



To: Senior Class Members and Their Families
From: Richard J. Kelley, Principal
Re: Senior Activities and Graduation Bulletin
Date: March 2008

This bulletin is distributed to all prospective May 2008 graduates to insure that students and parents are aware of the procedures involved at the conclusion of your senior year. Please carefully review this bulletin with your parents and place it in a convenient place so that you may refer to it as necessary. Open communications with your parents at this time will help to avoid any possible embarrassment, and perhaps disappointment, for both you and your parents.

There will be a meeting for senior parents during the first hour of the PTO meeting on May 5, 2008 at 7:00 pm to discuss the information enclosed as well as answer questions that you may have. The meeting will be held in the Large Group Room in the high school.

Silver Lake Regional High School wishes to recognize your academic achievement by honoring you and your class through a meaningful, dignified graduation ceremony. In order that you remember this event favorably, it is certainly important that the Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2008 reflect well upon you, your class, and Silver Lake Regional High School.

With this in mind, it is most important to satisfy all of your final obligations: academic, community service hours, disciplinary, and financial, in order to participate in the Commencement Exercises. A major reason for academic difficulty for seniors is poor attendance. Seniors are reminded that final examinations will be averaged as 10% of their final grades. We recommend that you take these exams very seriously and study diligently for them. Exams will be given during the normal scheduled period. Seniors are expected to be in school only when an exam is scheduled. The final exam schedule is listed on the calendar on the last page.

Senior final exam exemptions are due the housemasters by May 16th.

To insure that you are thoroughly familiar, in advance, with what is expected, the following information is presented for your review and compliance. **The activities listed are the only school sponsored activities.** The school cannot assume responsibility for any other activities that seniors attend and the final decision for students' participation in non-school activities must rest with you and your parents.

Senior Dinner

The senior dinner is scheduled for May 1, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This will be the start of a new tradition, as the event will be held outdoors in the courtyard. This will be an opportunity for seniors to be together prior to the prom and graduation. This is a seniors only activity. Only members of the Class of 2008 may attend.

Senior Prom

The Silver Lake Regional High School Senior Class will hold the Senior Prom at The Park Plaza in Boston on Friday, May 16, 2008. **ALL** those attending the Senior Prom will travel to The Park Plaza via Luxury Coach Busses. Students must arrive at the Senior parking area, ready to board the bus at 5:00PM. Busses will depart promptly at 5:15PM. ***Students who miss the bus going to The Park Plaza in Boston will not be allowed to enter the prom. Students who do not take the bus from The Park Plaza back to school will not be allowed to participate in commencement exercises.***

The Senior Prom is a school sponsored activity. Despite the off campus presence of this activity, the same school rules prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages and being under the influence or possession of any controlled substance, will be strictly enforced. As is the case with all school functions, administration will use breathalyzers as deemed necessary. Anyone found, in the opinion of administration, to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to participate in commencement. An additional concern is impressing upon those of our guests who do not attend Silver Lake Regional High School that they need to follow our school rules and to respect the safety of their dates. The Park Plaza is a beautiful venue for our prom. It provides all the necessities for an enjoyable evening. Please be advised that all of those attending will be searched prior to boarding the bus. There is no smoking allowed on the busses or at the prom.

There will be dancing, music, fabulous dining and unmatched views of the City of Boston. This formal dance, the highlight of the school's social calendar, will be well attended and provide an excellent opportunity for class spirit and unity to gather momentum toward graduation.

Student Records

We are enclosing a copy of your Certificate of Immunization, which can be kept by you for future use. We will also make available all of the materials in your temporary guidance record. Please let the guidance department know if you want these records. You can pick them up the week of June 16, 2008. Temporary records, (all materials except transcripts), will be destroyed beginning June 23, 2008.

Yearbooks

Tentative distribution will be May 29th

Senior Awards Program

The annual Senior Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. Many scholarships and individual awards will be presented at this program. While participation is voluntary, students and parents are encouraged to attend. Proper dress is required, jeans, t-shirts, shorts, and hats are not appropriate.

