

Good Morning Class of 2023 Students and Families,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful weather this past weekend. As we are in the second week of October, there are several updates/reminders that I wanted to be sure to pass along to everyone.

1. **Schedule Changes:** A few important schedule changes for the upcoming days...
  - a. PSAT testing tomorrow...report at 10:50 for Block 1
  - b. Early Dismissal next Wednesday, 10/19
  - c. No School on Monday, 10/24
2. **Marking Period 1:** We are quickly nearing the end of the first marking period, which will be on Friday, November 4th. Make sure that you are taking advantage of the opportunities to learn and grow in each of your classes. Do not wait until the last week to start turning in your work.
3. **Senior Pictures & Class Picture:** Seniors that are scheduled for senior portraits today should be on time to their scheduled slot. There is very little flexibility in the schedule, so if you miss your slot, there is a chance that they will not be able to fit you in.

**\*The date for the senior class picture in the stands has been moved from this Friday to next Thursday, October 20th at 12:30. Virtual students should plan accordingly so that you can make it up to the stadium by 12:30. Early dismissal students should leave and plan to return by 12:30 for the picture.**

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4. **Student IDs:** Student ID cards were distributed in homerooms last week. If you did not receive your ID, please come to the senior center to retrieve it.  
  
\*If you did not have your school pictures taken in August or you were not yet enrolled when pictures were taken, ***picture retakes will be on 10/31 during the school day.***
5. **Senior Class Shirts:** For those students that ordered a senior class shirt, we are working to distribute them this week so that you will have them for next week's senior class picture.  
  
\*If you did not order a shirt the first time around, we will be doing a second order so sign up [HERE](#). Remember the shirt is FREE!  
\*\*Parents that are interested in purchasing a shirt can place an order [HERE](#). The cost will be \$10/shirt (\$15/shirt for 2XL and larger).
6. **College Applications:** For students whose college applications are due by November 1st, remember that your yellow checklist should be **HAND DELIVERED** to your

counselor by TODAY. If your deadlines are farther out, then you have time to continue to organize your applications through Naviance.

Simple Steps to follow:

1. Be sure to get your [release of records](#) completed and emailed to your counselor by your parent (unless you are 18 and then you can email it to them)
  2. Put College/Technical School selections into Naviance
  3. Complete Brag Sheet in Naviance
  4. Complete Yellow Checklist and hand deliver to counselor (Virtual students complete checklist [HERE](#))
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7. **Act 158:** In order to graduate, students must fulfill the expectations of [PA Act 158](#). Most of our seniors have already finished one of the (many) pathways available to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness, but there are some for which this requirement has not yet been fulfilled. I will be sending an email out later this week to those students and their parents/guardians with specific information on how to access and complete the Act 158 requirement. This should be done as soon as possible!
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8. **Miscellaneous:** There are several other items for which we are starting conversations and will be sharing more information very soon with our students and families.
    - a. *Caps & Gowns* - These will be going on sale very soon. I will provide the link as soon as it is made available to me. I do know that the cost will be \$42 for the full graduation package (cap, gown, stole and 2023 tassel)...however that price will go up to \$52 after March 1st.
    - b. *Yearbooks* - These will also be going on sale very soon...stay tuned for more information. I believe the cost will be around \$80.
    - c. *Scholarship* - This process will start in earnest in January with a grade level assembly and evening parent meeting. Look for more information in November/December.

That is it for now...make the most of today!

Thank you

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