

Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1

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May 2019,

Dear Seniors, Parents/Guardians of Seniors,

This bulletin has been prepared so that the seniors and their families will know the procedures and responsibilities relating to graduation. The Administration realizes that this is an important time for families of graduating seniors and wishes to keep parents informed to avoid any conflict between the responsibilities of the seniors and the plans of the parents.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Each year the local news invariably contains a story of a prom tragedy, usually related to excessive drinking, drug abuse, reckless driving or violent behavior. Students have lost scholarships, graduation privileges or their lives in one thoughtless moment. Please enjoy this time but do so in a sober, sensible way. Don't become a tragic statistic in what should be a very happy occasion.

SENIORS AND PARENTS-REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.

Respectfully,
Raymond Rotella
Principal

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GRADUATION BULLETIN-CLASS OF 2019

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY

All outstanding senior obligations must be taken care of prior to **June 3, 2019**. **This includes money from fund raisers, athletic equipment and book fines.** No one with an outstanding obligation will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises and their diploma will be held.

YEARBOOK

The 2019 Yearbook will make your memories come alive! The deadline to purchase a yearbook was April 15, 2019, however extra copies may be available in June. Please contact Ms. Weiss or Ms. Demsey Yearbook Advisors at yearbook@pvhs.k12.nj.us to add your name to a Waiting List. Yearbooks are \$95 and payment can be made by cash or check made out to Passaic Valley Yearbook.

PROM

The senior prom will be Friday, June 7 from 6pm-11pm at Seasons in Washington Township. Tickets will be (approximately) \$100 and sales will begin May 20th. See Mrs. Miskovich and/or Ms. Mulcahy to purchase. The attached Drug and Alcohol contract must be handed in when tickets are purchased. Please make checks payable to PVHS-Class of 2019.

PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Seniors are required to fill out and return the enclosed graduation agreement to the Student Activities Office prior to graduation rehearsal. ***No senior will be permitted to participate in the ceremony unless this agreement is turned in.***

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - PLEASE BE PROMPT

ATTENDANCE AT REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY

Tuesday, June 18	12:35 pm – 3:00 pm	Seniors are to report to the auditorium immediately after school
Wednesday, June 19	12:35 pm – 3:00 pm	Seniors will report to their designated area immediately after school
Thursday, June 20	12:35 pm – 3:00 pm	Seniors will report to their designated area immediately after school

TRANSPORTATION ON REHEARSAL DAYS

During rehearsals for commencement transportation will be available at the regular time each morning. Bus transportation **will not** be available after rehearsals and seniors must provide for their own transportation. Please carpool if possible.

NOTE: ANY SENIOR, WHO MISSES REHEARSALS OR IS UNCOOPERATIVE DURING REHEARSALS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OR OPERATION GRADUATION. STUDENTS ON SOCIAL PROBATION ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PVHS ACTIVITY INCLUDING GRADUATION.

COMMENCEMENT

The commencement ceremony will begin promptly at **6:00 p.m.** on Walton Field on **Friday, June 21, 2019**. Seniors must report to the Farrell Gym or Schneider Auditorium by **5:15 p.m.** **If you are not in your designated areas by 5:15, you will not be permitted to walk in the ceremony. Attendance will be taken.**

ANY STUDENT WHO IS LATE FOR THE PROCESSION, OR WHO APPEARS TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES WILL BE DISMISSED AND WILL **NOT** BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE. **DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE EXERCISES.**

TICKETS

Each senior will receive 15 tickets: **Commencement tickets will be distributed to seniors on the FIRST day of rehearsal any extra ticket requests will be distributed on the second day of practice**

4	WHITE	RESERVED ON THE FIELD
8	GREEN	NON RESERVED IN BLEACHERS
3	PINK	INDOORS IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ONLY

IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMENCEMENT WILL BE HELD IN THE GRISWOLD GYM AND **ONLY** THE 3 PINK TICKETS WILL BE HONORED. ***Pink tickets will NOT be honored for the OUTDOOR ceremony.***

IMPORTANT: PLEASE BRING PINK INDOOR TICKETS TO COMMENCEMENT. IF A PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE DURING THE CEREMONY AND WE MUST MOVE INDOORS, ONLY INDOOR (PINK) TICKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

EXTRA TICKETS

There are a **limited** number of extra **outdoor** tickets available. If you have a request for extra tickets, please address a note to Mr. Benvenuti or Mrs. Pellegrini and deliver it to the Student Activities Office by **Monday, June 10**. You can also email Amy Pellegrini at pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us or fax your request at 973-890-2583. **GREEN Tickets will require a written letter from a parent. (Extra pink (indoor) or White Field tickets will NOT be given out). Extra tickets will be distributed during the SECOND DAY of commencement rehearsal.** You will **NOT** get confirmation of your request unless the request **cannot** be granted. A "reasonable amount" of extra tickets will be provided.

SOUVENIRS

The class of 2020 will have a booth set up for outside service only to purchase flowers, stuffed animals and balloons for your graduate.

DRESS AT COMMENCEMENT

Girls should wear a white dress or a skirt and top under the gown. Light colored shoes (*white, nude, beige*) should be worn, sandals are acceptable, but **no** sneakers, shower or flip-flops.

Boys should wear a shirt and necktie with dress pants under the gown. Suit jackets are not to be worn under the gown. (**No** sneakers, shower or beach sandals).

