

**WILLIAM A. SHINE**  
**GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

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*“Our Orange and Blue  
starts with an Extraordinary You”*

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Seniors,

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your child for the efforts each of you has made towards being on course for the graduation ceremony this June. With the end of the school year approaching seniors seek opportunities to create positive memories of their high school experience. There are several activities planned for members of our senior class.

Senior Prom

Senior Prom is being held on Thursday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Crescent Beach Club. As of now, attendees are limited to South High seniors only. In order to attend the prom, students will have to provide either proof of vaccination to Mrs. McGurk no later than Friday, June 4 or a negative COVID test result prior to the start of the prom. If you take a PCR test your negative result must be submitted within 72 hours of June 10. If you take a rapid test your negative result must be submitted within 72 hours of the start of the prom. For more specific information about the prom, you can join the SHS Senior Prom 2021 Google Classroom: ouqsia5.

Graduation Rehearsal & Senior BBQ

Graduation Rehearsal is being held on Friday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the James M. Shuart Stadium of Hofstra University. All graduating seniors are required to attend this rehearsal. Buses will leave our school at 8:40 a.m. for those students requiring transportation. Seniors are asked to go directly to the stadium. The rehearsal should be over by 11:00 a.m.

We will begin our graduation cap and gown distribution when the students arrive at South High after rehearsal. Cap and gown distribution will take place in the West Gym. Additionally, yearbooks and graduation tickets will be distributed at that time. Four tickets are reserved for each graduate. If you need less than four tickets, please give unneeded tickets back to the Main Office. If you need additional tickets, students are to inform the Main Office, beginning on June 21. In the event you have an obligation, the additional tickets will not be available until the obligation is cleared. Students with an outstanding obligation will receive an email notification on June 11. Students are responsible for returning all textbooks, library books, athletic uniforms, parking passes, and school equipment. Senior iPad collection will take place during the week of June 14, more information will be provided in the future. If you would like to return your iPad before June 14, you can drop it off at our library.

Once students receive their cap and gown, yearbook, and graduation tickets they may proceed to the Senior BBQ being held on the lower fields at South High. The Senior BBQ will be for South High seniors only. The Senior BBQ will include backyard games, Ralph's Italian Ices (sponsored by our PTO), music, and other outdoor fun. Students will also be able to sign each other's yearbooks during the BBQ. Our hope is our seniors can use this time to revel in their accomplishments with their classmates, peers, and friends while enjoying the cooking efforts of Dr. Gitz, Mr. Duggan, and Mr. Hopkins. Students may feel free to attend while displaying regalia related to their future plans (clothing representing their college choice or their plans for after high school). The Senior BBQ promises to be a fun time for all. The rain date is Monday, June 21.

## Graduation

Graduation will be held at the James M. Stuart Stadium of Hofstra University on Thursday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. The ceremony takes approximately 90 minutes. All graduates are expected to be at Hofstra University, at 8:30 a.m. Doors to the stadium will not be open until 9:10 a.m. Seats are then available on a first come first served basis. Please note that in order for all of our families to enjoy the ceremony, we ask that you remain in your seats, and do not block others' views with iPads or cameras. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate so that families can purchase those photos and need not take their own. Bus transportation to Hofstra will be provided for graduates who are not driving with their parents, and will leave South at 8:00 a.m. There will be no return bus to South High after the ceremony.

We ask for everyone's help in maintaining the dignity brought to these ceremonies in the past. Students are asked to wear appropriate attire and comfortable shoes. Bobbie pins to hold the caps in place will be useful. All gowns are to be completely buttoned or zippered during the exercises. Only diploma covers are presented during the ceremony. Diplomas are distributed immediately after the ceremony.

Our goal is for our seniors to continue to demonstrate excellence and scholarship and enjoy a successful completion of their senior year. We look forward to congratulating each one at our graduation ceremony.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher Gitz  
Principal