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Dear Seniors and Parents:

The coming months are sure to be filled with many proud moments as graduation draws near. In the spirit of celebration, the senior class officers have planned a few graduation festivities. This packet outlines the programs and contains the information necessary to reserve your places at these activities. Please read the following information carefully. The schedule for the week is outlined below:

Thursday, May 28 th	Senior Graduation Dinner - 7pm -9:30pm Gaithersburg Hilton Gaithersburg, Maryland
Friday, May 29 th	Last Day for Seniors 1 st period exam, makeups and senior final clearance
Wednesday, June 3 rd	Graduation Rehearsal and Class Picnic Rehearsal begins at PHS at 8:00 am – Mandatory Attendance Picnic at Beallsville Fire Department – 1- 4pm
Thursday, June 4 th	Graduation at Strathmore Music Center at 10:30 am Students need to report at 9:30am

Please note that the dinner and picnic are optional, but if you plan on attending graduation, the REHEARSAL IS NOT!

Also, any senior that has an obligation will not be allowed to purchase a prom ticket or participate in the graduation ceremony. Any obligation must be paid by 2:15 on Friday, May 29th, 2009.

Enclosed you will find information on these activities. Please make sure that you read the packet in its entirety. For each activity there is a flyer outlining the pertinent information, along with a parent permission form. All forms and payment for any activity must be returned by **Thursday April 23rd** to Ms. Grubb. Please reply by this date to ensure your participation in senior week activities and graduation. If you choose to pay by check, you may write one check (made payable to PHS) for the events.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grubb at (301)972-7919 or Regina_R_Grubb@mcpsmd.org

Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone, and I hope you enjoy the festivities planned to celebrate this momentous event.

Sincerely,

Regina Grubb
Sponsor for the Class of 2009



Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2009
Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 10:30 am
At Strathmore Music Center
5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, Maryland

Time:

Seniors- Please plan to arrive by 9:30 am dressed in your cap and gown. Please do not bring any personal items with you, as there will not be a safe place to keep them during the ceremony.

Parents will be allowed to enter the Music Center at 9:35am. Seating is on a first come, first-served basis. The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 10:30am. To permit the procession of graduation, the doors will close at 10:25am. After the procession has ended, the doors will reopen. The ceremony should conclude around 12 noon.

Parking:

Each student will be given 2 parking passes to park in a designated area at White Flint Mall. Bus transportation, starting at 9:15am, will be provided to and from this parking area and Strathmore. This is approximately a one mile trip. These parking passes and a map detailing where to park will be provided along with the graduation tickets.

Admission:

All parents and guests must have a ticket to enter Strathmore for graduation. Graduates are guaranteed six (6) tickets. Please complete your ticket request at the bottom of the next page. Do **NOT** include your graduating child in the count. If you would like to ask for additional tickets, please indicate that number as well. There is a system in place to distribute the remaining tickets to those requesting them, if more become available. **However, please note that there is no guarantee that you will receive the additional tickets.**

STUDENTS WILL PICK UP THEIR GRADUATION TICKETS FOLLOWING THE GRADUATION REHEARSAL ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Handicapped:

Handicapped seating is available. Please indicate at the bottom of the next page if you need handicapped seating. These seats are part of the six allocated tickets per student. Please also indicate if that seating can be in a Strathmore seat or must be a wheelchair.

Interpreters:

Individuals who need sign language or any other special assistance to participate in the graduation exercises **MUST** indicate that service at the bottom of the next page. Please be specific in your request.

Photography and Videography:

There is to be **no videotaping** by individuals. Individuals may take non-flash photographs while seated. Please be respectful of others around you. Blanton

Photography will take a picture of each graduate shaking hands with the principal. The photographer will contact you after graduation.

Academic/Attire:

Caps and Gowns (distributed after graduation rehearsal) should be wrinkle free. No sunglasses. No chewing gum. No signs or decorations.

