



GRADUATION NEWS FOR SENIORS

WOODBURY JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2009,

May 1, 2009

This special Seniors' edition of the End of the Year Parent Update will hopefully answer all of your questions about the remaining days of the 2008-2009 school year and how it affects your senior student.

Below, are the items that must be met in order to graduate:

1. Pass the required total credits and satisfy the specific credit requirements in each subject area;
2. Pass the New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA); and
3. Meet the attendance expectations established by the board policy of the Woodbury Public Schools



If a student fails to meet any one of these items, he/she is not able to be awarded a diploma.

ATTENDANCE: A student must be in attendance for **166*** days this year (per policy) to receive credit. Those who are not able to satisfy an attendance improvement plan have been notified that they will not graduate. **Due to school closings for inclement weather and heating issues, the student calendar is one day less than originally scheduled. As such, students must be in attendance 165 days to receive credit for the year and be eligible to graduate in June 2009.*

SENIOR TRIP: The senior trip to Disney World is scheduled for June 4—June 7. All class dues (\$35/year) and outstanding fines must be paid before a student is permitted to participate. The annual parents' meeting for the senior trip will be held on: Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

FINAL DAYS OF SCHOOL

EARLY DISMISSAL

The last four (4) days of school are early dismissal days: **June 19, 22, 23, and 24.**

FINAL EXAMS

Final Exams for Seniors begin on **Thursday, June 18 through Tuesday, June 23.** The final exam schedule is included on the last page of this bulletin for your review.

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS— Final exam exemptions are offered to the following students:

- Seniors who have earned a 90 or above average in any course—semester or full year.
- Students earning the Gold Renaissance card are eligible to be exempt from **one (1)** exam only.

Students will be notified of this opportunity by June 1, 2009. Students must submit a permission slip signed by a parent no later than June 9, 2009 to their assigned teacher (s). Students using the exemption privilege **must report to school and to the auditorium the period of the exam.** In the event your child does not take a final exam during the assigned day and time, they must arrange to make up the exam no later than **June 24, 2009.** The exam grade will be recorded as a zero (0) at the close of the day— June 24 .

RETURNED BOOKS, FINES, DUES... Textbooks will be collected at the end of each final exam session. Students will be charged a fine for lost or destroyed books. Students will receive a final notice of any outstanding fines (library books, athletic equipment, class dues, etc.) the week of June 1. **SENIOR students will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies if these obligations are not satisfied.**

GRADUATION 2009 INFORMATION



To the Class of 2009: Congratulations!

I hope your dreams take you... to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known!

This portion of this newsletter is intended to assist you in your preparations for Graduation 2009. You will find significant dates and procedures that you will need to know as this important day arrives. If you do have questions after reading this publication, please call 853-0123 and ask for help and clarification from any of the Woodbury staff noted below.

- Grant Shivers, Director of Athletics and Student Activities: Extension 253
- Edward Murphy, Director of Pupil Personnel: Extension 225
- Jason Vivadelli, Sr. HS Assistant Principal : Extension 221
- Denise Dunham, Principal: Extension 220

We are glad to help you!

Commencement 2009
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
6:30 p.m.

I am certain family and friends of our graduates are already preparing for this occasion as we carefully plan as well to make this day well organized and pleasant for all.

Convocation and Graduation Rehearsal Schedule

Two rehearsals will be held for Convocation and Graduation:

- Tuesday, June 23— 1:15 p.m. in the auditorium
- Wednesday, June 24—approximately 8:30 a.m. — after the Senior Breakfast.

ATTENDANCE AT BOTH REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY.

Senior Breakfast will be Wednesday, June 24 in the New Cafeteria at 7:45 a.m. As noted, the final practice for graduation will follow the breakfast until approximately noon.

Seniors must return to the library at **5:00 p.m. on June 24** to prepare for the Convocation in our auditorium at **5:30 p.m.** and graduation ceremony which is scheduled to begin at **6:30 p.m.**

Project Graduation will be held at the YMCA. Doors will open at **10:00 p.m.** on June 24. Students will not be admitted after **10:30 p.m.** Graduates are permitted to leave after 3:00 a.m.—no earlier. One graduate will win a used car, courtesy of Performance Dodge during Project Graduation. Additional electronic gifts are awarded during the night as well. There will be plenty of food, dancing, and just plain old fun! It is a great way to keep our graduates safe and happy!



Seating Information

CONVOCATION—5:30 p.m.—Auditorium

Three (3) tickets per family will be issued for admission to Convocation.

GRADUATION—6:30 p.m. Stadium (weather permitting)

Weather permitting, our Graduation ceremonies will be held in our stadium; all are welcome! — admission tickets will not be required. * A special parents' section will be reserved for any parent of a graduate. Special tickets will be needed

to present for seating.

