



Ellington High School

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May 20, 2022

Dear EHS Senior Parents/Guardians:

June is closing in, and we are all looking forward to our program of EHS Senior Events: Class Day, Class Night, academic awards, the Senior scholarship program, and our graduation ceremony. This year, our graduation ceremony is scheduled to take place on **Friday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.** on the **Ellington High School Athletic Field**.

High school graduation is a time to celebrate student accomplishments. As a community of learners, we are all proud of our Seniors' accomplishments. It is our intention that--by putting some safety protocols in place--everyone will be able to enjoy and celebrate a safe graduation season. As one of these safety measures, please encourage your graduate to attend the **Safe Graduation** party. The likelihood of youth engaging in negative, risky behavior increases when there is a lack of supervision. Unsupervised graduation parties are never a good choice. On graduation night, please ask where your students are going, with whom they will be, and what they will be doing. Many teens are able to make responsible decisions for themselves, and they often get annoyed at parents wanting to monitor their behavior; please persevere in spite of this temporary annoyance. The combination of more independence, peer pressures to "party", and fears about what the future holds can make graduating students vulnerable. Again, please encourage your teen to celebrate with friends at the Safe Graduation party and the other Safe Graduation events:

- The **Annual Safe Graduation Auction** will take place on Saturday, May 21st, 2022 (information attached).
- The **Class of 2022 Car Parade** will take place on Thursday, June 9th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (information attached).
- All graduates are invited to attend and share in a full night of fun, camaraderie, and celebration at the **All Night "Safe Graduation" Party** after our graduation ceremony, beginning at 10:00 pm at **Revolutions in South Windsor, CT**.

The Safe Graduation Committee has worked diligently for an entire year to help ensure a safe night for our students. Please continue to extend this "safety first" theme at any subsequent parties. We would like to thank the Safe Graduation Committee for their dedication and their volunteer time helping to ensure that our students have a memorable and safe graduation night.

The events listed on the following page are the approved activities that conclude the Senior year. No other activities for Seniors are sanctioned by the high school administration.

As always, we all hope for great weather for our celebration. We are looking forward to seeing you on June 10th.

Sincerely,

John R. Guidry, J.D.
Principal

Home of the Knights

Approved Senior activities include the following:

- **Senior Events Prior to June 9th:**

- **Safe Graduation Auction** – Saturday, May 21st, 2022 (information attached).
- **Class Day** – Wednesday, May 25th at **Village at Boulder Ridge** in Barkhamsted, CT. All Seniors attending must arrive at EHS and report to the auditorium by 7:35 a.m. The return times are approximately 1:30 p.m. (for those with approval for an early return) and 5:00 p.m. (for everyone else).
- **Academic Awards Night** – Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Ellington High School Gym. Academic awards for students in grades 11 and 12 will be presented. A letter of invitation will be sent to each award recipient.
- **Class Night** – Thursday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at **LaNotte**, 17 Thompson Road, East Windsor, CT. Dinner is provided, and yearbooks will be distributed to Seniors.
- **Senior Scholarship Ceremony** (for the presentation of Ellington Community Scholarship Association scholarships) – Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the EHS auditorium. A letter of invitation will be sent to each scholarship recipient.

- **Senior Events on Thursday, June 9th:**

- **Distribution of Caps and Gowns** – Thursday, June 9th at 8:30 a.m.

(Please note that Seniors with outstanding debts on school books, equipment, uniforms, instruments, etc. will not receive their cap and gown until all such obligations are fully satisfied.)

- **Senior Walk to Ellington Elementary and Middle Schools** – Thursday, June 9th at 9:30 a.m.
- **Senior Rehearsal Luncheon** (includes signing of the “Class of 2022” Banner plus distribution of “2022 Alumni” t-shirts) – Thursday, June 9th at noon.
- **FIRST Graduation Rehearsal** – Thursday, June 9th at 2:30 p.m.
- **Class of 2022 Car Parade** (sponsored by Safe Grad) – Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. (information attached)

- **Senior Events on Friday, June 10th:**

- **FINAL Graduation Rehearsal** – Friday, June 10th at 9:30 a.m. Graduation tickets will be distributed at the end of this rehearsal.

(Please note that both FIRST and FINAL Graduation rehearsals are MANDATORY for student participation in commencement. Students who do NOT attend BOTH rehearsals will not be allowed to walk at graduation. Students are expected to clear their calendars of any commitment--including work--on these two days.)

- **Graduation Ceremony** - Friday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. on the EHS Athletic Field (with a rain date of June 11th at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Each Senior will receive **six tickets** for seating on the athletic field.
 - Gynn and Barrett is the official photographer for our graduation ceremony. Each graduating Senior will be photographed as they accept their diploma. Information and ordering details will be given directly to each Senior on Friday, June 10th.
- **Safe Graduation Party** – Friday, June 10th, 10:00 p.m. - June 11th, 5:00 a.m. at **Revolutions** in South Windsor, CT.

