



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Division Avenue High School
120 Division Avenue
Levittown, NY 11756-2997



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May 2024

Dear Parents of Seniors:

Enclosed in this packet is a letter from Mr. John Coscia and important information and instructions, including:

1. Graduation Rehearsal Instructions and Electronic Permission Slip
2. Senior Clap Out Ceremony
3. Yearbook Distribution
3. Senior BBQ
4. Cap and Gown Distribution
5. Graduation Tickets
6. Senior Prom
7. Graduation
8. Senior Survey
9. Books and Equipment Return
10. Locks and Lockers
11. Attendance
12. Graduation Eligibility

We have also included a Prom Letter from the Senior Class Advisors, a Calendar of Upcoming Events, directions to Hofstra Arena, notice of the Nassau County Social Host Law, and an order form for the DAHS Brick Walkway.

Please take time to carefully review all the documents in this mailing. Graduation Rehearsal permission slips, requests for additional tickets and handicapped seating are all due by **May 17th** to the Assistant Principals' Office.

Thank you. We look forward to a successful completion of your child's Senior year at Division Avenue.

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Dan Fazio
Assistant Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam McElroy'.

Sam McElroy
Assistant Principal



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May 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Class of 2024 has distinguished itself with many athletic, academic and artistic achievements over the past four years. As we enter the final stretch of their career at Division Avenue High School, there is much we need to do in preparation to celebrate the Class of 2024's final send off.

At this point in the year the seniors will experience many celebrations with friends and family alike. This will be a time of exuberance and excitement, but will also be bittersweet as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

In the midst of the excitement, I'm asking that we work together to take every opportunity to ensure our students' safety and be certain that they make sensible decisions over the next two months. There will be many events for the seniors that will present them with opportunities to thoroughly enjoy themselves, but also be pressured by societal influences to make risky decisions.

I would like to encourage you to take time and have a conversation with your child about the potential dangers that can be presented to senior high school students at this time of year, and to consider any consequences a violation of the code of conduct and law could pose. Please keep in mind that we do not sponsor, have no affiliation with, nor do we supervise any pre-prom or post-prom activities.

This being said, the Class of 2024 has demonstrated excellent character throughout the past four years and I have no doubt that they will finish their senior year in a dignified manner and with the utmost integrity. On behalf of Division Avenue High School, we look forward to celebrating their successes during this momentous time with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Coscia'.

John Coscia
Principal

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May 2024

Dear Senior Parents:

This year's Senior Prom is quickly approaching. We would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on some important information. ***The Piermont in Babylon will be hosting the Class of 2024's Senior Prom on June 13, 2024, from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM.*** The cost of the prom will be \$125.00 which includes a non-alcoholic "mocktail" bar with appetizers, a full sit-down dinner, and a DJ. Tickets will be sold online only between April 15 through May 6. You must go to Division Avenue's homepage and click on the [Senior Prom link](#) to purchase tickets.

Any student who plans on bringing a guest who does not attend Division Avenue High School must complete and submit an Administrator's approval form prior to purchasing a prom ticket. The form is included in the senior packet and available in the Assistant Principal's office. Guests must be under 21 years old.

Building Administrators reserve the right to review a student's discipline record before prom tickets are sold. While at the prom, the Levittown Schools' Code of Conduct will be in effect. The Piermont management and the Taxi and Limousine Commission reserve the right to act within their purviews.

Division Avenue High School does not endorse, encourage, or support any pre-prom or post-prom activity other than the official prom at The Piermont. If you have any questions, please contact us at (516) 434-7150. Thank you for your consideration, as we look forward to an enjoyable evening celebrating the Class of 2024 at the Senior Prom.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelly

Ms. Weidlein

Senior Class Advisors



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OUTSIDE GUEST PERMISSION SLIP

This form is required for all students attending prom with an outside guest.

Division Student Name: _____

TO THE GUEST:

Welcome to the Division Avenue High School Senior Prom. We hope that you will enjoy this event that your date is eagerly awaiting. As a guest you will be required to follow the same behavior code that our school dictates. Since this is a school function, you are bound by all rules and policies set forth by Division Avenue High School, as well as New York State laws. Please be aware that you may be subject to disciplinary action at your school for offenses committed at this event. ***If you are not a high school student this form must be completed by a college/university staff member or employer.***

GUEST CONTRACT

- I will not consume alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, before or during the prom.
- I understand and will abide by the rules provided by Division Avenue High School and the Levittown Public Schools Board of Education.
- I will provide a completed guest permission slip and contact information sheet at the time of ticket purchase.
- I am under 21 years old and will provide a copy of my school ID or Driver's License.

