

Message from the Principal

Dear Senior and Senior Parents:

Congratulations! You and your student have come to the last hurdle before graduation: Spring semester of senior year. During this exciting time there are activities planned such as senior breakfast, prom and graduation. Realizing that they involve time and planning, we would like to make you aware of these activities which culminate with commencement exercises on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 2:00.

Best wishes to all our seniors as they complete the remaining weeks of school. I look forward to see you at our spring events.

Sincerely,
Kim Kolze
Principal
Lake Zurich High School

A Reminder

Lake Zurich High School's Code of Conduct is in effect at all school functions on and off campus. These rules are also in force anytime a student is on campus for any reason, even if school is not in session. Seniors should demonstrate the maturity and knowledge gained through their tenure at Lake Zurich and exercise good judgment.

Lake Zurich's Code of Conduct is grounded in the concept of withdrawing privileges for inappropriate behavior. Students must understand that if they engage in conduct that endangers others, disrupts the educational process, or vandalizes the school in the name of "senior pranks," they may lose senior privileges including, but not limited to, Prom and Graduation.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 20	Gap and Gown Distribution	May 20	Bear BBQ
April 27-30	Spring Musical "Once Upon A Mattress"	May 21	Prom (Marriot, Lincolnshire)
May 2-13	AP Testing	May 23-25	Senior Finals
May 16	Senior Awards Night	May 27	Senior Breakfast (Optional)
May 18	Pre-prom Assembly & Crash Simulation (Juniors and Seniors only)	May 27	Commencement Rehearsal (Mandatory)
May 18	Year Book Distribution (Tentative)	May 28	Commencement

Pre-Prom Assembly

On Wednesday, May 18, from 1:30-3:10, all juniors and seniors are required to see a simulated crash scene and the events that occur at a crash scene when alcohol is present. Junior and Seniors will also be required to listen to a presentation and discussion about the choices and consequences of drinking and driving, presented by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (AAIM).

Prom

The Prom will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., at the Marriott, in Lincolnshire.

Check-in will start at 5:15 p.m., in the PAC Lobby with refreshments in the main gym at the High School. At 6:30 p.m. coach busses will be leaving the high school for the Marriott. A sit down dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Dance Party DJ's.

All students attending prom will be required to take the coach busses from Lake Zurich High School and back to Lake Zurich High School at the end of the evening. There are no exceptions.

No limos will be allowed at the high school that evening.

Tickets for Prom will be available from May 2-4 during lunch periods in the cafeteria. Tickets will be \$150/couple and \$75/individual.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL EVENT. ALL SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES APPLY.

THOUGH THE DRESS FOR SCHOOL DANCES IS DIFFERENT THAN THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY WE STILL MAINTAIN HIGH EXPECTATION FOR STUDENT DRESS. FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING, INCLUDING THE DANCE PORTION, GIRLS ARE TO BE WEARING A DRESS OF APPROPRIATE LENGTH AND SKIN COVERAGE. ALSO, BOYS ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR DRESS SHIRTS FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING.

ALL RULES PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OR USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS WILL BE ENFORCED.

Guests From Other Schools

If a student is bringing a guest who does not attend Lake Zurich High School, he/she will have to obtain a Guest Form from the Dean's Office, fill it out and return it prior to purchasing a ticket for the dance.

Graduation Information

Cap and Gown Measurement

Measurement for caps and gowns took place in November, but don't worry if you missed it. Visit the Herff Jones website at www.herffjones.com. The cap, gown, and tassel do not have to be returned and are yours to keep.

Remember! You must be have a cap and gown if you expect to take part in the commencement ceremony.

Cap and Gown Distribution

Caps and gowns will be distributed by Herff Jones personnel on Wednesday, April 20 during lunch periods, in the cafeteria. Herff Jones will be back on Friday May 27, during Senior Breakfast to distribute any cap and gown orders not picked up on April 20. Please press and hang the gown for a sufficient period prior to commencement in order to minimize the number of wrinkles. Student may keep their cap, gown, and tassel after the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Speeches

Any graduating senior is eligible to submit a graduation speech. Speeches are to be turned to Mr. Rubenstein in the main office by March 25, 2010. Speeches will be chosen through a selection process and finalist will be chosen to speak at graduation.

Senior Breakfast **(Optional)**

On Friday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m. all seniors who are graduating are invited to attend the senior breakfast to be held in the Main Gym. At this time students will have an opportunity to sign the senior wall, pick-up their cap and gown (if needed), and spend time with their classmates for a final time. At the conclusion of breakfast students will go directly in to the field house for commencement rehearsal.

Commencement Rehearsal **(Mandatory)**

Commencement Rehearsal will be on Friday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Field House. All graduating seniors who choose to participate in the ceremony must be present for the entire rehearsal. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Tickets for the commencement ceremony will be distributed during the rehearsal only.

