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To the Parents and Students of the Class of 2017:

It is a pleasure for me to be able to communicate with you at this time of the year as your son/daughter completes the requirements that lead to graduation. On Thursday, June 1st, 2017, Appleton East High School will celebrate the graduation of this year's senior class. This event is the single most important occurrence of every school year and certainly the most significant in the high school career of each graduating senior. This year is the 50th class to graduate from East, making it even more memorable. We feel that participation in the cap and gown ceremony is an important part of commencement. It is an event rich in tradition and great meaning to the District. Every student should see this traditional ceremony as a way of demonstrating pride and responsibility toward themselves, their class, and their community.

In order to ensure that our graduation ceremony is a joyous time for everyone and that proper dignity and significance be given this important event, I have included a graduation ceremony commitment agreement for you and your student to read, sign and return to the Appleton East High School office. This completed form must be returned no later than Friday, May 12th.

In years past, pranks and other disruptive behavior by seniors at the end of the year have caused interruption of classes and expense to the school district. It should be understood that participation in end-of-year pranks or other disruptive behavior at school will seriously jeopardize participation in the graduation ceremony. Please take time to talk to your son/daughter about making good decisions as we close out the school year.

We're hopeful that all students can accept their responsibilities in a mature fashion and participate in the graduation ceremony. However, please note that it is not necessary to take part in the ceremony in order to receive the diploma. Students electing not to participate in the ceremony may pick up their diploma at the high school office on Monday morning, June 8th.

Commencements will be held in the gymnasium at East on Thursday evening, June 1st, starting at 6:30 p.m. It is advisable for graduates to plan to arrive at East at 5:30 p.m. A professional photographer will be present to record each student's reception of his/her diploma. Therefore, we ask that parents, friends and relatives remain seated to avoid congestion in the aisles as students receive their diplomas.

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Enclosed with this letter is a detailed fact sheet explaining the end-of-year activities. Only students meeting all graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. For those students not meeting graduation requirements, parents will be notified. We hope that such calls will not be necessary; however, complete academic requirements must be met and the student must be in good standing before the student can participate or receive his/her diploma.

Finally, I would like to personally congratulate the graduates and parents and express my sincere appreciation on behalf of our faculty for your help in what we believe is an educational partnership. We all want the graduation to be a pleasant and memorable time. With the cooperation of the graduates, parents, and the school, the 2017 commencement ceremony will be an event in which we can all take pride. If you have any questions, please contact me at 832-6212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Mineau', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Mineau
Principal

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April, 2017

To All Parents of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations on making it through these formative years with your son or daughter, and bringing them to this point where decisions and life in general fall predominantly in their hands. Providing a firm foundation for our children is the best gift we can give, and we appreciate all of your fine efforts to this point. The Fox River Valley as a whole is blessed with strong and vibrant youth, many who will become our leaders of the future.

During this time of year, seniors have many wonderful reasons to celebrate – prom, graduation, a new phase in life, etc. It’s the joint responsibility of the Appleton Police Department, the Appleton School District and the community to ensure safe environments exist for these types of celebrations.

In this, the parents have a huge role, as each of you can ensure parties in your homes are similar safe environments. Many of you work tirelessly to create post-prom and post-graduation events to provide a safe environment for students to celebrate, and we heartily endorse these efforts and commend you for your work. We appreciate any help you can give us in ensuring the upcoming events are alcohol and drug-free. We want this wrap up of their senior year to be a joyous time for all of your sons and daughters.

As a final note, please be aware that we take all violations (such as underage drinking and other illegal behaviors) very seriously. And, despite the reason for celebrating, these behaviors carry significant consequences and will be pursued in the court of law. You may wish to discuss these consequences with your son or your daughter to help them in making wise choices during this season of celebration.

Again, our admiration and gratitude go to those parents who are and have routinely taken responsibility to keep their youth safe and provide positive guidance.

Sincerely,

Todd Thomas
Chief of Police
Appleton Police Department
“Excellence in Police Service”

Lee Allinger
Superintendent of Schools
Appleton Area School District
“Excellence in Education”

Class of 2017



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 10—Written graduation speeches due for seniors wishing to try out to be a speaker at the Graduation Ceremony. Please submit to Mrs. Londo in person.