STUDENTS FAILING TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MARCH IN THE PROCESSION.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Caps and gowns will be distributed after school, outside the Gris Gym. They do not need to be returned. They are a keepsake for the students. **DO NOT TOSS** your cap after the ceremony; it can be dangerous. Please consider the safety of everyone. **DO NOT ALTER THE CAP IN ANY WAY.** Take the gown out of the bag and hang up immediately and please make sure the gown is pressed. Only Honor Societies and Scholar of Distinction medals will be permitted to wear with the cap and gown.

Cap and Gown pick up dates
Last names beginning with:
A-H – Monday, June 10
I-R – Tuesday, June 11
S-Z – Wednesday, June 12

If you are not able to pick up on your designated day, you may pick up the *following* day. **The students on early or work release, pick up times are 7:15-8:04 the day after their pick up date. NO GOWNS WILL BE GIVEN OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. The last day for gown pick up will be on Friday, June 14.**

VIDEOTAPING/PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2018 commencement ceremony will be shown on PVTV at a time to be announced. A professional photographer will be in attendance to take pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma. **Please complete the grey card from GradImages and bring to the Student Activities Office.** When the picture is available online they will notify you and you will be able to view the picture and if you would like to purchase the picture, you may do so through their online site. **There is no obligation to buy.**

OPERATION GRADUATION

The Operation Graduation celebration is directed by a committee of parents and is **NOT** sponsored by Passaic Valley High School. All questions should be sent to Mrs. Valerie Amendola, Mrs. Levajac or Mrs. Nicosia at pvhsopgrad19@gmail.com

GRADUATION IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR THE GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILY. LET'S MAKE IT A HAPPY ONE!!!!!!

cc: Administrators
Class Advisors

PV 2019 Operation Graduation



TO: Graduating Seniors

FROM: The Operation Graduation Committee

We would like to congratulate the Passaic Valley High School Senior Class and wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Thank you to all those students and parents who have helped us throughout this past school year with our Operation Graduation fundraisers. We could not have done this without your support.

Since all of our correspondence comes through the Guidance Department, please make sure that they have the most current contact information for both student and parent.

We are looking forward to welcoming those students who have chosen to join us on graduation night for a fun celebration and last get together for the PV Class of 2019!

Updated information for Operation Graduation appears on Facebook at: PVHSOpGrad19

Should you have any questions, please contact us at: pvhsopgrad19@gmail.com

Valerie Amendola
Jackie Levajac
Maria Nicosia

GRADUATION AGREEMENT 2019

To preserve the honor, dignity and pride at Passaic Valley's commencement, each senior and his or her parents are asked to seriously consider the following two options, and to sign where appropriate.

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

1. I **DO** choose to participate in my class's graduation ceremony. I agree to attend all rehearsals on time. I agree to abide by all school rules and regulations as outlined in the Commencement Bulletin. I am aware that if I fail to abide by these conditions my participation in graduation and/or my diploma is in jeopardy.

Senior's Signature

2. I **DO NOT** choose to participate in my class's graduation ceremony and therefore will not attend practices or graduation itself. I will pick up my diploma the day after graduation.

Senior's Signature

I APPROVE OF AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE.

Parent's Signature

Return to the Student Activities office by May 30

NEEDED FOR COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
BY MAY 20, 2019

FAILURE TO RETURN BY THE ABOVE DATE, YOUR EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE GRADUATION PROGRAM!!!!

Student's Name – **PLEASE PRINT**

EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please list all exceptional accomplishments you have received during your four years at Passaic Valley High School. Examples of exceptional accomplishments are: **Any Honor Society's, Boys/Girls State Delegate, Honor Scholarships, All County Athlete Awards, All League Athletic Awards, Local Scholarships, Music Awards, Drama Awards, Art Awards, College Scholarships, National Merit Awards, Any recognition you have received.** This information will be included in program.

Complete this sheet and return to the Student Activities Office by **May 20, 2019**. **If this information is not received by the above date, it will not be included in the program.**

****All Scholarships given at the Awards Ceremony on June 6th will be added****

EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (attach a sheet of paper if more room is needed):

College/Trade School Attending in the fall: _____

Important Dates and Contact Information

Prom Information	*Mrs. Miskovich *Mrs. Mulcahy	miskovichm@pvhs.k12.nj.us mulcahyr@pvhs.k12.nj.us
Yearbook Information	*Ms. Demsey *Ms. Weiss	demseyl@pvhs.k12.nj.us weissl@pvhs.k12.nj.us
Operation Graduation	Mrs. Amendola Mrs. Levajac Mrs. Nicosia	Pvhsopgrad19@gmail.com
Graduation Ceremony/Extra Tickets	Mr. Benvenuti Mrs. Pellegrini	benvenutij@pvhs.k12.nj.us pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us

Prom Tickets <i>*Senior Cafe immediately after school</i>	May 20-May 31
Graduation Agreement <i>*must be turned in to walk in ceremony</i>	Due May 30
Commencement Program <i>*must be handed in for Commencement Program. Any accomplishments handed in after this date WILL NOT be included in program</i>	Due May 20
Cap and Gown Pick up <i>*outside Gris gym after school.</i>	June 10- June 12
Grey GradImages Postcard <i>*return to the Student Activities Office</i>	Due June 1



STUDENT INFORMATION

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Mx. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: (.com) _____

Email: (.edu) _____

Mobile: _____ School Name: _____

PARENT /FAMILY INFORMATION

Your parents/family want to see your photos and celebrate your achievement!

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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