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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Senior Class:

This year seems to have flown by very fast! Parents, I am sure the past four years of high school feel like a blur; your kids have grown up quickly and are about to embark on new journeys, adventures and pathways as they reach toward their highest potential. We are proud of our students and are excited to see the accomplishments they will achieve in the future. With the end of the school year embarking upon us soon, I want to send this letter to inform you of a few changes coming in June with respect to graduation and the reintroduction of a senior awards night.

As you know, one of the unique features of the Ichabod Crane graduation is that we offer an outdoor ceremony whenever weather allows. An outdoor graduation is something to which our students, parents, staff and community look forward to as it allows for everyone to attend this event and experience the ceremony together, in a very special setting. When weather impacts graduation, our backup plan is to move the ceremony into the high school auditorium. When this occurs, students are given a set number of tickets for family/friends to be guaranteed a seat in the auditorium. The limited availability of space and seats in the auditorium restricts the amount of guests who can view the graduation ceremony live. For those students with additional family/friends attending the ceremony, we have "overflow" rooms available in the library, music suite, and classrooms where the graduation can be viewed via projectors.

We recognize that an indoor graduation ceremony is not ideal and can cause quite a bit of stress for students and parents who want family members and friends to be able to experience the joy celebrating the students' accomplishments together. This year, in an effort to try our best to ensure an outdoor graduation, we have decided to implement a Rain Date contingency plan. Graduation is presently scheduled for **Friday, June 22 at 6:30 pm**. If we have inclement weather, we have reserved a **Rain Date on the following day (Saturday, June 23) at 10:00 am**. During the week of graduation, we will watch the weather forecast closely. If it turns out that inclement weather will impact graduation, we will notify students and staff that we are moving the ceremony to Saturday morning. If the weather or wet/muddy fields do not allow for an outdoor graduation on Saturday morning, then we will move the graduation ceremony to the auditorium with the indoor ticket contingency plan. We are truly hoping that this will give us the option to provide our students and families with the best opportunity for an ideal graduation ceremony.

This June, we are also reintroducing a Senior Awards Night to allow for awards and scholarships to be given during an evening ceremony. At this ceremony, many of the awards and scholarships that are typically given at graduation will be presented to students during this

evening event. We are hoping that this will allow the families and organizations who generously give scholarships and awards to our students an opportunity to present them in a formal manner. Invitations will be sent to students for this event and we encourage all students, family members, and friends to attend in order to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. The Senior Awards Night will be held in the high school auditorium on June 14, at 6:00 pm.

We look forward to a smooth and fun remainder of the school year, and please do not hesitate to contact the main office if you have any questions.



Craig T. Shull

Principal

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