Friday, March 17—Baby and senior pictures due for senior video. Email to nilssonamanda@asds.k12.wi.us. Digital copies only. Senior prom pictures are due Friday, May 12.

Tuesday, March 21—Graduation Speaker tryouts after school. You will receive a tryout time before this date.

Friday, May 5— Great America permission slips due to the main office.

- ★ If you are receiving a scholarship and want to be recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony, please see Ms. Rebman in the Guidance Office by this date.

Saturday, May 6—Senior Prom sponsored by East Parent Association

Friday, May 12—Last Pep Rally. . . Seniors you don't want to miss this!

- ★ Prom pictures due to Ms. Nilsson by midnight. Digital copies only, please, send to nilssonamanda@asds.k12.wi.us
- ★ Signed Graduation Agreements are due in the high school office.
- ★ Video order forms are due to the main office.

Tuesday, May 23—Awards Ceremony, 7:00 PM, in the auditorium

Wednesday, May 24—Senior Trip – Great America

Friday, May 26—Cap & gown and tickets distributed in homeroom to seniors in “good standing” and who have returned their Graduation Agreements. Seniors will receive four tickets unless you have signed up for extra tickets.

NOTE: Graduation Ceremony—If a family member requires special accommodations for seating due to not being able to climb bleachers, you must sign up for special seating by Friday, May 26.

Thursday, June 1 - Graduation Ceremony, 6:30 PM.

8:30 PM: Post-Graduation Party at Riverview Gardens

2017 Appleton East Post-Graduation Party

Sponsored by the East Parents' Association

This special event is for ALL Appleton East Graduating Seniors only! All seniors are welcome and encouraged to participation in this fun FREE event! The Post-Graduation Party will take place at Riverview Gardens; 1101 South Oneida Street (drive through the Condos to locate the parking lot and Riverview Gardens) from 8:30 pm to midnight Thursday, June 1st. All seniors must be there by 10 pm as there is no entry after 10 pm. The Post-Graduation Party is an alcohol and drug free event. The event is a fun-filled night of music and dancing, casino style games, great prize giveaways and other fun activities. The evening will conclude with a hypnotist performance and a grand prize winner! Approximately 100 prizes are given throughout the night. Dinner will be provided by Riverview's Caterer—Stone Cellar. Because there is considerable cost involved in running this event, **we are looking for monetary donations** from parents and businesses. Also if you, a friend, or family member can contribute through a business; please contact us with the business information.

SENIOR PARENTS—we are asking you to make a financial donation to help offset the cost of this event. This is very important to having a safe, fun and successful night. Every little bit helps!! We will not ask for any other donations other than financial donations. Please make your checks payable to Appleton East Post-Grad Party and send it to the office, marking the envelope or check with Post Grad! To be recognized in the East Graduation program as a contributor to this great event, please submit your donations by May 1st. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Locke at (920) 810-2285/rlocke19993@gmail.com.

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Please accept this donation (\$20-\$25 suggested) on behalf of my son/daughter to help defray the cost of food, entertainment, and prizes for the Post-Graduation Party:

Student's name: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

In addition to monetary donations, we are in need of volunteers the night of the event. Please indicate below if you can help on the night of the event:

_____ Blackjack/Poker Dealer/Helper —you will be contacted by Shelly Bartlett 851-1036 shellbell@digiconcepts.com

_____ Chaperones/Door Monitors/Parking Lot Attendants—you will be contacted by Sara Rademaker sjrademaker@hotmail.com

_____ Game Helpers (cash cube/plinko)—you will be contacted by Shelly Bartlett 851-1036 shellbell@digiconcepts.com

****Please make checks payable to: Appleton East Post-Grad Party and THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

GRADUATION INFORMATION

The graduation ceremony for seniors will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 6:30 P.M. in the Appleton East gymnasium. As graduation is traditionally a formal ceremony, there are expectations for this event.

Graduating seniors and their parents will be asked to sign an agreement form, which states the expectations formulated to ensure the formal nature of this ceremony. The ceremony is voluntary. Therefore, those who can comply with the expectations will sign and return the agreement. Students who do not wish to participate can pick up their diplomas in the school office at a later date.

