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Dear Seniors and Parents:

Congratulations to the Class of 2019! Graduation is quickly approaching. With this in mind, we are sending this letter to you for three purposes. First, we want to give you a step-by-step account of what will be happening as graduation approaches. Feel free to visit the graduation section of our web site under News at <http://www.beaconk12.org>. Second, we would like to provide you with some very important expectations regarding student dress and conduct at the graduation ceremony. Third, we would like to once again communicate to you our continued interest in the future of your graduate by reminding you of the post-graduation services offered by Beacon High School.

This year's commencement exercise will take place at **Dutchess Stadium on Saturday, June 29th at 9:00 AM.** (please arrive at 8am) Stadium seating is unlimited and no tickets are required. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

Prior to participating in this year's ceremony, seniors please take note of the following items:

- Make sure that you have met with your counselor and that all academic course requirements for graduation have been satisfied. If graduation requirements have not been met, you will not be able to attend the ceremony. Only students who have successfully completed the requirements for a New York State High School Diploma will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Make sure that you have ordered your cap and gown. You will not be permitted to participate without them. Orders can be placed at jostens.com. All caps and gowns will be delivered to BHS.
- All student accounts, financial obligations, textbooks, and library materials have been resolved.

The graduation rehearsal is mandatory beginning at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 26th at Beacon High School in the cafeteria. Prior to the rehearsal, the PTSO will be hosting a brunch for the class of 2019 at 11:00 am until p. We expect the practice to be approximately 60 minutes.

At the conclusion of graduation rehearsal caps and gowns will be distributed and each student will be given four (4) tickets. In the case of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be held in the high school gymnasium. Closed circuit TV viewing will be held in the theatre for non-ticket holders should graduation be held inside. **Please be sure to check our website for weather updates and changes.**

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GRADUATES MUST REPORT TO DUTCHESS STADIUM AT 8:00 AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 29th.

The graduation ceremony represents the keystone of twelve years of work on the part of each of the graduates from Beacon High School this year. It is an important event for each of the young people graduating and should be treated with all the dignity and importance afforded such special occasions. For that reason, please take the time to share these thoughts with your graduate. Please help them understand that this ceremony deserves the greatest dignity, encourage them to **look sharp, behave properly, and represent their families, community, and school with class.** Also, please explain to them that we simply will not allow any individual or individuals to mar this important event with behavior that is incompatible to the occasion. Should the need arise, those who behave inappropriately during the ceremony will be removed, and appropriate consequences will be administered.

In order to conduct a graduation ceremony that will reflect the extraordinary character of the senior class and the community, the following protocols have been established:

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FOLLOW ALL THE GRADUATION PROCEDURES COULD BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. WE ARE INFORMING YOU AHEAD OF TIME SO THAT DISAPPOINTMENT AND EMBARRASSMENT WILL BE AVOIDED.

Parents please review these items in this letter with your senior and stress the importance of their cooperation. We want to acknowledge everyone's accomplishments by acting in an appropriate manner throughout the duration of the ceremony. Please be respectful so that names of all seniors may be heard by their families. The senior class at Beacon High School has displayed a spirit of cooperation and maturity throughout the year. It is my hope that this year's graduation ceremony will demonstrate the quality of the seniors who are graduating.

At the conclusion of the ceremony parents, families and guests will **not** be allowed on the baseball field. There are numerous locations outside the playing field (picnic area, walkways, etc.) where pictures can be taken.

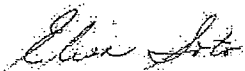
Lastly, it is important to us that you and your graduate be aware of and take advantage of the continued support we offer our students after graduation. Areas in which we can be of service include:

- College and career information can be found on our Guidance webpage.
- Grade transcripts for advanced schooling or employment needs are available through the high school counseling department.
- The teaching, counseling, and administrative faculty are all willing to provide references for school, job, military, or other needs. Graduates are reminded to request permission to use faculty as references.

The process of graduation involves the commencement ceremony. Commencement indicates that students are moving to a new phase of their lives which will take them in a multitude of different directions. As a faculty, we would like you to know that we will always be willing to help our graduates be successful, whatever schooling and occupational choices they may make. If the need arises in the future, please call on us. We'll do our very best to help.

In closing, please accept my congratulations and best wishes as you, your family and friends share your pride and experiences of this milestone. Thank you and I look forward to celebrating with you on the morning of graduation.

Sincerely,



Elisa Correa-Soto
Principal

Naviance Senior Survey Instructions

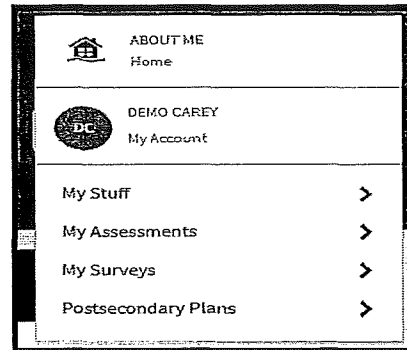
ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE THIS SURVEY

- Sign into your Naviance Account:
<https://student.naviance.com/beaconhs>

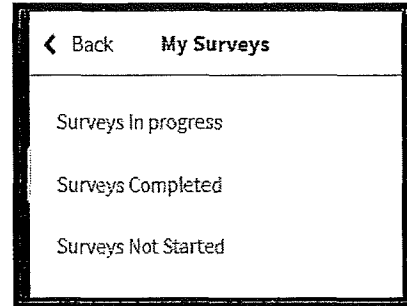
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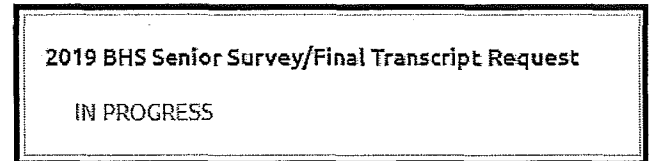
- Select **My Surveys**. →



- Select **Surveys Not Started**. →



- Select **2019 BHS Senior Survey/Final Transcript Request**. →



Question 1: Check off the box that indicates your plans for next year. (type of college, military branch, work, etc.) If you check off military, be sure to type in what branch you are enlisting.

Question 2: IMPORTANT: In order for your final transcript to be sent, you **NEED** to tell us which college you will be attending by checking the boxes **"ATTENDING"** and **"SEND FINAL TRANSCRIPT."** If your college does not appear in the chart below, please use the "lookup" option to add it.

Colleges (1, 2, 4 year) **REQUIRE** final transcripts for their records and financial aid purposes. The Counseling Office will send your final transcript based on the information you list below.

Add, update, and verify student college applications. Below is the latest information we have regarding your college applications. Please update or correct this information if needed.

Question 3: In Question 2, you should have checked the "Attending" and "Send Final Transcript" boxes next to **ONE SCHOOL'S** name. If not, go back to Question 2 and check the boxes. Then answer yes when you are done.

Seniors must complete this survey in order to have your final transcript sent.

Thank you!!!



Seniors names and the colleges they will be attending will be put on the marquee sign at the end of Mattewan Road. If you do not wish to have your student's information posted on the sign please call Lori LaDue at 838-6900 x3001. They will be posted as soon as the college information is reported to the guidance department, usually in alphabetical order.

*If we do not hear from you,
we will assume we are clear to display the information.

The PTSO is looking for donations for the senior lunch that will be held on Wednesday, June 26th. If you are able to help please go to the link signup.com/go/zOQDcoZ and sign up. Thank you for helping to make all the senior events so special for the students.