In the event of **inclement weather**, our graduation ceremonies will be held in the **Cap Paine Gymnasium**. **Five (5)** tickets per family will be issued for admission to the ceremonies.

Please contact Grant Shivers (extension 253) for special seating for a handicapped guest.

Graduation is a very special occasion

The graduation ceremony is a special occasion. Your participation in maintaining the event as a formal and distinguished affair with dress and conduct, will be greatly appreciated.

Male Attire:

Young men are required to wear a dress shirt (white or pastel) and tie, dress slacks and shoes.

Female Attire:

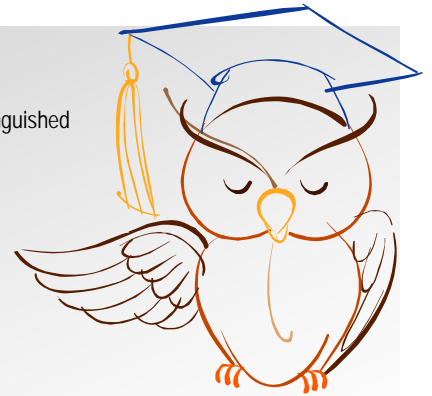
Young ladies are required to wear dresses/skirts and blouses, and dress shoes.

PLEASE NOTE:

Jeans or shorts, boots, sneakers or sandals are not permitted. Students not appropriately dressed will not be permitted to march.

The actual diploma will be distributed in the library immediately after the commencement ceremony,

The diploma will be withheld for any student causing a disruption to the ceremony. A hearing with the Principal and Superintendent of Schools will be held before the diploma is released.



Seniors & Eligibility

Seniors begin final exams on Wednesday, June 18 and complete the schedule on Tuesday, June 23.

Fines for lost books, sports equipment, etc and dues must be paid in order to participate in graduation rehearsal.

Make up exams will be taken on Tuesday, June 23 in the afternoon (in place of the first graduation rehearsal). Student attendance during the last days of school is **extremely important**. Please make every effort to have your child present and on time— and ready to participate in all of the end of the year activities.

ELIGIBILITY:

Full graduation requirements must be met by the graduation date in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. These requirements include academic credit, passing the New Jersey HSPA, and satisfactory attendance. Students who fail to be in attendance in school for one hundred and sixty– six (166)* days, have not made the appropriate attendance appeal, and have not satisfied an Attendance Improvement Plan will not graduate.

CONVOCATION BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM. SEATING IS LIMITED.

FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO BE SEATED AT 5:15 P.M.

PARKING INFORMATION

- **LIMITED PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT FRANCIS AVENUE FIELD**
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE LOWER LOT NEAR THE STADIUM.**
- **SENIORS — BECAUSE OF THE TIME, AFTER THE WORK HOUR YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARK IN THE COUNTY LOT ON SMALLWOOD STREET.**

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ...

- **FIVE 5 TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH STUDENT IF THE CEREMONIES ARE HELD INDOORS.**
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING WILL BE BEHIND THE SCHOOL AT THE TENNIS COURTS.**
- **ALL OTHERS SHOULD USE THE FRANCIS AVENUE FIELD AND COUNTY LOTS.**

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE	GRADE LEVELS	Exam Time Schedule	Period Exam is Administered	Exam Taken
Thursday, June 18 REGULAR FULL DAY SCHEDULE	SENIORS ONLY Gold (new) Café	A: 8:20-10:20 B: 10:30-12:30	Periods 1 & 2 Period 3 & 4	Period 3 Exam Period 6 Exam
Friday, June 19 Early Dismissal Schedule	Grades 6 – 12	A	1	A Day for 1-2 Block
		B	8	A Day for 7-8 Block
Monday, June 22 Early Dismissal Schedule	Grades 6 – 12	A	4	A Day for 4-5 Block
		B	7	B Day for 7-8 Block
Tuesday, June 23 Early Dismissal Schedule	Grades 6 – 12	A	2	B Day for 1-2 Block
		B	5	B Day for 4-5 Block
Wednesday, June 24 Early Dismissal Schedule	Grades 6 – 11	A	3	
		B	6	

Special note to parents and prospective graduates:

The year has been a good one. Student behavior issues are typically minimal during the senior year. As the excitement of graduation grows, seniors often-times forget that they are still accountable for their actions.

No one wants to be in a place where they are informing a parent or student that they will not be permitted to participate in Commencement Exercises because of a decision to violate the student conduct code.

Parents, please help us by encouraging your child to continue to display the behaviors we expect at Woodbury. To each student: — be diligent! End this high school experience on a positive note so that you will be remembered positively in the future. Congratulations on a job well done!

It's been a great year... thank you!