

Smithtown East 2024 Graduation Information



June 26, 2024

Rain Date: June 27, 2024



SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL EAST

GRADUATION 2024

Wednesday, June 26th - 5:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Cap and Gown INFORMATION:

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, June 20, 2024 after the rehearsal which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Once again, the rehearsal will include a presentation created by the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office called “Choices & Consequences”. This program explores the dynamics of drunken, drugged, and reckless driving. The goal of the program is to reinforce good decision-making as our students prepare for graduation and life beyond high school. Caps and gowns will only be distributed to those students who have ordered and paid for them. Those of you who still need to pay for a cap and gown on that day will not be able to do so until after the main distribution is completed.

CAPS AND GOWNS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO SENIORS WHO OWE BOOK FINES OR EQUIPMENT MONEY

Book fine lists and other financial obligation lists will be posted in every office. If you fail to settle your obligations before the cap and gown distribution on Thursday, June 20th, you will not be issued a cap and gown. Since there are over 375 graduating seniors, we will not have the time on the 20th, nor will you be able to find teachers to rectify settlement claims.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SETTLE ALL YOUR OBLIGATIONS. RETURN ALL BOOKS AND CALCULATORS TO THE LIBRARY – PAY ANY ASSESSED FINES TO ANY OF THE LIBRARY PERSONNEL. ALL OTHER FINES CAN BE RECONCILED IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT RETURNING CHROMEBOOKS WILL FOLLOW

COMMENCEMENT DRESS:

Caps and gowns will be worn at the Commencement Ceremony. The caps and gowns are symbols of leadership and are to be worn with dignity. Caps are to be placed squarely on the head, not hanging over one ear. Unadorned caps and gowns are to be worn at the ceremony. Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the cap. Members of the National Honor Society will wear gold tassels. Students who have been designated as Gold Cord recipients will wear their gold cords.

All students should be dressed appropriately. If you are not dressed acceptably, you will be sent home to change. This will probably mean that you will miss the ceremony. If you have any questions as to what is or is not appropriate, please see an administrator after the rehearsal.

ARRIVAL FOR COMMENCEMENT:

Report to your assigned cafeteria at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th.

- A - Locrotondo-----> Will report to the Commons Cafe**
- Lomando - Z -----> Will report to the Main Cafe**
- Senior Chorus Students -----> Will report to the Chorus Room**

YOU WILL BE HANDED A YELLOW NAME CARD. This card will be handed to a counselor when you approach the stage. Signs with alphabet designation will be posted on the cafeteria walls.

SMOKING POLICY:

In compliance with state law, the Smithtown School District is a non-smoking district. No smoking nor vaping is allowed anywhere on school grounds.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES:

Seniors are to report to their assigned cafeteria no later than 3:30 p.m. in order to line up for the Graduation Processional.

Commencement will be held on the football field on Wednesday, June 26th, at 5:00 p.m., and will last approximately 1 hour.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27th AT 5:00 p.m. You will receive a message from the school as early as possible in the event we need to postpone the ceremony.

After the processional, seniors should remain standing for the pledge and the national anthem. You will then sit until called up row by row to receive your diploma.

PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR NAME CARD! If you do, state your name to the person assisting you when you get to the stage. After you receive your diploma cover, return to your seat and **REMAIN STANDING UNTIL YOUR ROW IS FILLED!**

DO NOT RUSH ACROSS THE STAGE - YOUR PICTURE IS BEING TAKEN TO RECORD THE MOMENT YOU ARE BEING AWARDED YOUR DIPLOMA!

When you return to your row, remain standing until all members of the row have returned. The next row will then stand and come up to the stage.

At the completion of the ceremony, Mr. Rose will ask you to stand, and will ask you to move your tassels to the left. The principal will pronounce you graduated. The recessional will be played, seniors and staff will march out to conclude the ceremony.

AFTER COMMENCEMENT:

You may join your family members. **Diplomas will be distributed in the MAIN CAFE following the ceremony.** Caps and gowns are yours to keep.

PARKING INFORMATION

In order to secure a parking place on-site you must arrive early. Handicapped parking will be provided in the Woodlawn Avenue lot. Please bring a note to Mrs. Bremen in North Administration (382-2721) and you will be given a handicap pass. Please remember that the vehicle must have a state provided handicap permit to enter the Woodlawn lot on graduation day.