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# LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Manhasset School Community,

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 on reaching this extraordinary milestone. The entire Manhasset community celebrates you, not only for your academic, artistic, and athletic achievements, but for the character, compassion, and leadership you have demonstrated throughout your time here. As you embark on your next chapter, I wish you continued happiness and success. Wherever your path may lead, please know that Manhasset will always be your home.



As I conclude my tenure as your superintendent, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Manhasset school community. Serving this community over the past six years has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my professional life. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated accomplishments, and remained firmly rooted in our shared commitment to students.

It has been an honor to work alongside our talented teachers, administrators, and dedicated support staff. Your passion for education and unwavering devotion to our students are truly inspiring. I am also profoundly grateful to our parents and community organizations, whose generosity, partnership, and steadfast commitment to our schools have helped create the strong foundation upon which Manhasset thrives.

Next week, Dr. Chris Pellettieri will begin his tenure as superintendent. I am confident that he will quickly come to appreciate just how special Manhasset is. I also know that the district is in excellent hands under his leadership.

Thank you again for making Manhasset such an important part of my journey. Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and know that Manhasset will always hold a special place in my heart.

With gratitude,

Dr. Gaurav Passi  
Superintendent of Schools



# CLASS OF 2025 TURN THEIR TASSELS



Congratulations to our Manhasset High School Class of 2025 graduates who turned their tassels and took giant strides towards the future on June 27.



Starting with the traditional three rings of the bell to the final cap toss, it was an incredible night filled with pride, smiles, excitement, friendship and love that has been emblematic of this outstanding class.



We will miss our Class of 2025 students immensely and look forward to watching as you each write the next chapter of your life journey and become the next generation of leaders, innovators and game-changers.



Your 'Set family wishes you all the best!

[Click here](#) to view additional photos on our Facebook page.

# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2025

"The Class of 2025 has been defined by heart — holding on to tradition, lifting each other up and turning uncertainty into unforgettable memories."

– Declan Gahan, Class President



"You'll never be who you were yesterday, and you've yet to become who you'll be tomorrow — so take time to appreciate who you are today."

– Grace Punzelon, Salutatorian



"This country has become so polarized that we have forgotten the crucial fact that people are complex — they have stories, experiences, contradictions and most importantly, the capacity to grow. But growth can't be forced. Change must be chosen, and it often starts with listening rather than arguing."

– Julie Chen, Valedictorian



"You've filled our hallways with laughter, our classrooms with creativity and our hearts with pride."

– Dr. Richard Roder, Principal



"I encourage you to hold on to the deeper truth. Real excellence isn't just about playing all the right notes — it's about how you respond when one of the strings breaks. It's not just what you achieve, but how you adapt, persist and create meaning with what you have."

– Dr. Gaurav Passi, Superintendent of Schools



*The entire commencement ceremony is available for viewing on the district YouTube channel by [clicking here](#).*



# MANHASSET STUDENTS MOVE UP

## *Kindergarten Promotional Ceremony*



On June 13, our smart, kind and brave kindergartners at Shelter Rock and Munsey Park officially became first graders as they walked across the stage in front of family, teachers and administrators at their Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to our Manhasset High School Class of 2037!





# MANHASSET STUDENTS MOVE UP

## *6th Grade Promotional Ceremony*



On June 20, the community gathered at Shelter Rock and Munsey Park to celebrate our sensational sixth graders at their annual Promotional Ceremony. Our Class of 2031 scholars have accomplished so much and we are excited to see what's next as they bring their enthusiasm, talent and appetite for learning to middle school next year.



Click the links below to view the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Digital Yearbooks.



Shelter Rock



Munsey Park



# THE FROLIC SETS SAIL FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

For over 85 years, the Frolic tradition has given Manhasset graduates a festive, fun and safe way to celebrate following their commencement ceremony.

Each year, parents and community members spend months designing, planning and executing the party, with the theme remaining a closely guarded secret until the night of the event.

For Frolic 2025, the committee transformed the high school gymnasium into a coastal wonderland, setting sail into summer with an unforgettable experience that captured the spirit of the sea — complete with crashing waves, starry skies and a tide of timeless memories.







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