

# Downingtown High School West Campus

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Home of the Whippets

April 28, 2023

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

On behalf of the entire West faculty and staff, I extend my sincere congratulations to you upon your child's upcoming graduation. Commencement is an event that will be remembered for a lifetime by students and family members alike. The District currently has plans for an outdoor Commencement Ceremony. As you look forward to graduation day, please be sure you have ordered your student's cap and gown, your student has cleared all of their obligations and review the list of upcoming activities listed below.

- ❖ Friday, May 12 at 1:50 p.m. - **Karen Mapes Whippet Pride Awards** - Auditorium
- ❖ Tuesday, May 23 at 8:40 a.m. - **Senior Department Excellence Awards Assembly** - Auditorium
- ❖ Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. - **Senior Scholarship Awards Ceremony** - Auditorium
- ❖ Monday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal at DHS West Campus – arrive at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal at DHS West Campus – arrive at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, June 7 at **6:00 p.m.** - **Commencement for DHS West, Class of 2023**  
Seniors report at 4:45 p.m. to their homerooms in their cap and gowns.

Please know that every effort will be made to hold graduation outside in Kottmeyer Stadium. However, due to the construction, we are unable to hold our graduation ceremony indoors in the West Campus Wagner Gymnasium and will need to make alternate arrangements in the event of inclement weather on the evening of June 7th. If rain is forecasted, we will make a decision by 1:00 p.m. as to whether we will proceed with or postpone the ceremony. Our first option will be to postpone graduation and plan to hold the ceremony outside on June 8th at 2:00 p.m. in Kottmeyer Stadium. If we are rained out a second time, we will then move to June 9th and either hold the ceremony outside at Kottmeyer Stadium or move to an indoor ceremony on Downingtown East Campus in the Boyer Gymnasium. If we are indoors at Downingtown East's Boyer Gymnasium, only the 2 tickets will be provided for families. **Regardless of weather, the Commencement will be live streamed for those who want to watch the ceremony from the comfort of their homes.**

<p>CLEAR WEATHER: June 7th at 6:00 p.m. – Kottmeyer Stadium</p> <p><b><i>All 10 tickets may be used for Outdoor Commencement (8 Yellow &amp; 2 Blue)</i></b></p>	<p>INCLEMENT WEATHER: June 8th at 2:00 p.m. - Kottmeyer Stadium, if raining again, then... June 9th at 2:00 p.m. - Inside @ Downingtown East Campus <b>OR</b> Outside @ Downingtown West Campus</p> <p><b><i>Only 2 Tickets may be used for Indoor Commencement held in Downingtown East's Boyer Gym (2 Blue Tickets)</i></b> <b><i>See statement above</i></b></p>
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**Tickets will be required for the outdoor commencement ceremony.** Each student will receive ten (10) tickets for the Outdoor Commencement program. Please be sure to secure these tickets from your son/daughter, as seating for the ceremony will be limited.

For families requiring accessible seating, please click on the [link](#) to request seating and parking. Students must return this form to the Main Office no later than May 26<sup>th</sup>. Instructions will be given during rehearsal about when to pick up these tickets, usually one day prior to graduation day.

**Any senior who has not met all of the graduation requirements will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremonies.** All obligations must be cleared for any senior to participate in graduation. Non-graduating seniors will be notified no later than Friday, June 2nd.

Please accept our heart-felt congratulations and best wishes as your child enters the next phase of his or her academic career.

Sincerely,



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