



Ellington High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of EHS Graduating Seniors:

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 9th 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 as parents 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:

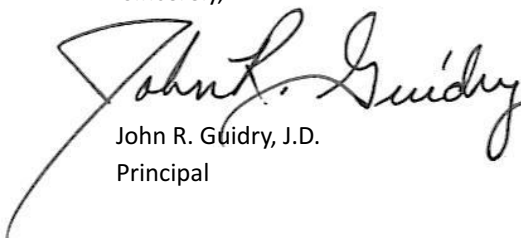
*All graduates are invited to attend and share in a full night of fun, camaraderie, and celebration at the **All Night "Safe Graduation" Party** after our graduation ceremony, beginning at 10:00 p.m. at **Revolutions in South Windsor, CT.***

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 EHS administration.

As always, we all hope for great weather for our graduation celebration. We are looking forward to seeing you on June 9th.

Sincerely,



John R. Guidry, J.D.
Principal

Approved Senior Activities:

- **SENIOR EVENTS PRIOR TO JUNE 8TH:**

- **Class Day** – Wednesday, May 23rd at Village at Boulder Ridge in Barkhamsted, CT. All Seniors attending must arrive at EHS and report to the auditorium by 7:45 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).
- **Class Night** – Wednesday, May 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ellington High School Cafeteria.
- **Last day of regular classes for Seniors** – Thursday, June 1st.
- **Upperclassmen Academic Awards** – Thursday, 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.
- **Senior Final Exams** – Friday, June 2nd, Monday, June 5th, Tuesday, June 6th, and Wednesday, June 7th. Exams will be given in the student's regular classroom at the regular class times.
- **Senior Scholarship Ceremony** (for the presentation of Ellington Community Scholarship Association scholarships) – Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the EHS auditorium. A letter of invitation will be sent to each scholarship recipient.
- **Locker Clean-Out** – Wednesday, June 7th. All lockers assigned to Seniors must be cleaned out by 11:30 a.m.

- **SENIOR EVENTS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH:**

- **Distribution of Caps and Gowns** – Thursday, June 8th 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 8th at 9:30 a.m.
- **Senior Rehearsal Luncheon** – Thursday, June 8th at noon, followed by a general recognition ceremony for all graduating Seniors (includes signing of the "Class of 2023" Banner plus distribution of "2023 Alumni" t-shirts).
- **FIRST Graduation Rehearsal** – Thursday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m.
- **Senior Parade** – Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. (location / route details to be provided).

- **SENIOR EVENTS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH:**

- **FINAL Graduation Rehearsal** – Friday, June 9th 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 9th at 6:00 p.m. on the EHS Athletic Field (with a rain date of June 10th at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Each Senior will receive **six tickets** for seating on the athletic field.
 - Grynn 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 9th.
 - All graduating Seniors must arrive **no later than 4:30 p.m.** at the EHS Auditorium
- **Safe Graduation Party** – Friday, June 9th, 10:00 p.m. - Saturday, June 10th, 5:00 a.m. at Revolutions in South Windsor, CT.