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## South Park School District

March 13, 2023

Dear Class of 2023 Students, Parents/Guardians:

We commend this year's graduating class and their families for a fantastic school year. You will soon complete your secondary education, and the following information should be helpful in planning the remaining weeks of school. Receiving this informational letter does not confirm your graduation (final grades and attendance will be taken into consideration). This is intended to apprise you of the calendar of events and responsibilities as your school career comes to a successful conclusion.

Year-end exams and textbook collection will take place the week of May 22nd. Students are to return Chromebook, charger, books, calculators, athletic equipment, etc., by seniors last day which is May 26th. Seniors who do not have debts and fines cleared by May 31st will not receive their diploma at Commencement. We will inform students of any debts at our first graduation practice. Parents, please remind your senior of this important detail. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Seniors will be recognized at a special program. Details will follow.

Commencement practice will be May 30th and 31st. Seniors are to report to their homeroom as if it were a normal school day (by 7:25 a.m.). Attendance will be taken in homeroom. Immediately following, seniors will report to the stadium for instructions. Practice will conclude at approximately 9:30 a.m. and seniors will be dismissed for home each day.

Cap, gown and tassel will be distributed on Wednesday, May 31st following Commencement practice. They are to be maintained neatly for Commencement.

Commencement 2023 will take place in the South Park High School Stadium on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m. with seating on a first-come, first-seated basis. Seniors are to report to the stadium by 5:15 p.m. for line up.

Recommended dress for Commencement is business casual. If you are wearing a white gown, please wear a light colored dress that will not show through the white robe with light colored shoes. If you will be wearing a blue gown make sure to wear dark pants and dark shoes. No jeans, flip-flops or tennis shoes. Students that are inappropriately dressed **will not** participate in Commencement.

**Students who are deficient more than one (1) credit will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. Those students who need to make up one (1) credit or less must have proof of registration for the summer class to the counselor's office by May 31, 2023.**

**Justin Dellarose, Principal**



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Commencement represents a major step in the lives of our graduates. It is hoped that participants and their guests will allow the program to be completed in a dignified, reserved, and serious fashion. We need the help of parents and friends, especially to maintain an environment conducive to a quality Commencement. Applause should be withheld until all members of the class have been recognized. The audience is asked to remain seated for the entire ceremony.

Handicapped individuals requiring special parking should call the high school office for arrangements by May 31st. Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs at this event is strictly prohibited. The Code of Conduct remains in effect. Police will be in attendance. Poorly behaved individuals will be removed without warning.

The graduation ceremony and the various events surrounding the final exercises are the embodiment of student preparation for adulthood, employment, or higher education. The significance of this period in the school year cannot be overemphasized. We congratulate you upon the completion of your secondary schooling, and look forward to sharing the closing activities with you.

Please be sure to check the calendar on the high school web page for important end of the year events.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justin Dellarose  
Principal

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