For the ceremony, appropriate apparel for graduating senior men includes: dress slacks (non-denim), dress shoes (not tennis shoes or sandals), socks and dress shirt with a collar under their graduation gowns. Apparel for graduating senior women includes: An appropriate dress or blouse and skirt or slacks (non-denim), and dress shoes or sandals under their gowns. **No flip flops.**

Inappropriate distractions, both verbal and those that include noise makers, balloons, liquid string, beach balls, toys and toilet paper, will not be allowed. Family and friends in attendance are requested to make this a dignified and special event in the lives of our seniors.

Graduating seniors and their parents will soon receive a letter along with the agreement, which will include specific information about tickets, times and dates for events related to graduation, and all other pertinent matters. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mr. Mineau or Mrs. Londo at the high school at 832-6212.

Graduation Cap and Gown

Seniors who plan to participate in the Thursday, June 1st ceremony should have ordered their cap & gown. If you did not order a cap & gown, you must see Mrs. Londo as soon as possible. Gown packages cost \$35 and include a custom-made gown, cap, tassel and stole. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Londo at londodarlene@aaasd.k12.wi.us or call the school office at 832-6212. We encourage you to recycle caps and gowns of older siblings. We can just purchase a new tassel and stole with the current year of graduation. Remember ~ boys wear blue gowns and girls wear red gowns.

Tickets

Each graduating senior will receive four tickets for entrance to the ceremony. If there are extra tickets available, students will be able to sign up for one or two additional ticket. Tickets will be distributed the week before graduation.

Special Seating

Special accommodations are made for families who require floor seating (behind the graduates). If you have a family member who requires special accommodations due to wheelchairs, crutches, EEN, etc., please contact Mrs. Londo at londodarlene@aaasd.k12.wi.us or Ms. Vang at

vanghoua@aasd.k12.wi.us or call the school office 832-6212 by May 26th. We will be happy to assist you. Due to limited seats and the fire code, strollers will not be allowed in the gym.

Announcements

Graduation Announcement package information has already gone home and a representative from Jostens has been here to take orders. ***This is the only time you can purchase announcements.*** If you have placed an order, the announcements will be delivered in early May.

Senior Video Production

Each year, the senior class attends a slide show after graduation rehearsal. It is always a very memorable experience for them as some of our students have known each other since they were born, and it is fun to see their development through the years. It also leaves many students teary-eyed as they realize graduation is the last day everyone will be together. Senior pictures should be emailed to Ms. Nilsson or placed in her mailbox by **Friday, May 12, 2017**. Please include the student or students' name(s) on the back of each picture, as well as the student's homeroom teachers' names so the pictures can be returned. Thank you for your help!

APPLETON EAST HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION PARTY – 2017

SECURITY RULES

- Entrance to the party must be by 10:00 p.m. No graduate will be allowed to enter after that time unless previous arrangements have been made with the Police School Liaison Officer and the Graduation Party Security Committee.
- Students must enter the party through the front entrance of Riverview Gardens, 242 W Seymour Street.
- Student ID's will be checked at the door and verified with their picture in the Lantern. A list of students attending the Graduation Party will be kept by the security personnel.
- Once a graduate has decided to leave the party, NO RE-ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED. Before the graduate makes the decision to leave, a member of the security committee will explain the no re-entry rule to ensure that there is no misunderstanding of the rule. No list of departure times is being kept by the security personnel.
- No graduate will be allowed outside the building unless accompanied by a security committee member or the police liaison officer.
- All school rules are in effect. This is a substance free party, and no smoking will be allowed inside or outside the building. If a graduate leaves the building to smoke, the no re-entry rule enforced.

APPLETON EAST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY AGREEMENT - 2017

Because graduation is a very special event in the lives of our seniors, we believe that the occasion should reflect decorum that is appropriate for such a ceremony. Please read the following guidelines very carefully.

I. The ceremony is voluntary. Students not wishing to participate may pick up diplomas in the school office on Monday, June 5th. Students who have met all graduation requirements and are in good standing with the school may participate in the ceremony.