Men:

- Long dress pants
- Dress shoes with socks
- White shirt with collar and tie

Women:

- Dress, skirt and blouse, or dress pants
- Dress shoes (no flip-flops and plan carefully – there are many steps)

Diplomas:

The students receive their diplomas at the conclusion of the recessional. **Diploma receipt is contingent on appropriate behavior during the ceremony.**

The Music Center at Strathmore is a new and magnificent facility. The air-conditioning is perfect. Therefore, guests can be comfortable for the ceremony in jackets, ties, and dress clothes. Your cooperation in making alternative arrangements for babies and very young children would be greatly appreciated – one crying child can diminish a special moment for another family. Ushers at the Music Center will request crying infants be taken to the foyer during the ceremony. **Strathmore has indicated that parents may not bring balloons, signs, or whistles to be used during the ceremony. Please note that flowers are welcome.**

We would like to request your support in ensuring that your graduate understands the importance of appropriate behavior during rehearsal and the ceremony. Finally, please be advised that students who appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol to any degree at any of the planned senior activities will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

This is truly a special group of young people of whom we are all especially proud. We want the graduation of the Class of 2009 to reflect the special “class” that they have demonstrated throughout their years at Poolesville High School and look forward to sharing this day with you.

Please complete the bottom portion of this form, detach it and return to Ms. Grubb by
Thursday, **April 23, 2009.**

Student Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Number of tickets needed (up to 6) _____ **Additional tickets requested** _____

I need ___ **seats for a wheelchair / I need** ___ **handicapped seats wheelchair not required**
_____ **A sign interpreter is requested.**



Senior Graduation Dinner
Thursday, May 28th, 2009
7:00pm-9:30pm
Check-in begins at 6:30 – Meals to be served at 7:10
Gaithersburg Hilton

The evening will include a buffet style dinner, the senior slide show, various speakers, and musical entertainment provided by members of the senior class.

All graduating seniors are invited to attend this dinner. Dinner attire requested.

The cost for each senior is \$20
The monies raised by the Class of 2009 will be used to subsidize the remainder of the cost for each graduate.

Please complete the attached form below and return it along with the payment by the deadline.
Please keep in mind that there can be no refunds due to our commitment of numbers to Hilton.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Grubb at
(301) 972-7919

Please complete the bottom portion of this form, detach it and return to Ms. Grubb
by Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Student Name _____

Yes I will be attending _____

_____ Total amount enclosed (\$20 per graduate)

_____ Check

_____ Cash

To be signed by both parent and child:

Zero Tolerance Policy (in effect for all Senior Activities)

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to have or to use any drugs or intoxicants. It is illegal to provide controlled substances for anyone under the age of 21. MCPS and Poolesville High School have a zero tolerance policy towards having, using, or distributing drugs, intoxicants or weapons anywhere on school property. Any student found to be “under the influence” (of ANY amount) of drugs or intoxicants on school grounds or at any school sponsored activities may be denied the privilege of participating in any senior activity including the graduation ceremony.

I have read the above statement and agree to abide by the zero tolerance policy for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Student Name (print)	Signature	Date
Parent Name (print)	Signature	Date



**Graduation Practice
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
8:00am-12:30pm
Pooleville High School Auditorium**

This practice is **MANDATORY** for all seniors planning to attend the graduation ceremony at Strathmore. You must remain at this practice for the entire time!

Continental breakfast will be provided for the seniors by the Class of 2009 beginning at 8:00am in the Falcon Foyer.

Following the practice, all seniors will receive their caps, gowns, tickets for graduation, parking passes and directions.

Please check the fit of your gown immediately upon receipt. Problems with gowns should be reported on Wednesday, June 3rd by 4pm to Ms. Grubb, Ms. King or Mr. La Rocca at 301-972-7900.



**Senior Picnic
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
1pm-4pm
Beallsville Fire Department**

Following graduation practice, there will be a picnic at Beallsville Fire Department. This event allows the Class of 2009 one last opportunity to spend time together, reminisce about high school, sign yearbooks, eat, and participate in a variety of activities. Students must sign-in once they arrive at the Fire Department.

No one will be allowed to leave and re-enter the picnic.

Lunch will be provided from 1:00-2:30

Activities (some equipment will be provided, you may bring your own)

Volleyball

Softball

Basketball

Kickball

Football

This event is **\$5 per graduate**

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the picnic.

Please complete the form below and return to Ms. Grubb by **Thursday, April 23, 2009.**

Student Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

Parent Name _____ Phone # _____

I hereby give my child permission to attend the senior picnic. I understand that he/she is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from this event.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Yes I will be attending

_____ Payment Enclosed (\$5 per graduate)

_____ Check

_____ Cash

