



May 17, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Seniors are poised to finish their final year at Norwich Free Academy (NFA). We look forward with great excitement and pride to many fun and exciting senior events. The final weeks of the 2018-19 school year for the Class of 2019 are filled with special activities that often take on a bittersweet tone as seniors begin the process of completing their four-year NFA experience and leaving old friends and familiar places for new opportunities. Please take a few moments to discuss the information below with your senior.

Senior Activities

The following are upcoming senior activities:

May 24	Senior Class Trip	Holiday Hill, Cheshire
May 31-June 5	Senior Final Exams	
June 7	Senior Prom	Mashantucket Pequot Museum
June 7-8	Senior Post Prom Party	Groton Sub Base
June 10	Senior Class Brunch	NFA Cafeteria
	Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)	Shattuck House/Turf Field
June 11	Class Night	Alumni Gymnasium
June 12	Graduation	NFA Turf Field

These fast-approaching activities are wonderful for students. We want this time to be safe and joyous for them. I respectfully request that you encourage your senior to enjoy and attend all upcoming senior activities. We want our seniors to savor this special time with their friends.

We ask that you remind your son or daughter that these are NFA activities, and NFA's lofty behavioral and social expectations apply and will be enforced. We all want the end of your child's NFA experience to be positive, fun, safe, and personally fulfilling. To avoid any unpleasant and/or disappointing situations, I request that you remind your child to continue to make good choices and exercise prudent judgment at all times for the remaining days of this school year. As always, there is no tolerance for any substance use before or during these activities. School events are very closely supervised. Students found to be in violation of school policy, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, will be subject to the disciplinary consequences published in the *Pilot*. Violators will also forfeit privileges to participate in any remaining school-sponsored activities, including graduation exercises.

If you have any questions about senior events/activities, visit My NFA > Parents at www.nfaschool.org and click on "[2019 Graduation Info](#)," or contact Laura Howe at 860-425-5511, or howel@nfaschool.org.

Graduation Exercises – Expected Decorum

We respectfully request that you remind your senior that the NFA Graduation Ceremony is the most important, formal, and public event on the school calendar. As such, we expect proper decorum and sophistication in the long-standing NFA tradition. Beach balls, silly string, noisemakers, electronic devices, and other items that disrupt the ceremony are inappropriate and disrespectful to attending speakers, family, friends, and guests. We are extremely concerned about safety on and off the field. Any student causing a disturbance on the field during the ceremony will be removed. Kindly remind your senior about the beauty of the ceremony, the prestige of an NFA diploma, and each student's responsibility to make NFA's 2019 Graduation Ceremony a success.

Dress Code

Graduates are required to dress appropriately for the graduation ceremony in appropriate business attire: dress pants, dresses, or skirts, collared dress shirts, ties, dress shoes and socks, or flat soled-dress shoes. Graduates are not permitted to wear t-shirts, jeans, shorts, long dresses or skirts, flip-flops, sneakers, spiked heels, or platform shoes. Please remind your senior that the ramps to the dais can be tricky to navigate, and students should wear shoes that properly accommodate both the ramps and the synthetic field surface. We wish to avoid an unsafe and potentially embarrassing moment for a graduate.

Handicapped Parking/Seating

Families requiring handicapped parking access or special seating or accommodations should contact Sharon Malouf at 860-425-5591, or maloufs@nfaschool.org. The Campus Safety Department will do all that it can to accommodate the needs of our guests.

Schedule Reminders

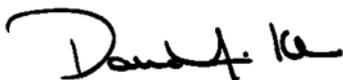
Senior Class Brunch: Monday, June 18, 11:30 a.m., NFA Cafeteria
Mandatory Rehearsal: Monday, June 18—Students report to the Shattuck Building no later than 1 p.m.
Graduation Day: Thursday, June 21—Students report to their assigned room in the Shattuck Building no later than 3 p.m. Please get an early start as traffic becomes quite congested before 3 p.m. on Graduation Day.

We respectfully request that students be punctual. Events will begin promptly as planned. Late arrival may jeopardize participation.

As they enjoy the last days as students on the Norwich Free Academy campus, we join with you in wishing all of our seniors much future success and happiness. If you have questions about the graduation ceremony, please contact Nancee Martin at 860-425-5761 or martinn@nfaschool.org. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

I look forward to awarding the members of the Class of 2018 their NFA diplomas, Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Sincerely,



David J. Klein
Superintendent/Head of School

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