



TROY HIGH SCHOOL
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April 23, 2018

Dear Parents and Seniors:

The 2017-2018 academic year is coming to a close for all. This means graduation is on the horizon for our Class of 2018 seniors. It has been an honor to serve as principal here at Troy High School with so many talented young adults. It has been a great four years replete with amazing accomplishments and wonderful memories. June 9 will be bittersweet for everyone as our graduates say good-bye to high school in order to say hello to future opportunities. Congratulations to you and yours on this wonderful achievement. We wish you all the very best.

Senior Class Advisors Susie Fortuna and Emily Zedan, Assistant Principals Melissa Curth and Brian Zawislak, and the entire administrative team are working to plan the Senior Honors Convocation, Commencement Exercises, All-Night Graduation Party, and other senior activities. **Please see the attached information. We ask that both students and parents read this information now and refer to it as graduation time nears.**

There are still a number of seniors who have not ordered their caps and gowns. Contact Balfour at 248.689.4445 IMMEDIATELY if you have not ordered your cap and gown.

Also attached is a *Class of 2018 Scholarship Information* form from the Counseling Office. **Please fill out this form.** It must be returned to the Counseling Office no later than May 23 by all seniors participating in the Honors Convocation. Without this form, we are unable to announce information about your accomplishments at the Honors Convocation. Eligibility for participation in the Senior Honors Convocation will be determined by final grades reported at the end of the seventh semester. If you have any questions about your status, please see your Counselor.

The final regular school day for seniors is Wednesday, May 30. The Troy High PTO will be sponsoring a senior picnic at 10:15 a.m. that day. Seniors will attend their first three hours and then be dismissed for the picnic. Following the picnic, seniors will be released for the remainder of the day and will not be allowed to re-enter the school.

It is my goal to have every senior end their Colt career in the most positive manner possible. Students, please do not tarnish the conclusion of your time at Troy High School by conducting activities that would disrupt the school, possibly embarrass you and your family, or preclude your attendance at any of the year-end activities. I know this has happened in the past, and I would hate to be put in the position to entertain that possibility for any of you. Please keep shaving cream, water balloons, and squirt guns out of the school at all times for they will jeopardize your participation in our graduation activities. Last year's graduates did an excellent job at the end of the year and I expect nothing less from you.

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Seniors are required to attend both the Commencement and Honors rehearsals if participating. Students disrupting either the rehearsals or ceremonies will simply not be able to participate.

The Commencement Exercises will be at the Oakland University Recreation and Athletics Center O'rena on Saturday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony is designed as a formal program to honor the graduating seniors. We are requesting no noise makers or devices that would be considered disruptive to the ceremony. Audience cooperation in supporting a formal recognition program will enhance this special day for our graduates.

The Class of 2018 has had a wonderful senior year at Troy High. I am asking for your assistance as we work together to make the grand finale to your high school experience as wonderful and dignified as it should be. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Remo Roncone
Principal

Please note:

The All-Night Party is in need of volunteers to assist with decorations on Friday, June 8, after school and on the morning of Saturday, June 9. Also, we still need volunteers to work the evening of the ANP. We utilize over 200 volunteers for this event and encourage both senior parents and underclass parents to volunteer! If you are interested in taking on this clearly defined role, sign up now via the SignUp Genius on our website, <http://thsallnightparty.weebly.com/>.



Attention Troy High Seniors and Parents...Very Important!

DATE: April 23, 2018
TO: Class of 2018 Troy High Graduates
FROM: Susie Fortuna and Emily Zedan, Senior Class Advisors

CONGRATULATIONS! You have only a few weeks remaining at Troy High School. We hope that you have found your years at THS to be successful, both academically and socially. As a member of the Class of 2018 you are about to culminate your high school experience. Good luck in your future endeavors!

There are still a number of seniors who have not ordered their caps and gowns. Contact Balfour at 248.689.4445 IMMEDIATELY if you have not ordered your cap and gown.

This is an exciting time of year for both seniors and their families. Following are important dates, times, and instructions to help you in the planning of the various senior activities. Please read them completely and carefully and save them.

