor



Ms. Terry Doutrich
Senior Class and Commencement Advisor

Note:

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (Example: blindness, hearing-impaired, physically challenged, etc.) and need assistance with this event, please make your needs known forty-eight hours in advance of the above scheduled date. Please contact the building secretary, Mrs. McLaughlin (ext. 60500), or the principal, Dr. Mitzel (ext. 60510) at 252-1551. Reasonable efforts will be made for accommodations.