



# Franklin High School

Home of the Patriots  
31000 Joy Road Livonia, MI 48150

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Dear Parents/Guardians of a Graduating Senior:

If you think back to four years ago, you and your child were beginning that transition process as your focus shifted from middle school to high school. During our time together, we have been partners in this journey as your child has made the transition to becoming a young adult. While your student has overcome a number of challenges thus far in life, we know that many more challenges still await as they enter the next chapter of life. Now, here we are four years later with new opportunities that soon await our seniors. We still have a number of significant events to help cap off your students senior year at Franklin High School. This letter is a way of sharing our upcoming calendar of events that will lead up to our culminating milestone, our graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

## **Senior Prom: Friday, May 3 at Laurel Manor, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

Students and parents will need to read and sign the "Statement of Understanding" before tickets can be purchased. Students are required to wear formal attire (i.e. suit, tuxedo, or dress). Since there have been issues with some dresses in the past, please make sure the dress covers the front and back mid-section of skin and the length of the dress extends to at least the top of the knee. Please be mindful that dresses must cover the midriff. Each ticket will cost \$50 for seniors who purchase their ticket between Monday, April 8th through Wednesday, April 16th. Tickets purchased between April 17th and April 18th will cost \$60 for each student. The last day to purchase a ticket will be on Friday, April 18th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Any senior who plans to bring a guest to the prom must complete a guest pass, which needs to be approved by that senior's assistant principal before prom tickets are purchased. We do not allow 9th graders to attend this event. If parents and students choose to utilize a limousine service, please only use a licensed service.

## **Class of 2019 Panoramic Photo: Wednesday, May 22**

Seniors will have the opportunity to be featured in the panoramic photo of the Class of 2019. Students will be called out of their 5th hour class on May 22 for a class assembly and then will be directed to the athletic field for the class photo. Students who have 5th/6th at the Career Center will need to make arrangements with their teacher prior to this date if they decide to participate in the class photo. Prestige Photo will be taking the panoramic photo. Prestige will pass out purchase packets during this picture session.



**Senior Honors Night: Thursday, May 23**

Seniors who have achieved a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA, who have accepted a scholarship of any kind, or who have made a significant contribution to Franklin High School will be invited to this event.

Attendance is by invitation only and RSVPs must be submitted online by May 7th. Business attire is required for Honors Night. Students who will be participating in this event will have a dress rehearsal during the school day on May 23. From start to finish, this program takes about two hours.

**Senior Final Exams: Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29**

Final exams for seniors will be administered during regular class periods. If seniors are assigned more than three finals on either testing date, they may contact their administrator to help better balance this testing load.

**Commencement Rehearsal/Senior Clap-out: Thursday, May 30**

Seniors who are planning to participate in our graduation commencement must attend the rehearsal. Any senior who is absent for rehearsal without making prior arrangements with their assistant principal may lose the privilege of participating in the commencement ceremony. Seniors will receive the cap and gown they ordered the day of commencement rehearsal. Students who have a financial hold will not receive their cap and gown until that hold has been reconciled. During the rehearsal, students will receive an informational packet to share with their parents. The packet will include detailed points about our commencement ceremony. Our school dress code will still be enforced during the rehearsal. Around 9:15 am, the class of 2019 will don their cap and gown for a farewell march through the Franklin hallways. Following this farewell march at about 9:30 am, seniors will be dismissed from school. Seniors are then invited to the annex, which is the area just past the stadium ticket booth, for some food and drinks. If you have any questions about ordering a cap and gown, please contact Doug Drake at (586) 781-5878.

**Graduation Commencement:**

**Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 pm at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth**

Parents and guests will **NOT** need tickets for this event. Seating is general admission and on a first come, first served basis. Please note that there will be approximately 600 seats available on the arena floor. The arena doors will open at 5:30 pm. Graduating seniors will need to report to their stations underneath the stands by 6:15 pm. Appropriate attire is required for participation. Male graduates are required to wear a button-up dress shirt, dress slacks, dark socks, and dress shoes. Female graduates are required to wear a dress or dress slacks and dress shoes or sandals. Jeans, khakis, cargo pants, t-shirts, polo shirts, flip flops, casual sandals, and athletic shoes are not permitted. Participation in our graduation ceremony is a privilege. Students will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the ceremony if they do not adhere to the dress code.

While this event is one that brings lots of celebration, we ask that you make an effort to keep an atmosphere that is appropriate for such an occasion. Please leave any noise makers at home and refrain from any behavior that will detract from this special event. Prestige Photo will take individual pictures of the seniors with their diplomas as they step off the stage. Graduation CDs will also be available for purchase.

**The Senior All-night Party: After the Graduation Ceremony**

This event will be held at the Zap Zone on 41953 Ford Road in Canton from Midnight to 6 am. Seniors will be responsible for their own transportation to and from this venue. If anyone leaves the Zap Zone before 6 am, this individual will not be allowed to reenter. Tickets will be sold during lunch starting around April 16th for \$20. The cost for this event will increase to \$50 after May 28th. Questions regarding this event should be directed to Cindy Thomas at [cynthiasoco@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiasoco@yahoo.com)

**End of the Year Behavior Policies**

Please note that seniors are still expected to follow the student code of conduct through the graduation ceremony. All school rules will be enforced during all of our school days and during these school events. Seniors who are involved in inappropriate behavior, whether they are acting alone or in a group, will run the risk of not participating in events such as Prom, Honors Night, and the Graduation Ceremony. We do not condone pranks or end-of-year jokes. Consequences for inappropriate conduct can include expulsion from school and/or legal action.

With each passing day, we move closer to these important events. While this is truly an exciting time that our seniors have been working hard to enjoy, please speak with your child about finishing the school year strong and in good standing. If you have any additional questions that this letter did not address, please direct them to our Student Activities Director and Senior Class Sponsor, Mrs. Jennifer Esparza, who can be reached at [jesparza@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jesparza@livoniapublicschools.org).

We have truly enjoyed the partnership we have developed and look forward to celebrating your child's accomplishments.

Sincerely,



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Principal