

January 12, 2026

Dear Senior Parent or Guardian,

It is hard to believe that we are just about halfway through your child's senior year. As we embrace the Smithtown Promise and our commitment to supporting our students' journey, I am writing to keep you up to date on a few things that are coming up for our seniors.

Yearbooks - The yearbook is currently in the process of being produced. You have the ability to purchase the yearbook online at [Yearbook Forever](#) or by going to the [Smithtown East website](#) and clicking on the [yearbook link](#). Please be advised that unless the yearbook is ordered online, there is no guarantee that one will be available for you.

Cap and Gown Orders - Cap and gown orders will be taken on Thursday, February 5th, and Friday, February 6th, 2026, during periods 4 through 8 in the commons area. The cap, gown, and tassel(s) are kept by the students as mementos.

There are two packages available for purchase:

- Basic Package (\$35): Consists of a cap, gown, and regular tassel.
- Deluxe Package (\$45): Consists of a cap, gown, regular tassel plus a souvenir tassel, and a mini tassel key ring.
- *Add-ons*: Extra souvenir tassels and mini key rings may be purchased for \$7 each.

Payment can be made via cash or checks made payable to Josten's, Inc.

Class Rings - If your son or daughter has not already done so, school rings may also be ordered at this time. A \$125 deposit payable by check to Josten's is required when placing the ring order. Ring orders can also be placed online at [Jostens](#).

Our wonderful PTSA will again be selling lawn signs this year as well as banners and T-shirts. More information will follow.

Senior Prom - Please be aware that the senior prom is scheduled for June 8th at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. We do understand that students may choose to hire limousines for transport to and from the event. However, please be aware that **party buses are not permitted** as a mode of transport. Smaller buses or vans with front-facing seats are allowed.

Upcoming Senior Events & Dates - Below is a list of upcoming events as we know them now. I will periodically update everyone as plans become more concrete.

- February 5th and 6th: Senior Class of 2026 cap & gown sales.
- June 4th: Senior Scholarship Award Ceremony @ HSW, 6:30.
- June 8th: Senior Prom @ 6:00 p.m., Villa Lombardi's.
- June 26th: Graduation @ 5:00 p.m., HS EAST - Nick Schroeder Field (Rain date: June 27th).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your senior's assistant principal.

Warm regards,

Paul McNeil

Principal, Smithtown East