Guest Signature: _____

Guest Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

OUTSIDE GUEST FORM

(To be filled out by the guest's Principal or Principal's designee, Dean of Students or Employer)

This is to verify that _____ is a member in good standing of the _____ class at _____ (High School/College) or a staff member/employee at _____ and is a person who demonstrates good character and is eligible for the privilege of attending this special event on June 13th, 2024.

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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SENIOR PROM OUTSIDE GUEST CONTACT INFORMATION

Division Avenue Student: _____

Guest Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Home Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to Outside Guest: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Allergies or other non medical notifications:

Guest Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____
(If Guest is under 18 years of age)

Calendar of Events

| Date | Event | Time |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| April 15 – May 6 | Prom Ticket Sales | Online |
| May 13 | Spring Concert I | 7:00 PM |
| May 15 | Art Show | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM |
| May 16 | Skills Spring Fling/Awards Ceremony | 6:00 – 9:00 PM |
| May 21 | BUDGET VOTE | 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM |
| May 23 | Spring Concert II | 7:00 PM |
| May 29 | Graduation Rehearsal | 11:30 AM |
| May 30 | Blue and Silver Luncheon | 11:30 AM |
| June 3 | Senior Clap Out | 9:30 AM |
| June 3 | Yearbook Distribution/Senior BBQ | 11 AM |
| June 3 | Cap and Gown/Ticket Distribution | 1:30 PM |
| June 4 | Senior Awards Ceremony | 7:00 PM |
| June 11 | Last Day of Regular Classes | |
| June 13 | Senior Prom @ The Piermont | 6:00 – 10:00 PM |
| June 22 | Graduation – @ Hofstra University | 1:00 PM |

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday May 29th, 2024

Graduation Rehearsal

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Hofstra University

- ✓ Seniors will attend period 1-4 classes and will report to the auditorium following an announcement at 10:15 AM.
- ✓ Graduation rehearsal is **mandatory** for all graduating Seniors.
- ✓ Buses will leave for Hofstra at 11 AM. All students must travel to and From Hofstra by bus.
- ✓ There is one electronic permission slip form for all senior events, attached to this Parent Square post, that must be signed by 5/17. (Paper copies are available in the AP office.) Students will return to school and are expected to attend classes for the remainder of the day.

Monday, June 3rd

Senior Clap Out, Yearbook Distribution & BBQ

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

- ✓ Students will attend class periods 1 through 3 and will report to the auditorium following an announcement at 9:30 AM.
- ✓ Buses will depart for Northside and Abbey Lane and students will walk to Summit at 9:55 AM.
- ✓ Students will complete a commemorative walk in their respective elementary schools and return by 10:45 AM.
- ✓ Yearbooks will be distributed in the auditorium immediately upon return. Students will then report outside for a BBQ lunch.

Cap & Gown/Ticket Distribution

1:30 PM Auditorium

✓ Students will return to the auditorium after the BBQ to collect cap & gown and tickets and will be released for the remainder of the day. The senior events electronic permission slip, attached to this Parent Square post is required to attend the clap out and be released from classes.

✓ Included in the cap and gown packet are the following:

- Cap, Gown & Tassel
- Sashes and Cords of Distinction
- Directions to Hofstra
- Graduation Invitation
- **Ten Graduation Tickets** Requests for extra tickets should be made in writing to Ms. Marazzo in the Assistant Principals' Office by May 17th. Requests for handicapped seating must also be given to Ms. Marazzo. These seats are identified and reserved for the person needing the wheelchair accommodation plus one family member. Priority seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, but all requests will be honored.

Tuesday, June 4th

Senior Awards Ceremony

Auditorium 7:00 PM

At this event, members of the Class of 2024 will be recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics, school and community services. Students who will be receiving awards will be mailed an invitation in May. Family and friends are all encouraged to attend.

Thursday, June 13th

Senior Prom

The Piermont, Babylon 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

- ✓ Prom Tickets will be on Sale April 15 - May 6 (See attached prom letter for details). Administrators reserve the right to review student discipline records prior to ticket
- ✓ Parents must electronically sign the prom contract prior to purchasing the tickets. ([Available on our website.](#))
- ✓ If your senior plans on bringing a guest who does not attend DAHS the guest must complete an outside guest contract and contact information form prior to purchasing a ticket. Guests must be under 21 years old and approved by an administrator.

