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Dear Class of 2023 Graduates and Families,

We have reached the month of June and the next chapter will be beginning soon for you and your families! Please take a moment to review some important information that will help you make a smooth transition.

The Senior Distribution & Yearbook Signing Party will be held on **Friday, June 16th , 2023** on West Orange High School's baseball/band field. The distribution and yearbook event begins at 10:00 am and concludes at 12:00 pm. As a senior privilege, **SENIORS will be dismissed from school on June 16th at noon.** Below are highlights of the event. Students will be able to sign yearbooks and enjoy lunch and music as they celebrate with other members of the Class of 2023. **All financial obligations must be met by the date of this event in order to receive your graduation tickets. Please see Mrs. Saccente in the PVW Attendance Office to pay outstanding fines and obligations prior to June 16th.**

- Yearbooks will be distributed and student yearbook signing is encouraged. Extra yearbooks will be available for purchase (\$100) until supply is sold out.
- Extra cap, gown, and tassel packages will be available at this event. [Cap/Gown/Tassel Payment Instructions](#). Bring your printed payment receipt to Lillian Colon to pick up your cap and gown.
- Complimentary lunch will be served.
- Seniors will receive their 4 graduation tickets at this event.
- Seniors will receive lawn signs compliments of the Project Graduation Committee.

The West Orange Technology Department will conduct **Senior Chromebook Collection** during the **lunch block** and **between 2:00 PM and 3:15 PM on June 13th and June 14th** at the Security Window near the Tarnoff Cafeteria and the Tech Hub window (Room 2105). As soon as you have completed your academic requirements for the year, you must return your school Chromebook with its charger at that location. On Thursday, June 15th 2023 from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm the tech department will receive chromebooks and chargers (as well as hotspots, if any were issued) in the Tarnoff Gym. After June 15th, if your chromebook has not been turned in, you will be billed via PowerSchool for \$200.00 (\$40.00 if you only owe for the charge) and your graduation tickets will be held until your obligations are paid. You have one more opportunity to turn in your chromebook and charger on Friday June 16th from 7:30A-10:30A at the Security Window and Tech Hub 2105. If a student pays/returns their Chromebook and charger in the morning, we will stamp their itemized 'items owed' sheet and they can receive their graduation tickets in time for the party. Any unfulfilled commitments to the school after June 16th can result in your diploma being held until all obligations are paid. Any monies owed to the school must be paid [via e-Funds](#). The school does not accept cash. Please be mindful that the building is closed on June 19th and there are half days on June 20th and 21st with a noon dismissal. Payments/turn-ins prior to graduation will happen at the Tech Hub (2105).

Prior to turning in your Chromebook and charger, if you have documents you want to keep or take with you before you exit our school system, you must download them with [Google TakeOut](#) before June 30th, 2023. After that time your usernames will be purged from our system and school network after that time and you will not be able to access any emails or documents with your @westorangeschools.org accounts.

On Thursday, June 22nd, the Class of 2023 will graduate at Essex County Codey Arena at 560 Northfield Avenue in West Orange. We look forward to your cooperation in celebrating this significant milestone! All

graduates must arrive at the arena by 4:00 pm. The graduation ceremony begins at 5:00 pm and takes about 2 hours. **A mandatory graduation rehearsal will be held at the Richard J. Codey Arena from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Graduates are **required** to attend graduation rehearsal in order to participate in graduation. You are expected to arrive at the Arena ON TIME. There will be a poster with a seat number next to your name; please sit in the chair marked with your seat number. Please also be advised that any forms of balls and bullhorns are **banned** from the ceremony.

GUEST ADMISSION TO THE ARENA WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY! Every graduate receives 4 tickets. The school will not issue more than four tickets. If a student needs more, they may ask their fellow graduates if they are possibly not using all 4 of their tickets. The ceremony will also be Live Streamed on the District's YouTube channel during the event and be viewable anytime afterwards. Tickets will be distributed on June 16th at the distribution event.. Please tell your guests that the gates will be closed at 4:50 pm and no one will be admitted during the processional. If handicapped accessible seating is required, please contact Ms. Colon at 973.669.5301 ext. 31537 prior to June 16th.

Project Graduation, scheduled for **Thursday, June 22nd**, for graduates following the graduation ceremony. West Orange High School Administration and Project Graduation provide the Class of 2023 with the best possible graduation party. Each senior's contribution to the party is \$20.00 for the ticket of admission. Tickets may be purchased through E-Funds.. Tickets will not be sold after the June 22nd rehearsal. No one is allowed to buy a ticket at the door. Students should wear casual clothing, pack a bathing suit, towels, sneakers, and extra casual clothing. Do not bring cash/valuables to this event. The evening includes all beverages and food. Project Graduation check-in begins at 8:30 pm. Seniors are transported from the WOHS parking lot at approximately 9:30 pm to the FunPlex by school bus. All graduates must ride the bus to FunPlex; no senior is allowed to drive to Project Graduation. Each graduate's bag will be checked before boarding the bus. Buses will arrive back at West Orange High School on Friday, June 23rd around 2:30 am.

Your Principal,



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