
Happy Spring Break...

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Good afternoon Class of 2023,

Spring break of senior year is here! Enjoy the break. Relax and rest up for the final push as only nine (9) weeks of school stand between you and the commencement ceremony on June 12th!

This week's reminders are really geared towards the final push and making sure all seniors know what is expected to be completed and by when. To that end, the senior center created an [FAQ](#) that has answers to probably about 95% of the questions that are running through your mind. Please take some time over break to look it over and if there are further questions, please use the Google Form [HERE](#) to ask those questions.

In addition to resting up, next week is a great time for students to finish up all of the following (if applicable):

- Act 158 (Email will be sent out today to any senior who still needs to complete this)
- Work Based Learning (See Point #5 below)
- Credit Recovery work (For those seniors that are currently enrolled in these course(s))
- Finalize college plans and financial Aid (See PHEAA resource [HERE](#))

For additional reminders, please read on...

1. **Cap & Gown Orders:** We are down to the final 3 days to order cap & gowns. The website to do so is [HERE](#).

**If you previously started (but did not finish) an order, you may need to add an extra 'zero' at the end of the student ID to begin a new order.*

***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) 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 four (4) 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!

Enjoy break and we will see you back here on Monday, April 10th...the final countdown begins!

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