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Parent(s) Guardians of Colonia High School Students

We hope this email finds you and your family well and safe.

This weekly update includes the most current information available for the Class of 2021 students and their parents regarding the end of the year planning. As has been the case for the past year, information may change due to State restrictions, Woodbridge Township adjustments or impeding weather. As always the Colonia High School administration and staff are very grateful to our school community for their ongoing patience and understanding in this regard.

Class of 2021 has several exciting events planned for the end of the school year.

On June 17th we will be celebrating the eligible graduates of the Class of 2021 with an indoor, formal prom at the Grand Marquis Banquet Hall in Old Bridge from 5pm - 9pm. This will be a Colonia High School Senior only event due to indoor social distancing restrictions. Seniors have been communicating with Prom Advisor, Mrs. Miller, through her Google Classroom on her teacher site: [Senior Prom Information](#). Attending seniors will need to clear all conflicts and fines prior to being eligible to purchase a prom bid. The final cost of this event has not been determined at this time. The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for Friday, June 18. The ceremony will be an outdoor event, and at this time, two parents per graduate will be allowed to attend. The commencement ceremony will begin at 10am on June 18 on our stadium field and is weather permitting. There are no indoor alternative options for this ceremony, and our high school ceremony will also be live streamed for those family members who cannot attend the event in person. There is a possibility that the ceremony may need to be moved up to the morning of June 17 if there is predicted inclement weather on the 18th. The Colonia High School administration will be communicating with Dr. Zega and the two other high schools on June 16 to make the final determination of the date of the event. Colonia High School will inform graduates and their families as soon as possible after this determination. The graduates will be at a mandatory graduation practice on the morning of June 16th and will hopefully be informed by the end of that practice. As a reminder for all commencement ceremonies, this event is a privilege and not mandatory to receive a student's diploma. If a graduate is unable to attend the mandatory in person practice they will not be eligible for the in person ceremony but can receive their diploma from their school counselor on Monday June 21st from the Counseling Center at Colonia High School. Graduates and parents can follow the most current information in this regard from Senior Class Advisor [Ms. D'Souza's](#) teacher site.

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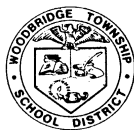
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Next week's Parent Update will focus on end of the year planning for underclassmen and academic summer enhancement and restoration programs put in place by the district. With over 490 students attending in-person instruction at CHS, we appreciate our parents' understanding of the importance of the daily health and safety checks of your child.

Parents completing the Covid Attestation document in the Parent Portal prior to 8:30am is imperative to maintaining a safe school environment each day. If that document is not completed by 8:30am, each student is screened by our school nurse prior to being allowed to attend in person instruction. Three or more incidents of an on site health and safety check by our nurse will result in those students being moved to fully remote status for the remainder of the school year.

Sincerely

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