Graduation

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd

12:30 PM Students report to Hofstra

1:00 PM Ceremony begins promptly

Commencement will take place on Saturday, June 22nd at 1:00 PM at the Hofstra Arena - Hofstra University. It is imperative that the graduates arrive by 12:30 PM. Students who are candidates for Advanced Regents Diplomas will be distinguished with silver sashes; students who are candidates for Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honors will be distinguished with silver sashes and a gold cord. National Honor Society students will wear gold or blue sashes that must be collected at the end of the ceremony. **No student will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony without a proper cap and gown.**

We expect students to dress appropriately for this dignified occasion. The graduation hall is air-conditioned, so there is no need for students to wear shorts or T-shirts. Students who arrive in flip-flops will not be allowed on stage because they are a safety hazard. No accessories such as pocketbooks or corsages will be permitted. Please leave all personal belongings at home as there will be no opportunity for them to be stored in a secured location. Please leave cell phones with family guests.

Please discuss with your sons and daughters the impropriety of bringing, tossing or throwing any unauthorized items during the ceremony. Instructions from chaperones and supervisors must be followed without exception. Students who are unruly will bring the exercises to a stop while they are removed. Any behavior aimed at detracting from the decorum of the ceremony may be subject to disciplinary consequences. We would like you and our seniors to be able to remember this day with great pride.

On Graduation Day, Saturday, June 22, 2024, all graduates will assemble (in alphabetical order) in the hallway located on the lower level in the Hofstra Arena at Hofstra University by 12:30 PM while their families and friends are seated in the Arena. At that time, graduates will be given name cards and they will remain in alphabetical order.

Lifetouch Photographers will be at the ceremony to photograph your child upon receiving a diploma. You will receive additional information about ordering photos closer to the event.

REMEMBER! THE CEREMONY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 1:00 PM.

We ask for your help in making this graduation one of which we can all be proud.

Senior Reminders

Senior Survey

The Final Transcript Release Form and Senior Survey was mailed home in mid-April. As a general rule, colleges and vocational schools do not inform us that your child has chosen their institution, nor will they request that we send the final transcript. This is the student's responsibility and why it is so important to complete and return this form no later than May 15, 2024. Please take note that final transcripts are generally mailed to colleges by the second week of July.

Book and Equipment Return

The district/school issues textbooks, uniforms, instruments and other materials to students with the understanding that the student is responsible for the items. School property should be used and returned to the district/school with normal wear. If the district/school property is lost, damaged, or stolen, the student/parent has the responsibility to pay the article's replacement value.

Seniors must return (or pay for) all textbooks, calculators, uniforms, instruments, and any other property that belongs to the district/school in order to clear accounts for Graduation. All items and/or payment should be brought to the Main Office before the last day of classes, June 11th.

Locks and Lockers

Seniors may return their locks to the Assistant Principals' Office June 3rd - 7th. Please be advised that diplomas will not be distributed to students who do not return locks. Lockers must be cleaned out before the end of the day on June 7th, when the custodial staff will empty and bolt all lockers.

Lanyards

Seniors must return their gray, district-issued lanyards to the Assistant Principal's office no later than 6/13. Please be advised diplomas will not be distributed to students who have not returned their lanyard.

Attendance

Please check the Parent Portal to be sure that excessive absences in credit-bearing and/or mandated classes will not jeopardize graduation eligibility. Call the Attendance or Guidance Office with questions.

Academic Achievement

By the last day of full period classes, June 11th, the Assistant Principal will notify parents if a student is not academically eligible to graduate. Students who are in danger of failing full year or semester coursework, or who have not met district/State graduation requirements, must be proactive without delay.



Dragon Path



Every year thousands of Division Avenue High School alumni, students and friends enter the field for athletic events, community activities and academic events. The Dragon Path is a highly visible and permanent testimony to the community's loyalty to Division Avenue High School.

Be a part of the DAHS Student Council's Brick Fundraiser. Purchase a brick engraved with a special message. You may want to consider a brick to celebrate a special event, accomplishment, to commemorate your family and each of your children, or to honor the memory of a loved one. Companies or organizations may wish to support the walkway with a customized brick displaying their name.

Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to demonstrate your support of the Blue Dragons and leave a permanent mark!

Step 1. CREATE YOUR MESSAGE
 Please PRINT clearly in all CAPITAL letters in the spaces provided below. One character per space.
 Text will be centered when your brick is etched.
 It is not necessary to center your text on this form.
 Any symbol is considered one character (period, comma, dash, space, number).

Maximum of 3 lines for a 4 x 8 brick
Maximum of 6 lines for an 8 x 8 brick.
Maximum characters per line are 14 (including spaces).

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Step 2: Your order information. Please fill in clearly and completely.

