

**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.

This year’s **Senior Prom** will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at **The Crescent Beach Club** in Bayville. Students interested in attending should drop off their payment with the ticket form (distributed in English classes and also available online) in the box set up outside Room 319B. **All cash payments must be handed directly to Mrs. Linda McGurk** (Room 319E), with the full amount of the ticket, starting April 25 through May 11. An “Early Bird Special” is being offered from April 25 through April 29 with a ticket price of \$95.00 per person. Starting Monday, May 2 all tickets will be \$100.00 per person. Checks should be made out to “Great Neck South High School.” Mrs. McGurk will collect Seating Forms May 9 through May 13 (forms are available online). Please note: Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from this event. All forms and any updated information can be accessed by your child on Google Classroom.

**All seniors must attend a graduation meeting in the East Gym on Thursday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m.** Caps and gowns will be distributed to students at the meeting. At this time, it is unknown whether yearbooks will be available for distribution on this date. As we know more about yearbook arrival and distribution it will be shared. Students who have not yet ordered a book can [click here to purchase a 2022 VISTA yearbook online](#) (the purchase price of the yearbook is \$135). The **Senior BBQ** will take place directly after on our lower fields. The rain date is Friday, June 3. More specific information will be shared in the near future regarding attendance procedures and the schedule for the day.

The only **graduation rehearsal** at **Long Island University, Post Campus**, will be held on Wednesday, June 22, at 8:15 a.m. All graduating seniors are required to attend this rehearsal. Buses will leave our school at 7:45 a.m. for those students requiring transportation. Seniors are asked to go directly to the small theater using the Hillwood Commons entrance. They are not to go into the Tilles Center. Please do NOT bring caps and gowns to this rehearsal. The rehearsal should be over by 11:30 a.m.

**Commencement exercises** will be held at the Tilles Center of Long Island University, Post Campus, at **2:30 p.m.** on Thursday, June 23. The ceremony takes approximately 2 hours. All graduates are expected to be at Long Island University, Post Campus, at 1:30 p.m. Doors to the hall will not be open until 2:10 p.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 Post will be provided for graduates who are not driving with their parents, and will leave South at 1:00 p.m.

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. Bobby 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.**

**Please Note: A translator will be available for this occasion.** When students pick up their tickets, they will have the opportunity to reserve translation equipment and to specify the language required.

We are now engaged in the preparation for the commencement exercises. Seniors who are interested in **auditioning to be a speaker** during the commencement should notify the Main Office by Wednesday, May 18. **All members of the Class of 2022** are eligible to audition. The theme, as selected by the Senior Class Planning Committee, is **"Seize the Day!"** A committee comprised of faculty members and students will make final selections. Speakers will be selected by audition only. The number of speakers selected will be limited. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, May 24 in Room 306 (Choral Room) at 2:45 p.m. If you intend to audition and would like some assistance with your presentation, any member of the faculty will be happy to assist. Please be advised, each audition will be limited to two minutes.

**Ticket distribution** will take place starting on Wednesday, June 15. Students may pick up **their** tickets only. The distribution will take place in the Main Office. In the event you have an obligation, the tickets will not be available until the obligation is cleared. Students are responsible for returning all textbooks, library books, and school equipment. **Students should check with their teachers to be sure all obligations are cleared.** Five tickets are reserved for each graduate. If students are in need of additional tickets, they are to inform the Main Office. We should be able to accommodate all additional ticket requests. If you need less than five tickets, please give unneeded tickets back to the office.

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