CALENDAR

Thurs., May 10..... Gimmee Awards - 7 p.m. - Auditorium

Wed., May 30..... Last day for seniors in their regular classes - Hours 1, 2, & 3
Senior Picnic (immediately after third hour)

Thurs., May 31..... Senior Exams - Hours 4, 5, & 6

Fri., June 1 Senior Exams - Hours 1, 2, & 3

Wed., June 6..... **MANDATORY** Commencement Rehearsal & Graduation Ticket Distribution - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Main Gym

MANDATORY Distribution of Caps & Gowns - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Cafeteria

Please Note: All fines must be paid in full before Cap & Gown distribution.

Thurs., June 7 **MANDATORY** Rehearsal for Honors Convocation - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Main Gym

Honors Convocation - 7 p.m. - Main Gym

Students report to Auxiliary Gym no later than 6:30 p.m.

Sat., June 9 **Commencement Exercises - 3:30 p.m. - Oakland University Recreation and Athletics Center O'rena**

Graduates must report to the graduate staging area (located at parking lot P17 - see map) no later than 2:30 p.m. for lineup. Guest seating begins at 2:30 p.m. Seating is by ticket only. Guests arriving after 3:15 p.m. run the risk of not being seated for the procession.

All-Night Graduation Party - Troy High - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 p.m. You must arrive before 10:00 p.m. or you will not be admitted.

If you cannot attend the **MANDATORY** rehearsals, you must clear your reason with Ms. Curth, for Graduation, or Mr. Zawislak, for Honors Convocation, prior to May 30.

Senior Picnic

The Senior Picnic is sponsored by the Troy High School PTO and will be held on Wednesday, May 30, immediately after third hour. Bring your lunch or receive a **free** picnic lunch provided by PTO. Seniors will be dismissed to go home after the picnic. All seniors should come to the picnic prepared to leave the school facilities upon the completion of the picnic. **There will be no re-entry into the building.** Parents, please note: If you would like to contribute food items for the picnic, please email Cheri Armstrong, crstrong22@gmail.com, or Heidi Helfen, mom2pbandk@gmail.com.

Final Exams

Examinations are individually determined by each teacher. Check with your teachers for specific instructions. Senior exams are on May 31 in hours 4, 5, & 6 and June 1 in hours 1, 2, & 3.

Senior Exit Survey / 8th Semester Transcripts

All seniors will be given the SENIOR EXIT SURVEY the week of April 23 in their English Class. It is very important as it assists in providing demographic information for the class of 2018, regardless of whether a student is attending college or not. **This form is mandatory for students to receive their cap and gown!** The SENIOR EXIT SURVEY needs to be filled in completely with full answers! A couple examples of what students should include are the following:

- If going to a college with multiple campus locations (e.g. U of Michigan), please specify which campus attending.
- Please indicate what college or plan you have first, if transferring to another college later.
- If you change your plan, please let Mrs. Wesley know in the Counseling Office right away!

Most seniors should request a final transcript at www.Parchment.com by May 11, using the "Hold For Grades" option.

EXCEPTION: Seniors attending Common Application colleges do not need to request a final transcript in Parchment.

Counselors will send Common App final transcripts through Common App. Please see Mrs. Wesley if a paper transcript is needed for any other special situations such as wait-list status, deferred admissions, overseas transcripts, NCAA, or for Parchment help.

Financial Obligations and Fees

All students must clear up all obligations (book fines, uniform fines, media fines) before a cap & gown will be issued. Parents, please check this out with your son/daughter. Have your student check the fine list in the Main Office with Ms. Nowakowski. **This should be done prior to May 25.** You may also clear obligations during Cap & Gown Distribution on June 6, but it will take more of your time. Make checks payable to "Troy High School".

Commencement Rehearsal

A **MANDATORY** rehearsal for all seniors participating in the Commencement Exercises will be held on Wednesday, June 6. Students should report to the Auxiliary Gym promptly at 3:30 p.m. This rehearsal must be attended by all participating seniors and will take approximately one hour. If a senior cannot make the rehearsal (work and appointments are not acceptable excuses), he/she must discuss this with Ms. Curth prior to May 30. Distribution of caps and gowns will follow the rehearsal.

