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To the Parent/Guardian and Students of the Class of 2026,

On behalf of the faculty and administration, we wish to extend our congratulations to you for the effort, dedication, and encouragement that you have shown throughout these years of formal education. The concluding events of this most important time are about to begin. Graduation from high school is the only event that is celebrated with life-long friends, in view of the entire community, and in the presence of family, teachers, counselors, and administrators.

Your cooperation and attention are necessary to ensure a memorable and dignified graduation ceremony for you and your families. Please remember that participation in graduation is a privilege, not a right. A list of graduation expectations, guidelines, and information is included for your review and will be helpful as you begin to plan arrangements.

It is with respect for the graduating class and their families that participants will demonstrate proper decorum to ensure a memorable, dignified, and prestigious ceremony. (Graduation caps may be personalized but need to be appropriate).

Final examinations are scheduled for **May 15th and May 18th**. A doctor's note is necessary for any missed exam. Seniors who have met all of the Pennsylvania and Pleasant Valley School District graduation requirements will be practicing for graduation on **May 26th, May 27th, and May 28th from 8:00am to completion**. An additional practice will be added on **May 29th at 8:00 am** if needed. All obligations including fines, books, Edgenuity credit recovery class payments, etc., must be satisfied by **Thursday, May 21st** before a student is given the privilege to participate. On **May 20th and May 21st**, all seniors will be handing in their Chromebooks, chargers, and Chromebook cases at school as well. Chromebooks must be fully charged upon return.

It is important to remember that student attendance is mandatory for all seniors at all graduation practices including graduation walk. Students must be on time for all practices which begin at 8:00 A.M. and will go through metal detectors. If any extenuating medical or emergency circumstances arise that prevent your presence, please contact me.

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, May 29th, 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the stadium adjacent to the high school. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026 at 10:00 am**. Each student will be given **six (6)** tickets for bleacher seating. Admission by ticket only from 6:15 to 6:45 PM. Tickets will be distributed at the last graduation practice. If you need seating in the handicapped area, please contact Ms. Wertman at wertman.jennifer@pvbears.org for arrangements. Those seated in this area are included in the six allotted tickets. Please do NOT bring lawn chairs.

Additionally, we ask for your cooperation in supporting the attendance and discipline policies. Continued regular daily attendance throughout the remaining school days is a legal obligation. **Student "cut" or "skip" days are not approved by the school district.** Full policy procedures will be enforced and any truancy or discipline infraction during school, or at activities, may also jeopardize a student's privilege to participate in the graduation ceremony.

We intend to have a first-class ceremony for which we can all be "Pleasant Valley Proud." Hopefully, this information has provided you with the details necessary for your final graduation preparations. Please do not

hesitate to contact our offices, if you have any circumstances or concerns with which we can assist you in making this time in your lives most pleasant and memorable.

We look forward to seeing you at Graduation.

Sincerely,



Brian Boylan, Principal

Pleasant Valley High School Graduation Procedures and Information

The following is a list of graduate expectations, procedures, and information in regard to all activities associated with graduation.

- Students who misbehave during Graduation Practice or during the Graduation Ceremony will not be allowed to participate and will be removed from the practice and/or the ceremony and diplomas will be withheld.
- The possession or use of disruptive devices including, but not limited to beach balls, horns, silly string, other inflatables, etc., will result in removal from the ceremony and offenders will be charged with Disorderly Conduct.
- No student will be allowed to participate in Graduation Practice or the Graduation Ceremony until all financial obligations are met.
- As students line up for the ceremony, students may be asked to walk through metal detectors and asked to open their graduation gowns to inspect for any inappropriate devices that could disrupt or interrupt the ceremony.
- Any students with an inappropriate device or who demonstrate inappropriate behavior during practice, pre-ceremony, and graduation will be immediately removed from the ceremony. There will be no appeal to be reinstated.

General Information

1. Please do not send flowers to the school. Students will receive flowers in the new gym prior to graduation.
2. Balloons, air horns, noise makers, etc., and other devices that could disrupt the graduation ceremony are not allowed in the stadium or gymnasium.
3. An area has been set aside for pictures as diplomas are received. Kindly step away immediately after taking pictures to make room for the next parent. A professional photographer will also take pictures and contact you for purchase.

4. If special handicapped seating is needed, please contact Ms. Wertman at wertman.jennifer@pvbears.org by **Wednesday, May 20th**.
5. Arrival for graduates on **Friday, May 29th, is at 5:30 p.m.** in the New Gym. Arrival for parents, families, and guests should be at **6:15 p.m. Admission by ticket only until 6:45 PM.** Students will go through metal detectors.
6. Attire for graduation service is expected to be dress pants, light-colored shirt with collar, dress shoes for young men and light-colored dresses, and light-colored dress shoes or sandals. (**No flip-flops, sneakers, work boots**)
7. Graduation cords and stoles must be affiliated with and approved by Pleasant Valley School District.
8. Seniors participating in graduation practice and the ceremony must comply with all guidelines and school policies or risk being removed from the ceremony.
9. The graduates request that at the conclusion of the ceremony, families wait until the graduates have formed the traditional Long Blue Line before they greet the graduates on the field. An announcement will be made at the conclusion of the ceremony.
10. On **Wednesday, May 27th**, the senior class will be visiting each building in the district. We will be leaving the high school promptly at **8:00 am**. Graduation practice will continue when we return to the high school.
11. The Senior Class luncheon will be held after practice on **Thursday, May 28th** in the stadium or new gym.

Pre-ceremony procedures:

1. Students report to the new gym at **5:30 pm on Friday, May 29th**.
2. Students will be asked to walk through metal detectors upon their arrival to the New Gym.
3. Faculty will pin carnations on candidates upon arrival.
4. Students will remain in the new gym until line-up for the ceremony.
5. Families and friends will not be permitted to enter the new gym.
6. Students will be asked by faculty and staff to open their gowns to inspect for any inappropriate devices that could disrupt the ceremony as they line up.
7. Any students with an inappropriate device or who demonstrate inappropriate behavior will be immediately removed from the ceremony. There will be no appeal to be reinstated.