



Gilford High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the 2019 Graduating Class:

As graduation for the class of 2019 draws near, I would like to relay specific details to you that apply to this wonderful event for your graduate.

Exams

Final examinations for seniors will be given June 10th, 11th, and 12th according to the following schedule:

June 10 th	7:40 – 9:10 AM	Block 1
	9:25 – 10:55 AM	Block 2
June 11 th	7:40 – 9:10 AM	Block 3
	9:25 – 10:55 AM	Block 4
June 12 th	7:40 – 9:10 AM	Block 5

Students must arrive on time and remain for at least one and one-half hours.

Final grades will be determined as soon as possible following exams. If you suspect your child is in danger of failing a class, please contact the teacher of that subject prior to the examination date to get a current indication of the grade status. We also encourage you to call the guidance counselors if you have any other concerns.

A senior final exam exemption policy has been approved by Administration. Any senior who carries four or more courses and has a 93 percent cumulative grade or better in any course is exempt from taking the final examination in that specific class or classes. The grade average will be determined prior to June 1.

Graduation Rehearsal

All obligations must be met by the student before he/she will be allowed to participate in graduation rehearsal or graduation. Students should contact Mr. Goggin regarding detentions, Mr. Acquilano for uniforms, and Mrs. Sessler for lost or damaged Chromebooks/textbooks/Library books.

Attendance is mandatory at graduation rehearsals. Any senior not attending rehearsal will lose the privilege of participating in awards night and graduation ceremonies unless prior permission has been granted.

Rehearsal is important to ensure that senior ceremonies go as planned and run smoothly. The Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 10	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Rehearsal in Auditorium Gowns Distributed Time Capsule
Wednesday, June 12	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rehearsal at Bank of NH Pavilion
Thursday, June 14	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Rehearsal in Auditorium

Any outside obligation your child may have which is scheduled during rehearsal time on these dates (this includes doctor/dentist appointments, jobs, etc.) should be rescheduled as soon as possible in order that the graduate may fully attend rehearsals. If the school can assist in contacting employers, please give us a call and we will be happy to do so.

If any graduate reports for rehearsal under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is disrespectful or displays inappropriate behavior, they will be asked to leave rehearsal and will lose the privilege of taking part in the Senior Awards Night and Graduation ceremonies. Though seniors will have finished their regular classes, it is important to note that all school rules apply through graduation.

Senior Yearbook Dinner

On Wednesday, June 12th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, there will be a yearbook dinner for the Class of 2019 in the school cafeteria. Invitation to dinner is extended to the graduates only. Besides being a special time of year for seniors so socialize, reminisce and revel in the camaraderie developed during their high school years, the evening will climax with the distribution of the 2019 yearbook.

Awards Night

Thursday, June 13th, at 6:00 PM in the GHS auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for seniors who will be receiving an award. Professional attire should be worn under graduation gowns.

In-House Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 14th, at 8:00 AM in the GHS auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for seniors who will be receiving an award. Graduation gowns are not required for this assembly.

Graduation

Sunday, June 16th, at 10:00 AM at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (formerly Meadowbrook). Seniors must arrive by 9:00 AM dressed in their gowns. Caps will be issued at this time. The class picture will be taken at 9:15 AM prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please plan your invitations carefully, with family and close friends in mind. Graduation is a very special day and requires a certain sense of decorum; although the facility has even more seats than we need, we do not want an “open gate” graduation. We would like to see Gilford’s graduates surrounded by people who truly wish to celebrate this event in the spirit of respect and achievement that is appropriate to commencement exercises. Dress is expected to be semi-formal for everyone.

The Bank of NH Pavilion has handicap parking and accessibility. Although there is ample space, we encourage you to arrive early. The seating capacity is more than sufficient to provide enough seats to allow your entire family to sit together.

Graduates will receive their diploma during the graduation ceremony provided they have taken care of their outstanding obligations. All obligations must be paid in full by June 12th, 2019. At the time of each final exam, students must return their Trimester 3 textbooks which were assigned to them for each course. Failure to return textbooks or pay for outstanding obligations will prevent the student from taking exams, being in the class picture, and participating in the Awards Night and Graduation ceremonies.

Graduates should arrive in their cap and gown. Dress requirements are as follows:

Gentlemen:	Dress pants (no jeans)	Ladies:	Dress/skirt/blouse/pants
	Dress shirt		(No shorts or jeans)
	Tie		Dress shoes or sandals
	Dark socks		
	Dress shoes (no sneakers/sandals)		

- No gum chewing
- No decorations on the mortarboard or the gown
- No flowers No corsages No boutonnieres
- Only National Honor Society and Tri-M Honor Society cords are to be worn with the cap and gown

High school graduation is a special experience and comes only once in a lifetime. As you know, there is no other time when we ever again experience the camaraderie and unity which is shared among classmates as they graduate from high school. According to tradition, the ceremony is a dignified proclamation of achievement and honors the class as a unit. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to presenting the Class of 2019 to family, friends and the community. We are excited about the graduates, and with you, the parents/guardians of the Class of 2019.

Sincerely,



Anthony Sperazzo
Principal

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