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Building Learners and Leaders



June 3, 2019

Dear Parents of our Graduating Class,

As the calendar turns to June, our thoughts are on the many end of the year activities for all our students, especially our graduating class. As a staff and administration, our goal is to make graduation a meaningful event for your child and your family. We hope this letter answers any questions you may have related to the ceremony, and the events leading up to it.

As I am sure you are aware, graduation is Friday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The graduates are to meet in the library at 6:30, and will process at 7:00. The Board of Education has generously provided for caps and gowns that the students will wear. Your child will be bringing the gown home several days before graduation. Please take the gown out of the bag and hang it up so that the wrinkles start to fall out. You will need to iron the more stubborn wrinkles. Please keep track of the various pieces that will be in the bag, as Herff Jones does not send us any spare parts! Under the gown, the students are expected to dress as they would for any formal event: dress pants, dress shirt, tie or dress or skirt and dress shoes (NO SNEAKERS.) If you anticipate a problem with these expectations, please let me know.

During graduation, the students have an opportunity to present portraits and carnations to people who have been instrumental in their achieving this milestone. They may present a maximum of two portraits (\$8.00 each) and three carnations (\$3.50 each.) Randy Allen, a resident and former graduate of Farmingdale School, is a professional photographer, and has generously donated his services to take the pictures of the graduates. He will be at Farmingdale School on June 12th, and will start taking pictures at 5:00 p.m. Your child has chosen \_\_\_\_\_ as his/her appointment time. Please let me know immediately if this is not possible as we have limited flexibility that evening. It is **not** necessary for the students to be in their graduation outfits

for the portraits. The portrait will be from the waist up and we will have a cap and gown for their use that night.

Another tradition that we have continued at Farmingdale School is taking a black and white picture of the graduating class in front of the school. Your child can purchase an 8 x 10 copy of this black and white picture if he/she would like for \$8.00.

Immediately following the ceremony, there is a short reception with desserts and punch in the library for the graduates, their families and guests. The seventh grade students and their families provide the refreshments. We hope you and your guests will spend time and celebrate the accomplishments of all our students that evening. Prior to leaving, please make sure you return the cap and gown. The graduates keep the tassel and medallion.

I hope this information is helpful as you anticipate graduation. If it has raised any questions, please call me at the school, or email me. There is a sheet attached that you need to fill out and return to school by Monday, June 10th.

Congratulations to you and your families as you look forward to this memorable evening. It has been a privilege to work with your children, and we are confident that this will be only the first of many milestones that they achieve as they continue their educational journeys.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation portraits (max of 2) X \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Presentation carnations (max of 3) X \$3.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 X 10 Class Picture (black / white) X \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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