Graduation Ticket Distribution

Graduation tickets will be distributed on Wednesday, June 6, at the graduation rehearsal. Each graduate will receive six tickets. Parents often wonder if they can acquire more tickets. **Unfortunately, the large number of graduates will not allow this.** There may be families who do not use all their tickets, so please check with your neighbors and friends directly. We are not able to facilitate the exchange of tickets.

Cap & Gown Distribution

Caps & gowns will be distributed in the cafeteria on Wednesday, June 6, after the graduation rehearsal to only those seniors who have cleared all obligations and have met mandatory graduation requirements. **All students must pick up their cap and gown on Wednesday evening.** The THS graduation supply company, Balfour, changed gown suppliers in 2011 to upgrade to a different, improved gown material. **This means that gowns that were bought before the 2011 graduation will not be able to be worn for the Class of 2018 graduation ceremony. The old gowns will not match the new gowns.** If you have any questions about this change, please contact Assistant Principal Melissa Curth at 248.823.2730.

Senior Honors Convocation Rehearsal

A **MANDATORY** rehearsal for all seniors participating in the Honors Convocation will be held on Thursday, June 7, at 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Main Gym. If a senior cannot make the rehearsal (work and appointments are not acceptable excuses), he/she must discuss this with Mr. Zawislak prior to May 30.

Senior Honors Convocation

Senior awards will be presented on Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in the main gym. Eligibility for participation in the Senior Honors Convocation will be determined by final grades reported at the end of the seventh semester. If you have any questions about your status, please see your counselor. All honor students will be seated alphabetically. It is mandatory that all students being honored wear their graduation gown (not cap). Invitations will be sent home to those seniors who will receive an award. Seniors should report no later than 6:30 p.m. to the auxiliary gym for line-up. Honor cords are given out at the Honors Rehearsal. No extra Honor cords will be available the day of graduation at Oakland University.

Commencement Exercises

The Class of 2018 Commencement Exercises will take place on Saturday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m. at the Oakland University Recreation and Athletics Center O'rena in Rochester (see map on the back of this page). Graduates must report to the graduate staging area (located in Parking Lot P17) **no later than 2:30 p.m. for line-up.** Guest seating begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are required for all guests. **Please be sure the graduates do not have items with them, such as purses, during the ceremony. We cannot be responsible for lost articles.**

Proper Attire and Behavior

These are important ceremonies. To ensure the dignity of the occasion for all, **any student who is wearing improper attire or is behaving inappropriately will be removed from the line-up prior to the ceremony and will not be allowed to participate.** High school graduation only happens once in each student's life. Let's make your graduation a memorable occasion.

Recommended Dress:	Girls	Dress, skirt & blouse, or dress slacks & blouse
		Due to silver gown fabric, we suggest no bold prints or colors
	Girls	No corsages
	Boys	Dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie
	Both	Dress shoes, no tennis shoes or flip flops
	Both	No signs or decorations on caps

Parking

There is no charge for parking (see map for suggested parking areas). Please arrive by 2:45 p.m. to allow enough time for traffic congestion, parking, and seating.

Seating

Guest seating will begin at 2:30 p.m. Seating is by ticket only. Please plan to arrive early enough to find seats before the procession. It is suggested you arrive by 2:45 p.m. to allow enough time for traffic and the parking and seating processes. **Guests arriving after 3:15 p.m. run the risk of not being seated for the procession.**

Seating for Guests with Disabilities

There are limited seats available for guests with disabilities; therefore, it is very important to arrive by 2:30 p.m. to secure appropriate seating.

