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April 4, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Prospective Graduate:

We are looking forward to the evening of Friday, June 9th, when we will hold the graduation ceremony for the **Class of 2017**. This is a moment of pride and dignity for our entire community.

To provide a setting in which every graduate will have an opportunity to have his or her name heard by everyone when receiving his or her diploma, we will ask the **audience to limit its recognition of the students to polite applause until after all of the graduates have received their diplomas**. Please ask your relatives and friends who will be attending graduation to comply with this request.

We expect our graduates to behave respectfully and dress appropriately for the ceremony. Appropriate dress includes:

- **Males: shirt with a collar and neck tie, slacks, dark socks, and dress shoes**
- **Females: dress, blouse and skirt, or Capri pants (shorter than the graduation gown and light in color so as not to show through the gown), and dress shoes or dress sandals**

Jeans, shorts, flip flops, sneakers, headbands, and immodest displays of jewelry are not acceptable attire for this significant and dignified ceremony. Students who are not appropriately dressed will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Please remember that to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must: (1) meet all academic requirements for the diploma; (2) settle all outstanding financial and other obligations; and (3) **attend graduation rehearsal (scheduled for June 7th, at 3:00 PM)**. Additionally, we expect all seniors' positive behavior to continue through the end of the school year. Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior during the final days of the term may be excluded from the graduation ceremony. Students who behave inappropriately during the graduation ceremony may be escorted off of the field by security personnel and will not receive their diplomas following the ceremony.

Weather permitting, graduation will be on Indian Field, at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 9th. For the **Indian Field ceremony, each graduate will be given seven (7) tickets that are required for grandstand seating**. Those without tickets may view the ceremony from other designated areas in the Stadium.

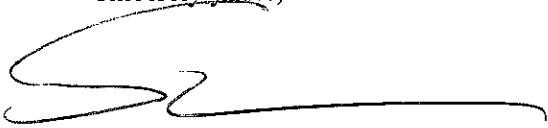
If we have inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved into the Gymnasium. Each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for an indoor ceremony and only the individuals holding those tickets will be admitted into the ceremony. Others will be permitted to watch a simulcast in classrooms throughout the high school. On the day of graduation, please check the District website (soudertonsd.org) and/or Channel 28 (Comcast) or Channel 46 (Verizon) for updated information.

If the ceremony is held outside, those wanting an air-conditioned environment are encouraged to watch a live broadcast of graduation in the air conditioned Auditorium in comfortable seats.

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Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. Students not participating in the ceremony may pick up their diplomas at the high school Guidance Office beginning on Monday, June 12th.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Varano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Principal

Enclosure: End of Year Timeline

As a courtesy to family and friends, bouquets of flowers will be available for purchase on-site at Souderton Area High School the night of graduation. Cash and credit are accepted and prices range from \$15 - \$25. If you wish, you can also pre-order a bouquet and pick it up at the flower table before the ceremony. To do so, please visit:
<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/soudertonhs/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR SENIORS



April 2017

Dear Seniors,

The end of your senior year is a very special and exciting time. Along with the emotions that accompany this life milestone come opportunities and responsibilities to participate in end-of-the-year events. Please mark your calendars with these senior events, deadlines, and responsibilities so that you may fully participate in and enjoy the last few weeks at Souderton Area High School.

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DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING
From Now to Check-Out	Collection of senior class dues (\$30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay to Mrs. Cole in the 2nd Floor Student Services Office in cash or a check made payable to Souderton Area High School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If not paid, this becomes an obligation which will need to be paid before you can get your cap and gown. ▪ Please note: your class dues pay for various graduation materials, and because of your class dues, you <i>may</i> keep your cap and gown.
May 24	Scholars' Banquet (6:00 PM)
June 2	Senior Prom (6:00 - 10:00 PM) – Presidential Caterers
June 6	Senior Awards (6:30 PM)
June 6	Check-out/Cap and Gown Pick-up for seniors whose last names start with the letters <i>A through M</i> (1:00 – 3:00 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL OF YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS MUST HAVE BEEN MET. ALL OF YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING CLASS DUES, MUST BE SETTLED. YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANY OUTSTANDING DISCIPLINARY OBLIGATIONS. • Find your seating assignment. Seven (7) grandstand tickets and four (4) Gymnasium tickets will be distributed at check-out.
June 7 – 8	Final Exams

<p>June 7</p>	<p>Check-out/Cap and Gown Pick-up for seniors whose last names start with the letters <i>N through Z</i> (12:30 – 2:30 PM)</p> <p>MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE - Be in your assigned space in the Cafeteria at or before 3:00 PM. The practice will last until approximately 4:00 PM. PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY (including work). <i>Students absent from the practice will be denied participation in the Graduation Ceremony.</i></p>
<p>June 7</p>	<p>SENIOR BASH! (4:00 – 5:00 PM): Come out to celebrate the culmination of your high school career while enjoying free food, games, and a DJ!</p>
<p>June 9</p>	<p>GRADUATION</p> <p>Graduates report to the Cafeteria no later than 5:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only graduates will be permitted into the Cafeteria. • The ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM. • Diploma inserts are picked up in the Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. Only graduates will be permitted in the Cafeteria following the ceremony. <p>There will be special HANDICAPPED SEATING. Please let Mrs. Cole in the 2nd Floor Student Services Office know by June 2nd, if you need to reserve handicapped seating for anyone in your family. To park in handicapped parking, you will need a handicapped parking tag issued by the state.</p>



Have Fun, Be Safe. Have Fun, Be Safe. Have Fun, Be Safe. Have Fun, Be Safe. Have Fun, Be Safe.