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Dear Parents and Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you have all of the information you and your family need to enjoy a distinguished graduation ceremony at Saguaro High School. Included is information about the Saguaro Commencement Ceremony, details to be addressed prior to graduation, expectations surrounding the event, and information about Project Graduation. If you have questions as graduation approaches, please contact my administrative assistant, Jeaninne Pell at (480) 484-7107.

Saguaro Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2018
Thursday, May 24 2018 at 7:45PM
Saguaro High School Stadium

Students will receive five (5) tickets (2 general/rain and 3 general), at no cost, for the graduation ceremony. Additional tickets may be purchased for **\$7.00** per adult and **\$5.00** per child aged 6-10 (cash only) at the Saguaro bookstore beginning Monday, **May 14, 2018**. Children 5 and under are free. Students/parents purchasing additional tickets will be limited to fifteen (15) per day until the event is sold out. Both the east and west stadium bleacher sections will be available for open seating. Be sure to safeguard the "General/Rain Admission" tickets. In the event of rain or severe weather conditions, the ceremony will be moved indoors and only guests holding "General/Rain Admission" tickets will be admitted. Each student's five (5) free tickets will be available for pick-up, along with their caps and gowns, on **Friday, May 18**, after the senior breakfast, in the Community Room, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Graduates will arrive at 6:30 PM for graduation check-in on May 24, and will be assigned to a designated preparation room in the 100 Building. Student arrival at 6:30 PM is important to assure a successful ceremony. Your student should bring a change of clothing for Project Graduation. Upon check-in at the 100 building, graduates will be provided additional information regarding the ceremony protocol. In an effort to recognize student achievement with integrity, students should dress appropriate to the occasion. Proper attire examples include: **Boys:** dark slacks, collared dress shirt, tie recommended, and dress shoes; **Girls:** a dress, slacks, dress shoes or sandals. Shoes must be full-sole flat. Spiked heels are not permitted on the field, as they will damage the new turf material. Our new track cannot be walked upon except in designated walkways, for the very same reason. All school policies and student expectations are in effect for the evening, and students are reminded to conduct themselves in a dignified manner. Any student disrupting or distracting from the ceremony will be removed.

Seating for guests with a disability is available on a first come first served basis, with a ticket to graduation. One guest may accompany each individual with a disability in the seating area. Vehicle parking for an individual with a disability will be available in the lot located at the south of the main stadium and must display the designated placard or license plate.

Guests should be seated in the stadium seating area prior to the processional, which will begin promptly at 7:45 PM. **Gates open at 6:45 PM.** Water will be sold prior to the ceremony. No containers and/or open bottles will be allowed into the stadium. Guests are reminded that commencement is a distinguished ceremony. Horns, noisemakers and other distracting items are not appropriate for the occasion, and will not be permitted in the stadium. **In order to prevent damage to our new field turf, guests are not permitted on the field.** You may meet your graduate on Stadium Drive upon exit from the field. We have arranged for a professional photographer to take an individual photo of each student as he/she receives their diploma. You may view and purchase photos online at www.events.lifetouch.com using the password **saguaro2018**. Portraits will be available to view/purchase within 7 days from the date of the event. Please find Project Graduation information on the reverse side of this letter.

Diplomas will be issued to students prior to the departure for Project Graduation. Students are encouraged to give parents their diploma and personal belongings prior to departing for Project Graduation.

All academic requirements and financial obligations must be satisfied prior to graduation. Fees, textbooks, library books, uniforms, elevator keys, and all school property must be returned/reconciled in the bookstore prior to the ceremony to allow participation.

May your family have an enjoyable evening and memorable commencement ceremony.

Sincerely,

Ann Achtziger
Principal
Saguaro High School

PROJECT GRADUATION - MAY 24th, 2018

Dear Saguaro Families:

Project Graduation is a celebration provided each year by our PTO and community businesses for Saguaro High School's graduating seniors. Our goal is to provide a safe celebration in an environment free from alcohol, drugs and late-night driving. Immediately following the commencement ceremony, the students are bussed to a surprise party location. The entire class of 315 seniors is invited; we want EVERY senior to attend, have fun and stay safe!

The event is on **May 24, 2018**, and the cost per student is \$100. Please register for the event and fill out the online waiver at www.saberlinks.org/project-graduation.html. The event fee of \$100 can be paid online with a credit card, or with a check or cash. If the fee is a stretch, the PTO offers full or partial scholarships – just apply online or through the guidance office.

We work hard to secure donations from our Saguaro families, and we plan supplemental fundraisers to raise additional funds needed for our event. If you can donate an item to be used in our silent auction fundraiser, make a cash donation for our event, or a prize item for seniors, it will be greatly appreciated. We will recognize your donation in the Saguaro Commencement Program, on our webpage and in our very own Saguaro PTO newsletter. Feel free to contact us if you have questions concerning a donation. **THANK YOU!**

2018 Saguaro PTO Project Graduation Committee

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

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Tuesday May 22, 2018

Pd: 0 6:45 AM - 7:40 AM

Pd: 1 7:45 AM - 9:25 AM

BREAK 15 MINUTES

Pd: 2 9:40 AM - 11:20 AM

LUNCH FOR TEACHERS

11:25 AM-12:40 PM

Pd: 5 (Seniors Only) 12:45-2:20 PM

Wednesday May 23, 2018

Pd: 0 6:45 AM - 7:40 AM

Pd: 3 7:45 AM - 9:25 AM

BREAK 15 MINUTES

Pd: 4 9:40 AM - 11:20 AM

LUNCH FOR TEACHERS

11:25 AM-12:40 PM

Pd: 6 (Seniors Only) 12:45-2:20 PM

Thursday May 24, 2018

Pd: 5 7:45 AM - 9:25 AM

BREAK 15 MINUTES

Pd: 6 9:40 AM - 11:20 AM

GRADUATION NIGHT-GO CATS!

Students arrive at Saguaro 6:30 PM, Ceremony begins 7:45PM

Friday May 25 2018-NO SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION!