Graduation Participation

Your participation in the Commencement Exercises is voluntary. However, by participating, you signify agreement to abide by established procedure. If you do not wish to participate in Commencement Exercises, you must indicate this in writing to your housemaster by Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

Graduation Rehearsals

May 27 is scheduled as a class meeting for seniors. The morning activities begin at 8:00 A.M. in the Cafeteria and will include the following:

- Senior Class Meeting/Breakfast
- A review of graduation procedures
- Cap, gown and graduation ticket distribution
- A final check out and senior dismissal

Once seniors are dismissed at approximately 10:00 am on May 27, they must leave school premises. Seniors should not visit classes after May 27th unless they have permission from an administrator. Please do not visit the middle school or elementary schools as this would be disruptive to them. *Your cooperation in this matter is most important and greatly appreciated.*

Graduating seniors must attend all scheduled graduation rehearsals. Anyone who must be excused from a rehearsal must secure permission in advance from Mr. Kelley. *Failure to attend or have prior permission to be absent, due to an emergency, will result in withdrawing you from the graduation ceremony.* Promptness at rehearsals and your undivided attention will mean shorter and more efficient rehearsals. *All rehearsals are scheduled from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Seniors must make all the necessary arrangements to be in attendance during the entire rehearsal.*

Graduation rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

Friday May 30 (if necessary)

Term IV report cards will be issued to seniors on May 29 at the rehearsal. Friday's rehearsal will only be required if deemed necessary by the Principal.

Graduation Date and Time

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Anthony F. Sirrico Athletic Field, Kingston

11:00 am

Graduation Dress

Ladies

- White graduation cap and gown.
- A dress without a high neckline or excessively flared skirt.
- Appropriate shoes. No beach sandals or sneakers (High heels are discouraged because of the irregular surface of the field.)
- Do not wear beach attire, shorts, etc.

Gentlemen

- Red graduation cap and gown.
- White or light colored shirt with a tie. Long trousers.
- Appropriate shoes. No sandals or sneakers.
- Do not wear beach attire, shorts, etc.

All prospective graduates are to be well-groomed. No adornments on graduation gowns.

Graduation Conduct

It is expected that you conduct yourself with dignity and respect. Please remember your obligation to your parents, fellow classmates, friends and the school during this ceremony.

Outstanding Obligations

Please satisfy any outstanding obligations (fines, disciplinary, etc.) by Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 2:00 pm. *Students with unsatisfied obligations will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies.* All obligations must be cleared with the Main Office. **Personal checks can not be accepted.**

Graduation Tickets

All graduating seniors will receive two tickets along with their cap and gown. Tickets will **not be** needed for Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at the Anthony F. Sirrico Athletic Field. Tickets are needed only in the event of indoor graduation. If necessary, indoor graduation ceremony will be held in the gym. Closed-circuit viewing of inside graduation will be available in the auditorium. Please be prompt!

Sincere best wishes are extended to the Class of 2008 for a Happy, Healthy and Successful Future

Safety Awareness

Silver Lake Regional High School has acquired the assistance of two officers from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department as part of our pre-prom assembly with the senior class. On April 25 and 26th, seniors will take part in a presentation called I-A (see other side for overview) during their English IV class. This is a very graphic, emotionally charged presentation that portrays serious accidents and injuries that were a result of operating under the influence and excessive speed. We plan to have guidance counselors and other staff members available in the classrooms for discussion at the conclusion of the presentation.

If you choose **NOT** to have your student participate in this highly graphic and emotional presentation, please return the form below.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

I choose NOT to have my son/daughter view the I-A presentation.

Parent Signature: _____

Important dates for Seniors/End of Year

May 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Senior Dinner 5 – 8 pm	2 Senior Academic Progress Reports	3
4	5	6 AP Exam 8 am – Spanish Lang 12 noon - Statistics	7 AP Exam 8 am – Calculus AB	8 AP Exam 8 am – English Lit Senior Showcase 3 – 5 pm	9 AP Exam 8 am – United States History 12 Noon – European History Academic Progress Reports for Gr 9,10&11	10
11	12 AP Exam 8 am - Biology	13 AP Exam 8 am – Environmental Science	14 AP Exam 8 am – English Language	15	16 AP Exam 12 Noon - Latin Last day of classes for Seniors Senior Exam Forms due Senior Prom – Park Plaza - Boston	17
18	19 Final Exams Begin Period 1 8:30 – 9:30 am	20 Period 2 7:30 – 8:30 Period 3 8:30 – 9:30	21 Period 4 11:00 – 12:00 Period 5 12:00 – 1:00	22 Period 6 12:00 – 1:00 Period 7 1:00 – 2:00	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day – No School	27 Senior Class Meeting 8 am Café – Breakfast Cap/gown / final check out / tickets	28 Graduation rehearsal 8 – 11 Report to gym via event Entrance Outstanding obligations due by 2 pm (no personal checks) Senior Awards Night 7 pm Auditorium	29 Graduation rehearsal 8 – 11 Report to gym via event Entrance Yearbooks distributed	30 Graduation rehearsal 8 – 11 (if necessary)	31 2008 Graduation 11 am