Professional Photography

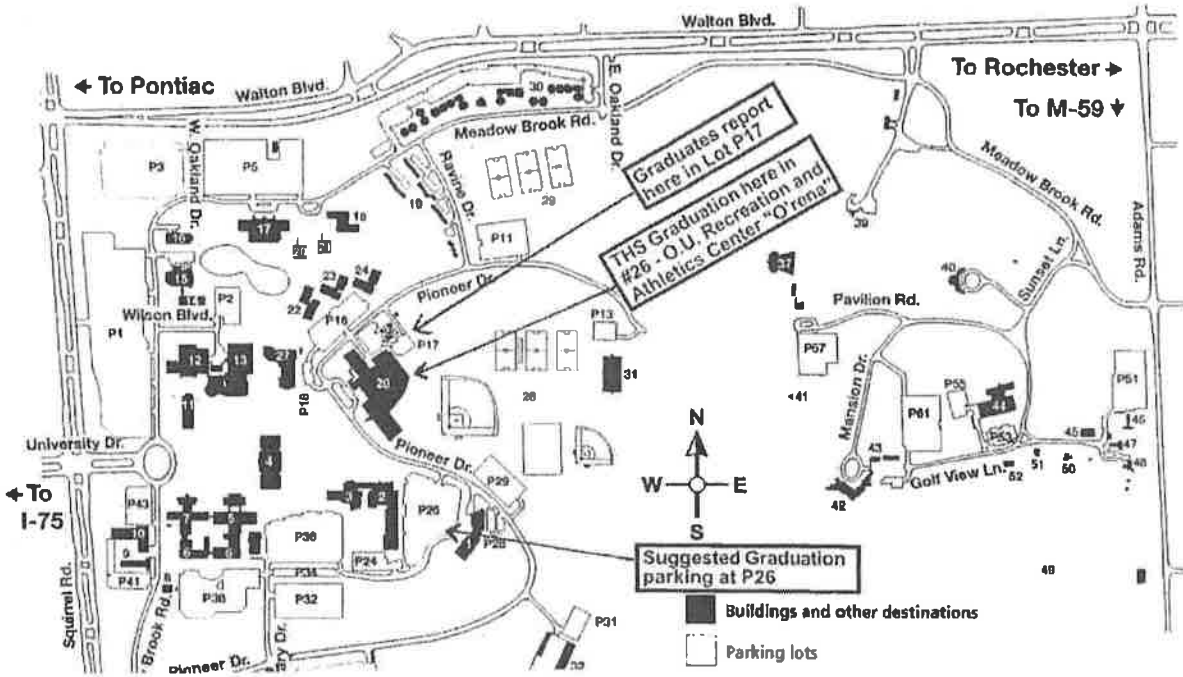
We have enlisted the services of a professional photographer to take each graduate's photo as he/she crosses the stage. Each graduate will be notified regarding the option to purchase the graduation photo.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be distributed at the All-Night Party. Diplomas will be mailed to those students who do not attend the All-Night Party.

All-Night Graduation Party

Tickets are \$75 through June 6. Tickets will be available at the door on June 9 for \$100 (cash only). Only those students who have met the requirements to participate in Commencement Exercises will be permitted to attend. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. Students must arrive before 10:00 p.m. or they will not be admitted.



Road Construction Alert from Oakland University

Troy High School has received the following information regarding road construction around Oakland University:

Two road projects will create travel challenges. The first involves reconstruction of culverts under Walton Boulevard between Squirrel and Adams roads, with single lane closures along Walton. A second project involves patching work along Squirrel Road between Cross Creek Parkway and Walton Boulevard, prompting Intermittent lane closures, mid-April to mid-June, in each direction.

Those planning to attend major Oakland University events in the coming weeks, are advised to **avoid use of Walton Boulevard between Squirrel and Adams roads**, as well as **Squirrel Road north of Cross Creek Parkway**. Please see the recommended routes below.





TROY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Please attach copies of letters that you have received in reference to any and all scholarships that has been offered to you. This information will be confidential and used to compile a scholarship total offered to the class of 2018.

Please **return** this form with required attachments to Mrs. Talsma in the Counseling Office by **Wednesday, May 23, 2018.**

Student's Name: _____

Joining the military? What branch of military? _____

Eagle Scout? Yes: _____ No: _____

Name of Scholarship	Specific \$ Amount <small>Please do not list "full ride"</small>	Renewable/How Long? Or One-Time Only	TOTAL \$ Amount
Examples: Board of Trustees	\$1200/yr.	4yrs	\$4800
Troy High Boosters	\$ 500	One-time only	\$ 500
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