**ELLINGTON AD HOC SUBSTANCE FREE
GRADUATION PARTY COMMITTEE**

P.O. Box 377
Ellington, CT 06029



Dear E.H.S. Senior Parents/Guardians:

The Safe Grad Committee is in the process of planning its 2022 Safe Graduation Party.

For over twenty years, this team has provided a substance-free, all-night event after Ellington High School's graduation. The party has been a tremendous success in the past with over 90% of the members of the senior class in attendance. Our past successes have been a direct result of the generous support of our community!

We will be celebrating our 3rd; all-night, substance free safe graduation party at Nomad's Revolutions in South Windsor. From 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., the graduates can enjoy free arcade games, bowling, outdoor activities (volleyball, inflatables) food, beverages, and raffle prizes, as well as time with their friends and classmates. This year we are adding a hypnotist to the night's entertainment.

The cost of an event such as this is approximately \$100 per student. Fortunately, we are able to defray some of the costs with business donations and fundraising. **At this time, we are asking each family to contribute a minimum of \$50 per graduate.** These contributions go directly towards making this a spectacular memory for our EHS seniors. Our goal is to have all of the graduating seniors attend!

Please send any monetary contributions for this wonderful event for our seniors to the address found at the top of this letter. If you have any questions regarding the party, please contact the Safe Grad Committee via email at: ellingtonsafegrad@gmail.com

Enclosed is a flyer for the annual **Safe Grad Auction**, to be held at the Rolling Meadows Country Club on May 21, 2022. Please consider attending and pass along to all Ellington High School parents. This event benefits this year's seniors and future graduating classes.

Thank you for your support of the *EHS Senior Class of 2022!!*



**Safe Graduation Event
Friday, June 10, 2022**

Please make checks payable to: Ad Hoc Graduation Fund
Please complete the form below and send it along with your contribution to:
Ad Hoc Graduation Fund
P.O. Box 377
Ellington, CT 06029

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

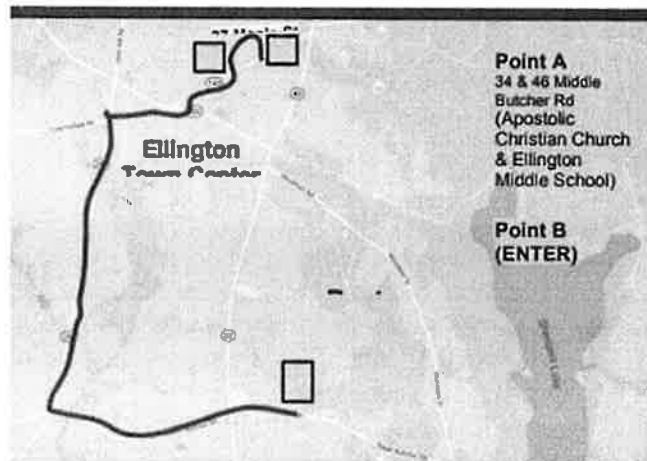
Parental Consent for bus transportation to & from party: _____
Signature of Parent (Required)

Enclosed is a donation of: _____\$50 _____\$75 _____\$100 _____Other

Class of 2022 Car Parade Information & Guidelines
June 9th, 2022 @ 6:30pm (parade begins at 7:00pm)

The Class of 2022 Car Parade will allow graduating seniors the opportunity to share a meaningful (and safe) experience with their classmates, family, and members of the community. Graduates will travel along the parade route (led by fire/ambulance vehicles). Once the parade reaches EHS, cars will loop around the back of the school building to connect with faculty.

PARADE ROUTE



ROUTE DETAILS

Arrival

6:30pm at 34 & 46 Middle Butcher Road (Apostolic Christian Church parking lot. If that fills up, you will be directed to the lower lot of the Ellington Middle School). Vehicles will be guided to a parking space at one of the two buildings by attendants.

Graduates and families must remain in their vehicles at all times.

Departure

Once vehicles have completed the loop around the building, they will depart from the parade via the "Exit Only" exit.

Car Parade Information & Guidelines

- Both graduates and their family members are encouraged to participate!
 - A parent/guardian **MUST** drive the vehicle. This allows the graduate to focus on the parade vs. focusing on the road / driving safely.
- **Decorating your vehicle for the parade is encouraged!**
 - Please ensure that there are no decorations or objects that can fall onto the road, fly off the vehicle, or distract other drivers.
 - Please be courteous in terms of any slogans, etc. Families and children will be at the parade to celebrate your accomplishments; please consider what is appropriate for your audience before you decorate.
- **No one may exit their vehicle at any time during the parade or at EHS**
- All vehicles must remain on the designated route (no shortcuts)
- Graduates must stay in their vehicles while lining up in the parking lots
- Please refrain from honking horns or "blasting" music whenever possible
- Passing other vehicles (or other reckless driving behaviors) is **strictly prohibited**.

Important Reminders

- All personnel operating a vehicle must have a valid DMV issued driver's license.
- No person(s) operating a vehicle may operate any electronic device while driving.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front of you...no accidents, please.