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## Marking Period 3 closes TOMORROW...

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Good afternoon Class of 2023,

As I did not have any new/pressing information to share with students and families, I did not send an email last week. But as tomorrow marks the end of marking period 3, you can expect consistent communication each week...and I apologize in advance for the many emails!

That said, here are several reminders:

1. **Cap & Gown Orders:** The window to order cap and gowns is quickly closing! After April 2nd, you will not be able to order the cap and gown online. That means families have just over 10 days to place their order(s), which can be completed [HERE](#).

*\*There is a chance that the rep from Balfour will be here in June to sell items, but it would be much cleaner to order it in advance!*

2. **Graduation Meeting Resources:** Presentation from March 9, 2023...lots of important information was shared out, so please take the time to read it over.

Link to the recording of the presentation is available [HERE](#) and the PDF of the presentation can be found [HERE](#).

3. **Graduation Speech:** Interested in being one of the three student speakers at the graduation ceremony on June 12th? Do you have something poignant and inspirational to share with your fellow graduates? If you said yes to these questions, then start working on a speech.

The 2023 Graduation Speech Contest is now underway. **ALL** 2023 graduates are eligible to "try out" for one of the three available speeches. If you are interested, submit a rough draft of your speech to Mr. Ferrise ([jferrise@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:jferrise@upperdarbysd.org)) by Tuesday, April 21, 2023. The requirements are as follows:

- Must include your name and student ID number
- Must be 2-3 minutes in length
- Must be school appropriate
- Must connect with the audience (i.e. The speech should not just be about you!)

As part of the process, students will have to read their speech in front of a panel of teachers/administrators, who will then choose the three speeches for the ceremony.

This has always been a point of pride with our graduation ceremony, and I am excited to see who will be speaking at this year's commencement!

4. **Senior Acceptances:** We are asking seniors that have received their acceptance letters to update Naviance with that information AND complete the Google Form [HERE](#). This will be extremely helpful information for our counselors to be able to access.

As a reminder, be sure to check your email regularly for updates from the school(s) that you have applied to. Some of the schools have time sensitive information regarding financial aid and when/how to communicate your acceptance. Please reach out to your counselor with any questions.

***\*If Ms. Guidone is your counselor, please email me with your questions. I will either answer them or direct you to another of the counselors who can assist you.***

5. **Work Based Learning:** The number of submissions is ticking upwards, but still far too many seniors have not completed this requirement. Prom tickets go on sale in about 5 weeks and seniors **will not be able to purchase a ticket** until this has been fulfilled!

Please submit the five (5) certificates of completion via the Google Form [HERE](#).

6. **Senior Events Timeline:** Dates and Times for Upcoming Senior Events available [HERE](#).

7. **Semester Two Calendar:** Please see the calendar [HERE](#) that contains the daily schedule for each day of the last semester. As they do change frequently, it is a simple way to know what bell schedule we are running on a particular day!

8. **Royal Points:** Everyone started the year with 100 points (It shows in your HAC as a percentage grade under the course "Class of 2023"...i.e. Everyone started with 100%). Remember that if you do not have 85 or more points, you are not eligible to attend sporting events, participate in extracurricular activities (teams, clubs, dances, etc.)

If you need to earn back Royal Points, stop by the senior center and pick up a Royal Recovery form. Completed forms are submitted to Mr. Gentile for review and approval, and each approved form earns you back 5 points!

I believe that is all for the moment. Have a great finish to the week and remember that your last marking period at UDHS starts Monday...let's finish strong!

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UDHS Class of 2023