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Dear Senior Parents/Caregivers:

It seems as though it was just early fall and we talked about graduation in the spring. I cannot believe graduation is right around the corner! This has been an incredibly trying year and I am extremely proud of our students' collective resolve, perseverance, and flexibility. So, it is with great excitement that I send you this letter to provide you with information regarding our graduation plans for the Class of 2022. Graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 14th at 5:00 p.m. on the athletic fields adjacent to the Robert J. McKee Stadium. If inclement weather does not allow us to hold graduation that day, the rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th. Please note that if we have graduation on the 15th, the time of the ceremony may be adjusted according to the weather. I will be sure to communicate these details in a timely manner should the need arise.

This year, each graduate will receive four custom bracelets which they can give to family and friends of their choosing. These bracelets will ensure that four seats are available within the designated ceremony seating area. Additional guests are welcome to attend the event, but will need to bring their own chair and find space behind the official ceremony seating area. For those unable to attend graduation in person, a live-feed will be provided by West Hartford Community Television and available for remote viewing.

Graduation is a formal occasion and is an important ceremony that represents the dedication, effort, and growth of students throughout their school experience. I expect that the dress and behavior of graduates will reflect the significance of the event. I also expect seniors to model appropriate behavior through the end of the school year and to exit high school on a positive note. Additionally, please note the following end of year dates and times:

- We will be continuing with our new tradition of a Car Parade tribute to the Class of 2022. Details of that date and time will be announced at a later date.
- The last day of regular classes for seniors is Monday, June 6th.
- Senior final exams are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, June 7th

Period 1 8:00 – 9:30
Period 2 10:00 – 11:30
Make-ups 12:30 – 2:00

(No additional bus runs)

Wednesday, June 8th

Period 3 8:00 – 9:30
Period 4 10:00 – 11:30
Make-ups 12:30 – 2:00

(No additional bus runs)

Thursday, June 9th

Period 5 8:00 - 9:30
Period 6 10:00 – 11:30
Make-ups 12:30 – 2:00

(No additional bus runs)

Friday, June 10th

Period 7 8:00 - 9:30
Period 8 10:00 – 11:30
Make-ups 12:30 – 2:00

(No additional bus runs)

Monday, June 13th

Make-Up Day 9:30-11:00

Tuesday, June 14th

Graduation Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.

Graduation 5:00 p.m.

Report No Later Than 4:00 p.m.

- Graduation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14th. Graduates are expected to be at Conard High School no later than 4:00 p.m.
- A **mandatory** graduation rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, June 14th at 9:30 a.m. Seniors who choose to participate in the graduation ceremony **must** attend the rehearsal. Rehearsal will end no later than 12:00 p.m. **Please note that all students will receive their Conard diploma during rehearsal.**
- *Financial obligations are to be paid in full prior to the senior receiving his/her diploma. Students who have NOT paid their financial obligations prior to June 14th can pay them between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on the day of graduation.*
- If someone needs special seating arrangements, please inform Mrs. Pitkin (Conard Main Office), in writing, by June 8th at: Michele_Pitkin@whps.org.

- Seniors who are choosing to participate in graduation are to dress appropriately. Please remember that graduation is a formal occasion.
- I would ask all parents/caregivers, family, and guests to refrain from bringing any types of noise makers to the event. Every family should have the pleasure of hearing their child's name read, and the students themselves deserve that honor. Please do not detract from someone's special moment.
- Please be sure to prepare for weather conditions. For example, you may need water, sunscreen, or an umbrella.
- A professional photographer will photograph each graduate as the diploma is presented. Pictures will be available by noon on June 15th, online, at www.ctpremierphotos.com.
- The Class of 2022 Safe Grad celebration at Conard High School is Tuesday, June 14th from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am. Please note that **only** 2022 Conard graduates will be allowed into the Safe Grad party.

As we approach the last few weeks of school, I ask that you encourage your child to make good choices regarding school responsibilities and social experiences. This should be a time of good feelings and celebration, and I would not want a poor choice to alter those feelings or the graduation experience. It would be a shame if a foolish prank, vandalism, or other inappropriate behavior robbed someone of marching at graduation. However, that is a consequence of which all students are aware.

It has been my pleasure to work with such a wonderful class. I am extremely proud of all of their accomplishments, and the way that they have represented Conard and your families. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks, and please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jamahl Hines

Principal