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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024:

We are delighted to inform you that the graduation ceremony for the 2024 graduates is swiftly approaching. As we prepare to celebrate this significant milestone in your child's academic journey, we would like to provide you with important details regarding the upcoming event, as well as other end of year activities. Graduation marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. To that end, we understand the significance of this event and are committed to ensuring that it is a memorable and meaningful experience for all involved.

The commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Each graduate will receive seven (7) tickets which will be distributed at commencement rehearsal on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. If available, extra tickets will be allotted using a lottery system and will be distributed on June 6, 2024 in the SHS main office.

Please assure that your senior has cleared all obligations by Tuesday, May 28. This includes the food services fees, return of books, locks, athletic equipment, uniforms, etc. and payment of any debts or fines. See the appropriate teacher, coach, club sponsor, or Athletic Director to return items belonging to the school. Chromebooks will be collected on Tuesday, May 22 in the Student Union.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our graduating students, and we look forward to celebrating with you on this momentous occasion. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support, and we eagerly anticipate seeing you at the graduation ceremony.

Warm regards,

Dan Krofcheck
Principal

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Assistant Principal

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GRADUATION
INFORMATION FOR THE
CLASS OF 2024



CULTIVATING LIFELONG LEARNERS READY FOR AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

For Students....

Senior Activities

- Monday, May 13: CWCTC Senior Recognition Ceremony
- Friday, May 24: Class Day and Senior Awards Ceremony, 8:00 AM in the auditorium
- Thursday, May 23: Senior Picnic, 10:30 AM at the stadium
- Tuesday, May 28: Commencement ceremony rehearsal, 8:00 AM in the auditorium
- Tuesday, May 28: Last day for senior attendance
- Wednesday, May 29: The Scholars Dinner, 6:30 PM in the SHS cafeteria

Student Obligations

All student obligations will need to be paid to the HS Office by Tuesday, May 28 in order for a student to participate in commencement. This includes the food services fees, return of books, locks, athletic equipment, uniforms, etc. and payment of any debts or fines. See the appropriate teacher, coach, club sponsor, or Athletic Director to return items belonging to the school. Chromebooks will be collected on Tuesday, May 22 in the Student Union.

Class Day

Class Day will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024. Students will arrive at 7:35 AM and will report to the gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 AM. All school rules and regulations will apply to vehicles that are decorated. **Vehicles must be street legal.**

Commencement Rehearsal

Commencement rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, May 28 in the auditorium. Rehearsal will promptly start at 8:00 AM and will last approximately 2 hours. Attendance is required. In the event of an emergency, please contact Mr. Krofcheck at krofcheckd@southmoreland.net.

Commencement Day Arrival

All students will park at the stadium and are to arrive no later than 6:00 PM. Students will be lined up at 6:15 and will prepare for the procession at 6:45.

Appearance and Conduct for Commencement Day

Although this is a celebration, it is a formal event. All participating students will agree to abide by the following rules and regulations:

- All shirts must have a collar
- Long pants or dresses, as well as dress shoes, must be worn
- Bags and purses are not permitted
- No props are allowed
- Refrain from cell phone use during the ceremony

Please keep in mind that student conduct during the commencement ceremony will be respectful and dignified. Each senior and his/her family deserves to celebrate this accomplishment without disruption. Any behavior that causes or threatens to cause a disruption to the ceremony may lead to removal.

Diplomas

Graduates will pick up their diplomas at the conclusion of the ceremony at the first floor commons, outside the main office. Please pick up your diploma directly after the ceremony.

Cap and Gown Guidelines

Caps may be decorated according to these guidelines:

- Caps must abide by school district dress code and student code of conduct.
- Caps cannot contain any advertisements, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches or pictures that refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, violence, or be of a sexual nature or inappropriate for public display.
- Caps cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Caps cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Caps cannot include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Caps cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Caps cannot contain any political messages, slogans, or images.
- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated.
- There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. 3-D creations are not permitted.
- Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony.
- Caps that do not meet these expectations will be confiscated prior to the ceremony. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown.

Other considerations:

- When wearing your gown, it must be closed (zipped) in the front.
- Wear the tassel on the right side during the ceremony.
- Awards/medals are to be worn over the heart.
- Honor students, NHS members, those joining the military are to wear their honor cords around their necks; these cords will be distributed to you prior to graduation.

For Parents/Guardians....

Commencement Ceremony

Tickets are necessary for admission to the auditorium. Each graduate will receive seven (7) tickets. The student union is equipped with a video link to allow extra guests to view the ceremony. The auditorium doors will promptly open at 6:30 PM.

Parking

Parking is first-come, first-served and will be available in the front and rear of the high school, as well as the stadium. Traffic in Alverton is heavy, so please allow for ample time for arrival.

Special Parking

Handicapped parking is available at the high school and is located on the north-side lot near the band/chorus room entrance. You must have a state-issued Handicapped Parking tag to park in this lot. Security personnel will be available with further instructions upon arrival.

Special Seating

Handicapped seating is available in the rear of the bottom section of the auditorium. Security personnel will assist with these accommodations.

Class Day

Class Day will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024 in the SHS auditorium at 8:00 AM. Class day is Southmoreland High School's senior awards ceremony and class celebration. Parents/guardians are welcomed to attend. Please arrive after 7:35 AM and park in the front parking lot. Sign-in at the main office is required.