Any senior who does not wish to participate in the commencement ceremony needs to notify his or her counselor by April 30 and may pick up their diploma the following week after the graduation ceremony in the Main Office during regular school business hours. A photo ID must be shown to receive the diploma.

Commencement

On Saturday, May 28, 2010 commencement exercises for the Class of 2011 will be held at Lake Zurich High School in the Field House. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Due to the size of the Field House and the number of graduates, Lake Zurich High School limits the number of spectators who may attend graduation. Lake Zurich High School will issue four (4) tickets to each graduate for entrance in the Field House. Additional tickets may be given to those interested in viewing the ceremony via telecast in the Performing Arts Center. Student should see Mrs. Witt in the main office for additional tickets. No extra tickets will be given for the Field House. The graduates will be responsible for allocating tickets to their family and friends. Please be aware that everyone, with the exception of the graduates, will need a ticket to be admitted into the Field House or the Performing Arts Center.

Doors will open to the public at 1:00 p.m. Graduates do not need tickets and must report to the Main Gym no later than 1:00 p.m.

Handicapped Seating

People needing handicapped seating should contact Pat Witt in the Main Office after May 1. Handicapped seating will be by reservation only. Individuals in need of handicap seating do need a ticket and are counted as one of the four tickets for the field house. One person may accompany the handicap individual in the seating area. All other must sit in the bleachers.

Conduct

The ceremony should reflect the high standards which characterize the Class of 2011 and Lake Zurich High School. Accordingly, we expect that all graduates and their guests will conduct themselves in a dignified and solemn manner which reflects the significance of the occasion.

Dress

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for the occasion. Boys are to wear dress slacks (not shorts or jeans) and a dress shirt with a tie. Girls must wear a nice skirt, dress or dress pants, dressy shoes or dressy sandals. Girls will not be allowed to bring purses into the field house. All students are to wear shoes. **Sunglasses, tennis shoes, flip flops, and casual sandals will not be allowed.**

Photos

Visual Image Photography will photograph each graduate as they approach the stage, and again as they receive their diploma while on stage. Proofs will be posted to the VIP website, www.vipis.com, for viewing and purchase within 7 days after graduation. This service will enable all parents to have a picture of their graduate while providing a dignified atmosphere during the ceremony. Parents are encouraged to relax in their seats and limit their personal picture taking to before and after the presentation of diplomas. If you have additional questions about this service, you may contact Visual Image Photography.

Video

Lake Zurich High School will be filming the graduation ceremony.

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LIVE WEB STREAMING

New this year there will be live video of the graduation ceremony streaming on the web. Final details are still being determined. Please look for more details on the high school webpage under the graduation link.

Final Exams for Seniors

Final Exams will take place on Monday, May 23 through Wednesday May 25. Senior will take their exams in the Tonelli Gym following the attached schedule.

<u>Monday May 23</u>		<u>Tuesday May 24</u>		<u>Wednesday May 25</u>	
Social Studies	8:31-9:56	Science and Technology	7:55-9:28	English	7:55-9:28
World Language	10:01-11:26	P.E., FACS, and Business	9:33-11:06	Early Bird and Double Up	9:33-11:06
Fine Arts	11:31-12:56	Math	11:11-12:44	Make-up and Double Up	11:11-12:44

- On senior exam days, the rest of the school will follow the regular bell schedule and seniors will not attend classes.
- Senior exams will be taken in the Tonelli Gym. Please enter through Door 1 and exit through Door 28.
- For mixed classes (junior and seniors), only seniors will be taking exams on these days

All graduation requirements must be completed before a student will be allowed to participate in the graduation rehearsal and ceremony.

Exemptions from Final Exams for Seniors

Seniors who have achieved a semester average of A- or higher in a semester long course shall not be required to take the final exam in that class. In year long classes this policy applies to second semester only. However, they must be in attendance up through the day before the scheduled final exam, with no exceptions.

Senior Honors Night

The Senior Honors night will be held on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Seniors who will be recognized will receive invitations to this ceremony. To attend Seniors Honors Night students must be present in school for a minimum of four academic periods.

Final Thoughts

To the Members of the Class of 2011,

May 28, your commencement day, is rapidly approaching. On this day, I look forward to hearing the memories and parting thoughts from your class representatives. Your graduating class has accomplished so much over the past four years at Lake Zurich High School and over the past 12 years in District 95. In all areas of school life, you have set high standards for those who will follow in your footsteps. During the past four years you have acquired academic, social, and emotional skills and knowledge which will serve you well as you rise to meet the challenges of the future. These skills will help you lead happy and productive lives.

As you embark upon your future of colleges and careers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have taught me over the past four years.

The event marking your graduation from high school is called commencement as it marks the beginning of your future. Best wishes to all of you. It has been an honor and privilege to be your Principal.

Kim Kolze
Principal
Lake Zurich High School