

## **CLASS OF 2023 – GRADUATION INFORMATION**

June 12, 2023 – 7:00pm Stellos Stadium 7 Stadium Drive, Nashua, NH

Attached please find a packet of information regarding this year's commencement ceremony. In the enclosed package you should find detailed information for graduation on June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at Stellos Stadium. It is important that you share it with your parents and/or guardians.

## <u>Graduation Rehearsal – Tuesday, June 6th</u>

This will occur in the NHS North gymnasium at 10:30am. <u>Please arrive by 10:00am</u>. You will be processing from the medium gym into the large gym. Caps and Gowns will be distributed after rehearsal. For those students that have not purchased their cap and gowns yet, please bring the \$25 fee (check or cash) to student activities B138.

## GRADUATION - MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7:00 PM

<u>Arrival</u> - You are expected to be at Stellos Stadium no later than 6:00pm in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

<u>Line-up</u> - Line up will be held in the parking lot adjacent to Stellos Stadium.

<u>Attire</u> - Only authorized cords and attire can be worn, i.e. National Honor Society, National Vocational/Technology Honor Society, etc. Please, no three-dimensional items on top of caps as they block the vision of those seated behind you.

**Student Seating Arrangement** - Seating assignments will be provided during the graduation rehearsal and will be done alphabetically. This should be easy for parents and guests to anticipate your presence on stage. You will be able to indicate to family and friends which side of the floor you will be seated on. (A floor plan of the stadium is included in the attached slideshow.)

<u>Processional</u> – This is your graduation and your proud family and friends will appreciate you conducting yourself with dignity and respect. <u>At 7:00pm</u> the procession into Stellos will occur. Students will walk in through the locker rooms and onto the field. Students will proceed to their respective seats and should remain standing until you are seated as a group.

<u>Diplomas</u> – Graduates will receive only their diploma jacket on stage. Graduates will be picking up their diplomas immediately after moving across the stage on the field.

**Recessional** -At the conclusion of the ceremony, you will be instructed to move your tassels over from right to left and declare that you are now officially graduated. Teachers will move from the field to position themselves near the exit by the locker room

At that point the band will immediately play a recessional song and the individuals on stage to process down the stairs and through the middle. Graduates will follow the last individuals off the stage down through the middle section of the aisles and walk you to the faculty lined up. Graduates will exit through the locker room and exit the stadium.

<u>Guests</u> – The stadium will be <u>open at 6:00pm</u> and seating is on a first come first served basis. There will be no tickets distributed or required for admission, but students are <u>limited to six guests</u> each. Please remember no food or drinks are allowed to be brought in to the stadium and concession stands will be closed during the event. A flower vendor will be outside for anyone that would like to purchase flowers at that time.

<u>Parking</u> – There is free parking at the facility. Guests may also park at Nashua South and take a shuttle to the stadium.

In conclusion, we would like to again ask for your cooperation in demonstrating proper decorum throughout the ceremony. If people are creating distractions either by yelling or through the use of beach balls, etc, it means that one of your peers is being cheated out of the opportunity to have his or her well deserved moment of recognition up on the stage. We want every graduate and every graduate's family and friends to have the opportunity to hear their name and to see them receive their diploma. Distractions only take away from that opportunity and create an atmosphere that is not appropriately reflective of the intent of a commencement ceremony. We need your cooperation in this matter to ensure that your graduation is the very best that it can be and one that you will be proud of many years down the road. You have a lifetime to celebrate once this short ceremony is complete.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES