



# COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

We cordially invite you to our Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony at Commack High School on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Congratulations to each and every one of you and your children on this remarkable achievement. We are very proud of all of the accomplishments of the Class of 2023 and are honored to acknowledge them at our ceremony.

Please read this letter in its entirety as there are many details for your review. This letter addresses important information regarding three important events: **Cap & Gown Distribution on June 13, Graduation Rehearsal on June 20, and our Commencement Ceremony on June 23.**

### **CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION- June 13, 2023: 8:00 am – 10:00 am**

On June 13th from 8:00 am - 10:00 am in the South Gym, graduates will return their Chromebook and any additional outstanding items. Students must park in the lower Senior Lot and enter the South Gym from the door closest to the bus circle. **Only after all outstanding items (Chromebooks, library books, calculators, athletic equipment, textbooks, marching band equipment, musical instruments, CSIP requirements) have been returned will seniors be eligible to pick up their graduation materials.** Graduates will receive the following:

- Cap
- Gown
- Tassel
- Stole
- American Flag Pin

Time	Last Name	Time	Last Name
8:00-8:15	A-B	9:00-9:15	L-Mi
8:15-8:30	C-D	9:15-9:30	Mo-P
8:30-8:45	E-G	9:30-9:45	Q-S
8:45-9:00	H-K	9:45-10:00	T-Z

### **GRADUATION REHEARSAL - June 20, 2023: 8:45 am – 12:00 pm**

Graduation Rehearsal is on Tuesday, June 20 from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm. Students are to report directly to their assigned room. Room assignments will be sent to families prior to June 20. Room assignments will also be posted in the E-wing during Graduation Rehearsal. Attendance at Graduation Rehearsal is **mandatory** for any graduate that is participating in our Commencement Ceremony. If a student does not attend or leaves early they jeopardize their participation in graduation. **Tickets will be distributed to all graduates directly following the Graduation Rehearsal.**

### **COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY- June 23, 2023**

**Graduates report at 4:00 pm; Commencement Ceremony 5:00 pm**

Graduates will report on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to their assigned rooms at 4:00 pm. Room assignments will be sent to families prior to June 20. Room assignments will also be posted in the E-wing prior to the Commencement Ceremony. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Graduates will be seated alphabetically.

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### **Dress Expectations**

All graduates will wear the traditional black academic cap, gown and commemorative stole. Students are not permitted to decorate their caps. We ask that students dress for the occasion following the options below:

**Option 1:** Dress shirt and tie, dress pants, dark dress shoes and socks (no white socks).

**Option 2:** Dress or skirt/dress pants with blouse, dress shoes

*Please refrain from wearing: jeans, backless shoes, strapless tops, tube tops, flip-flops, clogs/mules, spiked heels, and sunglasses. If students are not dressed appropriately it may impact their participation in our graduation ceremony.*

### **Tickets and Seating**

- **All tickets will be distributed after the graduation rehearsal on June 20<sup>th</sup>.** Students will receive a total of five tickets. Commack High School's Auditorium will serve as an air-conditioned venue to view a Live Stream of the ceremony on campus. Guests may use one of the tickets as admittance into the Auditorium.
- Outdoor handicapped seating is available on a **very limited basis**. Students whose **parents/guardians** require handicapped seating must request it by emailing Graduation@commack.k12.ny.us.
- Gates will open at 3:45 pm. Seating will be available in both the bleachers and on field level. For safety reasons, all guests must sit in the designated seating areas.

### **Livestream of Commencement Ceremony**

Graduation will be broadcast live on the Internet. The link, which will be live just prior to graduation, will be available on the District's home page.

### **Photography**

A professional photographer will photograph your son or daughter at the moment the diploma is presented. These portraits may be purchased directly from the company, who will then send proofs to your home sometime after graduation.

### **Inclement Weather**

In the unlikely event of rain, the ceremony will be held at 5:00 pm in the **Commack Middle School Gymnasium**. Due to limited seating, only YELLOW tickets will be honored in the gymnasium; BLUE will be honored in the Commack Middle School Auditorium and Cafeteria where a livestream of the graduation can be viewed. Due to limited seating and safety regulations, there can be no exceptions.

If you have any questions about our Commencement Ceremony, please email Graduation@commack.k12.ny.us.

We look forward to a celebratory evening that recognizes the Class of 2023.

Respectfully,

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