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Dear STEM Academy Families of the Class of 2026,

On behalf of the STEM Academy staff, I extend my sincerest congratulations on your child's upcoming graduation. High School graduation is one of the most important events that families will experience, and as we approach the end of the school year, please note the following list of very important dates and information.

1. **Obligations:** All obligations, including all IB fees, outdated tech fees, lunch balances, etc., must be paid in full in order to purchase a senior prom ticket and to receive Commencement ceremony tickets. Any outstanding fees will be listed as an obligation for your student. Questions regarding obligations should be emailed to Ms. Meghan Schell, mschell@dasd.org.
2. **Senior Awards:** There will be two separate awards ceremonies held this year, and both events will be by invitation only. **Invitations will be sent out in May. The dates are as follows:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9:00 am.
3. **Senior Classwork:** All senior classwork is due by Friday, May 22, 2026 at 3:00 pm.
4. **Final Exams:** Seniors who complete all IB exams for a course are not required to take a final exam for that course.
5. All members of the senior class will attend a **LinkedIn** presentation on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 8:00 am in the auditorium.
6. **Senior Laptop Collection:** Immediately following the LinkedIn presentation, laptop collection will take place in the StuCo on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. A make-up session will be provided on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
7. Mandatory Graduation Rehearsals: Graduation rehearsals will take place on the following dates:
 - a. **Friday, May 29, 2026 at 8:00 am:** Report to the STEM Gym for cap and gown and then report to the Auditorium.
 - b. **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 9:00 am:** Report directly to the STEM Auditorium.
8. **STEM Academy Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony:** This event will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm outside at Kottmeyer Stadium.
9. Seniors not eligible for Commencement will be notified no later than Thursday, May 28, 2026.
10. Tickets will be required for the Commencement Ceremony. Each student will receive **ten (10) tickets for the outdoor ceremony**. In the event of **inclement weather** and we must move indoors, each student will also be given **four (4) tickets for use in the Wagner Gym**, and **four (4) video tickets for use in the West Auditorium**. The Commencement ceremony will also be available through a livestream link posted to our website.

Sincerely,

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