Name: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Address: _____

 E-Mail: _____

I am ordering _____ 4 x 8 bricks at \$100 each
 I am ordering _____ 8 x 8 bricks at \$200 each
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Note: For multiple orders, please staple all orders together and attach payment.

Step 3: Make checks payable to: DAHS Student Council

Step 4: Mail your complete order form and check to:
DAHS Student Council
Division Avenue H.S.
120 Division Avenue
Levittown, NY 11756

PETER BARNES
CLASS OF 2012

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THE GREEN
FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN SMITH

MR. PIES PIZZA
555-PIES


Thank you for being a part of Division Ave. History. Your contribution will be used to fund and maintain "The Dragon Path." It is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Levittown Public Schools reserves the right to reject any orders deemed inappropriate for viewing in a school environment. Installation of bricks will not be immediate due to personalized engravings and weather conditions.


If placing additional orders, please copy this form.
 Questions? Contact Lynn Castellano or Gerard Marzigliano at (516) 434-7150 or
 E-mail: L.Castellano@levittownschoools.com
G2Marzigliano@levittownschoools.com


Social Host Law

On July 17, 2007, the Nassau County's Social Host Law, (Local Law 13), was signed and made part of the Nassau County's Miscellaneous Laws by the County Executive. This law serves to deter the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors at private homes. Underage drinking is a significant societal problem that causes concern for our communities. House parties are a common occurrence particularly during summer months when school is not in session. Attached are excerpts of Local Law 13 for your information and review. Please utilize this document to increase your awareness regarding your responsibilities when hosting a party or social gathering in your home.

NASSAU COUNTY'S SOCIAL HOST LAW
PARENTS AND TEENS WHO HOST - LOSE THE MOST

 **Nassau County's Social Host Law is intended to keep young people safe from the hazards associated with underage drinking.**

 **The law applies to anyone who is 18 years of age or older; who owns, rents or otherwise controls a private residence; and knows or has a reason to know that alcoholic beverages are being consumed by a person less than 21 years of age on the premises.**

 **The penalties include fines, a criminal conviction and up to a year in jail for repeat offenders.**

TWO ADDITIONAL PENAL LAW CHARGES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED ARE:

Endangering the Welfare of a Child
A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of a child when: he or she knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a child less than seventeen years old.... (Class A Misdemeanor)

Unlawfully Dealing With a Child in the First Degree
He gives or sells or causes to be given or sold any alcoholic beverage, as defined by section three of the alcoholic beverage control law, to a person less than twenty-one years old.... (Class A Misdemeanor)

CRIMINAL PENALTIES:
The Social Host Law created a criminal misdemeanor or charge for anyone who violates the law.

The penalties include a criminal conviction on your record, fines and potential jail time for repeat offenders. The penalties are:

First Offense - a \$250 fine and a criminal conviction.
Second Offense - a \$500 fine and a criminal conviction.
Third Offense - a \$1,000 fine and/or up to a year in jail.

Important Exceptions:

Reasonable Corrective Action:
If the person in control of the premises, the host, learns of underage consumption, the host will not be subject to "Social Host" sanctions if the host makes a prompt demand of the underage drinker to forfeit the alcoholic beverage and discontinue drinking it; or to depart from the premises.


If the demands are rejected, the host must promptly report the underage consumption to local law enforcement, or any person with a greater degree of authority over the minor, such as a parent or guardian.

Other Exceptions:
Underage consumption of alcohol when the minor's parent or guardian is actually present and has expressly consented.

The use and consumption of alcohol by a minor for religious purposes.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING
NOT A MINOR PROBLEM!**

Laura Curran
Nassau County Executive



Patrick J. Ryder
Police Commissioner

LOCAL LAW NO. 13 -2007

A LOCAL LAW in relation to preventing the consumption of alcohol by minors at private homes.

§4. Unlawful consumption of alcohol by minor at a residence.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of eighteen who owns, rents, or otherwise controls a private residence, to knowingly allow the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises or to fail to take reasonable corrective action upon learning of the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises. Reasonable corrective action shall include, but not be limited to: 1) making a prompt demand that such minor either forfeit and refrain from further consumption of the alcoholic beverages or depart from the premises; and 2) if such minor does not comply with such request, either promptly reporting such underage consumption of alcohol (to the local law enforcement agency or) to any other person having a greater degree of authority over the conduct of such minor.

§6. Effect on other laws. The provisions of section four of this local law shall not in any way affect the application of any other law, where appropriate, including but not limited to New York Penal Law section 260.10 (endangering the welfare of a minor) and section 260.20(2) (unlawfully dealing with a child).