II. Graduation is a formal ceremony. Respect and dignity for all speakers and activities is expected of all participants in the ceremony.

III. The Graduation ceremony is a ticketed event. Each graduate will receive 4 (four) tickets at no cost. If families need additional tickets, students will sign up for the number needed in the Business Office at no additional cost. The sign-up sheet will be available until May 26, 2017.

III. The dress code for the ceremony is:

A. Men: Wear dress slacks (non-denim), dress shoes (not tennis shoes or sandals), socks, a dress shirt with a collar under the graduation gown.

B. Women: Wear an appropriate dress, blouse and skirt, or dress slacks (non-denim), dress shoes (or dress sandals ~ no flip flops), under their gowns.

IV. No noise makers, balloons, liquid string, beach balls, toys, toilet paper, or any other inappropriate distraction will be allowed. Noncompliance will be a cause for removal from the ceremony.

If you wish to participate in the ceremony, both the graduate and a parent/guardian must sign this agreement before being allowed to take part in this year's graduation rehearsal or ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony Agreement

We (student and parent/guardian) understand the intent and provision of this agreement and wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. We understand that this signed agreement must be returned to the high school office by Friday, May 12th, at 3:15 or the graduate will not be participating in the rehearsal or ceremony.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please print last name then first)

I, _____ have read & will honor this agreement.
(Student's signature)

I/We _____ have read & understand this agreement.
(Signature of parent/guardian)

This agreement must be signed and returned before the student is allowed to take part in this year's graduation rehearsal or ceremony.



SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Seniors,

Registration for the Senior Class Trip will open *Monday, April 24th - Friday, May 5th*. Permission slips can be found on the East website or in the Business Office. We will **NOT** accept any permission slips after 3:15pm on Friday, May 5th.

Any students with outstanding (From the start of Semester 2):

- DETENTIONS
- F'S ON REPORT CARD
- CODE VIOLATIONS

Will not be allowed on the trip. Any forms turned in with any of the above standing, will not be refunded. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Mineau or Mr. Slowinski.



SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Rain or Shine

Coach buses leave from the front of school at 7am sharp and return to East around 10:15pm.

The \$55 cost includes:

- Transportation to and from the park in Gurnee, IL.
- Picnic lunch, which will be served from 1-2pm in the picnic grove and includes fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, chips, frozen juice bars and soda.
- Entrance to the park - Hurricane Harbor Water Park is NOT open.
- For students with a season pass to Six Flags, the bus and lunch cost is \$30

Registration dates for this trip are April 24 - May 5, 2017.

A permission slip is attached and will be included with your senior mailing. Last minute changes cannot be accommodated, so take care of all detentions, fines, homework, etc. before May 7!

Things to remember:

- Students ride down and back on the same bus. Students are not to be moving around when the bus is in motion.
- Snacks and drinks may be brought on the bus for the ride down and back.
- Food and drink may not be brought into Six Flags except for sealed water bottles.
- It is advisable NOT to bring purses, bags or backpacks into the park as you will have to put them in a locker, which are available throughout the park-for a fee. Closed (button or zipped) pockets are a good idea. Have your student ID at all times.
- Please wear appropriate, comfortable shoes that do not fall off on the rides.
- Dinner is not included. Bring a bag lunch or extra money for treats and dinner. The bus will stop at a fast food restaurant on the way home.
- **All school rules will apply.**
- If you have an emergency at the park, contact park security, or your chaperone's cell phone, which will be given to you on the bus.
- Tickets for the park will be given out as you get off the bus at Six Flags.
- **REMEMBER WHERE YOUR BUS IS PARKED SO YOU CAN FIND IT AT 6:30pm.**

We would like all seniors to have the opportunity to attend this class trip. Please contact Mr. Mineau if the cost presents a financial difficulty for you. Also, if you are able to help the students who cannot afford to attend, there is a donation line on the permission slip.

This is a school sanctioned trip organized by the East Parents Association. It is financially sponsored by the East Parents Association, the Patriot Athletic Club and Appleton East High School. **THANK YOU** to these groups for making this trip possible!

Please contact Lisa Hare at lisahare88@gmail.com or 920-284-4639 if you have questions or are interested in chaperoning.