

May 21, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian of the Class of 2012,

Congratulations on being the parent/guardian of a member of the Class of 2012. The administration and staff appreciated getting to know your child over the last several years and contributing to their excellent education at Huntington High School. In preparation for a much anticipated graduation, we would like to remind you of special dates and provide you with information that will facilitate your planning and allow your child to take care of any school business in advance. There are two important dates to remember:

**Wednesday, June 20, 2012**  
**Friday, June 22, 2012**

**Graduation Rehearsal/Auditorium**  
**Commencement Exercises**

**1:00 p.m.**  
**6:00 p.m.**

All students must report to the auditorium for graduation rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. Students will review both the field and the auditorium ceremonies. At the conclusion, they may pick up their caps and gowns. All students must attend in order to receive their cap and gown as well as participate in the graduation. If there are any problems or concerns regarding the scheduled rehearsal, please contact their Guidance Counselor.

Directors and the Librarian have notified each senior of what equipment, books or fines are still outstanding. Seniors must reconcile any fines that are due and return any school materials before receiving their diploma.

Weather permitting, we will be using the turf field for this event. With the use of the field, however, come certain restrictions: 1) Students will only be allowed to wear flats or wedges on the day of graduation since anyone walking across the field and/or track in heels will damage these surfaces 2) Parents and guests are not allowed to come on to the field for that same reason and must enter and exit only through marked gates 3) At the end of the ceremony, students will proceed off the field as a class and can be met, for photo opportunities, by the archway that will be located on the baseball field.

**On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, your son/daughter must report to the gym at 5:00 p.m.** Boys should wear dress slacks, collared shirts and dress shoes. Girls have the option of wearing a dress or a skirt and blouse. Girls must wear flats or wedges as explained above. No one will be allowed to wear jeans, shorts, tank tops, sneakers or other unsuitable apparel. Any student who does not adhere to the above will be asked to return home to dress appropriately.

You will automatically receive four tickets for graduation, which will be issued with caps and gowns during the Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> rehearsal. **You will need these tickets to access seating on the bleachers or in the auditorium.** Standing space will be available around the perimeter of the field if the ceremony is held outside, however, there will be no admittance to anyone without tickets if the graduation is held indoors. **If you, or a guest, require special assistance to the field, please arrive at the school by 5:00 p.m. at the latest and notify security. Handicapped parking and seating is available.**

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with Island Photography for a professional photographer to record the moment your child is awarded his/her diploma. You will receive proofs in the mail approximately one week after the ceremony. While this service will enable family and friends to remain in their seats and enjoy the ceremony, there is no obligation to purchase photographs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,

Carmela Leonardi, Ph.D.  
Principal