

May 5, 2021

Greetings to the Saunders Graduating Class of 2021 and their families:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saunders Trades & Technical High School, we want to congratulate you on nearing the completion of a journey you began 13 years ago. We truly hope that your time at Saunders has been personally fulfilling and academically rewarding and that you are well-prepared for the next steps in your life.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of upcoming events and information. It is very important that you read this letter and thoroughly understand what is expected of you in the months ahead.

In the upcoming weeks, it may become necessary to make changes to the details outlined in the following schedule of events. Every effort will be made to keep you informed should there be a need to implement contingency plans due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Senior Showcase (multiple dates): senior magnet classes will display their exit projects starting Monday, May 10, and conclude June 4. While the showcases will not be open to the public, all student projects will be posted on the school website and on our social media platforms. Whenever possible, events will also be livestreamed on Microsoft Teams, with links posted in the School News section of the website. Please see attached calendar for dates.

Industry and Final Exams (multiple dates) dates are posted on the attached calendar. Please speak to your teachers about individual exams.

NHS Induction Ceremony (May 12 at 10 AM): open to senior students only. Event will be live streamed on Microsoft Teams.

Senior BBQ: to ensure social distancing, the BBQ will take place with students within their own magnet. Each magnet has the ability to select their date and time for their celebration. **THIS MAY CHANGE.**

Cap and Gown Distribution (June 9 at 9AM): distribution will take place in front of the school. Breakfast food trucks will provide breakfast. Seniors will then proceed to the football field for their class photo.

Senior Sports Awards (June 18 at 12:30PM): distribution will take place in the front of the school. Awards will be given to seniors that have participated for three or more years on a sports team.

Graduation (June 21 at 9AM): Ceremony will take place in the front of the school. Details listed below.

A few general notes about the conclusion of the school year for our seniors:

Senior Dues (\$160): If you have not paid your Senior Dues, please contact Ms. Ortiz or Ms. Fisher as soon as possible. Senior dues include Senior Activities (breakfast/food trucks, senior magnet bbq), cap

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and gown, diploma cover, yearbook, graduation lawn sign, class t-shirt and gym bag, custom face mask, and Class of 2021 sunglasses, water bottle, and other accessories.

Textbook/Laptop Return: Seniors must account for school issued property, especially laptops, textbooks, library books, athletic gear and uniforms. Seniors can begin returning the items listed starting on June 9th. We will also host a collection day on June 16 for any outstanding equipment.

Senior Grades/Magnet Expectations: In addition to the required NYS credits, any student that does NOT complete four years of his/her assigned magnet program, Senior exit project, and/or NYS approved Industry exam will NOT graduate from Saunders Trades and Technical High School and will not cross the stage at our graduation. Students will be transferred to another Yonkers Public School High School for graduation purposes and receive their diploma from his/her new high school.

Graduation Commencement Exercises

Date and Time: Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the front of Saunders HS

- **Graduation Tickets:** Each graduating senior will receive 2 tickets. Each ticket will be personalized with the students name and magnet. This will allow two guests into the Magnet Red Carpet Walkway (see below) If possible, we will live stream the event on Microsoft Teams. The link will be posted on the Saunders website.
- **Procedure on graduation day:** upon arrival, students will check in through the Main Front Doors and proceed to their magnet classroom. When called, the class will line up outside the building along the Briggs Avenue side of the school building, organized by magnet, alpha order. Guests will be allowed to view the ceremony in the designated Guest Waiting and Viewing area along Palmer Road.
- Students will be called up to receive their diploma by magnet. A special Magnet Red Carpet Walkway will be set up closer to where the graduate will receive their diploma. We will rotate guests out of this section by magnet so that all have an opportunity to view their child's accomplishment.
- After receiving their diploma, the graduate will then proceed down the remainder of the front lot for more photo opportunities (three step and repeat areas) and senior gifts.

Information and Updates can always be found on the Class of 2021 page of our website which can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/domain/8401>



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