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Susan Elliott
Principal

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION -- PLEASE SAVE

April, 2017

Dear Parents and Members of the Class of 2017:

The end of senior year is a very special time. We are delighted to tell you about several activities for our graduating class. Parents of seniors have been working very hard to provide the Class of 2017 with a unique and positive experience. The **Senior Event** will take place on Thursday, June 1, in our West Gym at 7:00 p.m., and I am sure it will once again be a memorable experience. All seniors are urged to attend. Parents are invited to preview it from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., go if you can - it's worth seeing.

Please be sure that your senior has notified his/her guidance counselor as to where they will attend college. This is an important piece of information that we rely on your senior to provide.

We are now engaged in the preparation for the commencement exercises for the Class of 2017. Seniors who are interested in **auditioning to be a speaker** during the commencement should notify Mrs. Imperato in the Main Office by Friday, May 12th. **All members of the Class of 2017** are eligible to audition. The theme, as selected by the Senior Class Planning Committee, is "**Free to Fly**". A committee comprised of faculty members and students will make final selections. Speakers will be selected by audition only. The number of speakers selected will be limited. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, May 17th in Room 306 (Choral Room) at 2:45 p.m. If you intend to audition and would like some assistance with your presentation, any member of the faculty will be happy to assist. Please keep in mind that each presentation will be limited to two minutes.

This year's **Senior Prom** will be held on Thursday, June 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at **The Crescent Beach Club** in Bayville. Students interested in attending should contact Mrs. Linda McGurk (Room 323C), with the full amount of the ticket or purchase online starting April 20th through May 8th. An "Early Bird Special" is being offered from April 20th through April 28th with a ticket price of \$80.00 per person. After April 28th all tickets will be \$85.00 per person. Checks should be made out to "Class of 2017." Additional fees will be assessed for online ticket purchases. Mrs. McGurk will collect Seating Forms May 8th through May 15th (forms are available online). Please note: Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from this event.

All seniors must come to the auditorium for an in school rehearsal on Friday, June 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. Caps and gowns will be distributed to students at the end of this rehearsal. The **senior brunch** will take place directly afterward. Students are expected to **hand in their parking passes by May 25th.**

This year's edition of the **2017 VISTA Yearbook** will be distributed on June 2nd immediately after rehearsal to all students who have ordered a book, satisfied their obligations and paid in full. Students who have not yet paid should bring a check (cash only after May 12th) **payable to VISTA** for the full purchase price of **\$125** to Ms. Judith McClellan (Library).

The only **graduation rehearsal** at **LIU Post** will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, at 8:15 a.m. It is essential that all graduating seniors attend. Buses will leave our school at 7:45 a.m. for those students requiring transportation. Seniors are asked to go directly to the small theater using the Hillwood Commons entrance. They are not to go into the Tilles Center. Seniors are NOT to bring caps and gowns to this rehearsal. The rehearsal should be over by 11:30 a.m.

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Commencement exercises will be held at the Tilles Center of LIU Post at **2:30 p.m.** on Thursday, June 22nd. The ceremony takes approximately 2 hours. All graduates are expected to be at Post College at 1:30 p.m. Doors to the hall will not be open until 2:10 p.m. Seats are then available on a first come first served basis. Please note that in order for all of our families to enjoy the ceremony, we ask that you remain in your seats, and do not block others' views with iPads or cameras. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate so that families can purchase those photos and need not take their own. Bus transportation to Post will be provided for graduates who are not driving with their parents, and will leave South at 1:00 p.m.

We ask for everyone's help in maintaining the dignity brought to these ceremonies in the past. Male students are to wear shirts, long pants and ties. Female students are asked to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate dress. Bobbie pins to hold the caps in place will be useful. All gowns are to be completely buttoned or zippered during the exercises.

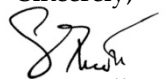
Please Note: A translator will be available for this occasion. When students pick up their tickets, they will have the opportunity to reserve translation equipment and to specify the language required.

Ticket distribution will take place starting on Friday, June 16th. Students may pick up **their** tickets only. The distribution will take place in the Main Office. In the event you have an obligation, the tickets will not be available until the obligation is cleared. Obligation lists will be posted in the Main Lobby, near the Library and in the Main Office. Students are responsible for returning all textbooks, library books and school equipment. Some students have been informed of obligations dating back to earlier quarters of this year. **Students should check with their teachers, staff and library to be sure all obligations are cleared.** Five tickets are reserved for each graduate. If students are in need of additional tickets, they are to inform Mrs. Virgilio in the Main Office. We should be able to accommodate all additional ticket requests. If you need less than five tickets, please give unneeded tickets back to the office.

We, of course, wish for the successful conclusion of graduation requirements for all of our students. However, some students may have to go to summer school or make other arrangements for completing these requirements. As soon as this need is established, parents will be notified. Students who do not complete graduation requirements in June, but who have the opportunity to complete them by the end of August, are invited to participate in the commencement exercises. **Only diploma covers are presented during the ceremony. Diplomas are distributed immediately after the ceremony.**

Commencement is a very special time. I look forward to joining you and your family at this most notable milestone and celebration.

Sincerely,



Susan Elliott
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April 20 - May 8	See Mrs. McGurk for Prom Tickets (Early Bird Special April 20 - April 28)
Friday, May 12	Notification to Main Office of desire to speak at Graduation
Wednesday, May 17	Auditions for Speakers - 2:45 p.m. in Room 306 (Choral Room)
Thursday, June 1	Senior Event - 7:00 p.m. West Gym
Friday, June 2	In School Graduation Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Distribution of caps & gowns and yearbooks (\$125)
Tuesday, June 6	Senior Brunch - immediately following in school rehearsal
Thursday, June 8	Senior Awards Night - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Friday, June 16	Senior Prom at The Crescent Beach Club in Bayville (7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.) Graduation Ticket Distribution begins (All obligations must be cleared in order to get tickets.)
Wednesday, June 21	Graduation Rehearsal -- 8:15 a.m. at LIU Post - bus 7:45 a.m.
Thursday, June 22	Students Arrive Tillis Center - 1:30 p.m. Commencement - 2:30 p.m. (A translator will be available for this occasion.)

Tuesday, May 16th is the Budget Vote - Please Exercise Your Right to Vote