

May 1, 2009

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The graduation commencement ceremony for the Class of 2009 is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6th, in the Lake Zurich High School Field House. Students need to be at the high school by 1:00 p.m. Guests may begin arriving at 1:00 p.m., and must have a ticket for admission to the ceremony. Seating is non-reserved. The Field House is handicapped accessible. If special arrangements are needed for a handicapped or disabled person, please call Mrs. Greenhalgh at 847-540-4102 in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Due to the limited seating, we can only allow one person to accompany the handicapped or disabled individual. It is vital that we know in advance if special arrangements will be needed.

To ease parking congestion, parents are asked to drop off their seniors at school, rather than having students drive themselves to the ceremony. Parking is available in all lots at the high school, the old May Whitney parking lot, and the new May Whitney parking lot (formerly Middle School North/Annex).

The graduation ceremony should reflect the importance and dignity of the occasion. It is expected that the seniors, as they have done all school year, will conduct themselves in a mature and appropriate manner that reflects the quality of students in the Class of 2009 and the significance of graduating from high school. **Graduates must wear the proper attire to participate in the ceremony.** Males are required to wear a dress shirt and tie, long dress pants (no jeans), socks, and dress shoes. Female students are required to wear a dress or skirt and blouse with appropriate dress shoes. No gym shoes, casual sandals, or sunglasses will be permitted. The Field House is air conditioned, so the outside temperature will not be a factor.

Professional photographers will be taking individual pictures of each graduate as they receive their diplomas. Proofs will be available online at [www.vipis.com](http://www.vipis.com) and you will have the opportunity to purchase the pictures. You will also be able to purchase a DVD of this year's ceremony. An order form is attached for your convenience. All guests are asked to remain in their seats during the entire ceremony and not move up near the stage or stand to take pictures.

Prior to graduation, the annual Senior Class Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 5th, in the Main Gym starting at 9:00 a.m. If they have not already done so, students may also pick up or purchase their cap and gown at this time. Immediately following the breakfast, students will attend the required graduation rehearsal in the Field House. The rehearsal will last approximately two hours. If you work, please make other arrangements with your employer.

**Students must attend the entire rehearsal in order to participate in the ceremony.**

Graduation tickets will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal. Each senior will receive four (4) guest tickets for Field House seating. No extra tickets will be available for seating in the Field House. Students may put their names on a list located in the Main Office to request extra tickets for seating in the Performing Arts Center to view a live transmission of the ceremony. One (1) ticket will be guaranteed, the other tickets will depend on availability. These tickets will also be distributed at rehearsal. Families desiring additional tickets are asked to network with other families.

The Class of 2009 has been outstanding. As a group, they have demonstrated positive leadership, have achieved success in a number of academic and extra-curricular endeavors, and have represented themselves and Lake Zurich High School in a positive manner. I have no doubt that the Class of 2009 will continue this same quality of behavior until the conclusion of their time at Lake Zurich High School.

During the time leading up to graduation, I want to ask the seniors to complete their high school experience in a way that truly represents the many positive contributions that they have made during the past four years. I know this year's seniors will continue to provide positive leadership to ensure that the end of the school year is a time of appropriate celebrations. The legacy of the Class of 2009 should be one that reflects the quality of the students. While I am confident that the Class of 2009 will finish high school in positive manner, I do need to remind students and parents that anyone participating in any type of pranks will receive school consequences, which may include exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate each senior on the accomplishment of graduating from LZHS. I am looking forward to the upcoming events that are part of the senior year experience, and sharing with you the excitement of graduating from high school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kimberly Kolze  
Principal  
Lake Zurich High School