



North Point High School

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Kimberly Hill, Principal

March 30, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The entire faculty and staff of North Point High School would like to express their congratulations to the Class of 2009. Our graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. in our *Convocation Center*. There are numerous activities leading up to graduation and we hope the information enclosed will be helpful to you as you organize your calendar for all senior activities.

A great deal of time, effort, and organization has gone into making all senior activities the very best. A standard of excellence is what our seniors deserve. We remind all of our guests that the commencement exercise is a very formal and dignified ceremony. A silent roll call is a commitment we have made to all of our graduating seniors. The members of the Class of 2009 want to hear ALL of the names of ALL of the members of the class. In order to do this, audience members are asked to be SILENT while the graduates are receiving their diplomas. This is something that has not been done by any other local school in recent memory. But, we are sure that our community can, once again, set itself apart from the rest by accomplishing this goal.

AIR HORNS, NOISEMAKERS, CONFETTI, HELIUM-FILLED BALLOONS AND OTHER DISRUPTIVE ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED. CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF. Use or possession of these devices could warrant removal by security staff.

All tickets will be printed and provided by North Point High School and will be distributed to seniors during one of the mandatory graduation practices. Each student will be allotted six (6) tickets to the Convocation Center and an additional two (2) for the auxiliary area. Guests and family members attending the graduation must have a ticket issued by North Point High School for the specific area to enter. Please read the information about tickets on the enclosed pages. If you will not need all of the tickets issued or wish to request additional tickets, please complete the enclosed form, which must be returned by April 17th.

Attendance at practice sessions and adherence to the dress code are **MANDATORY** for seniors in the graduation ceremony. Please remind your son or daughter that absolute cooperation is needed during all practice sessions. Seniors who do not attend practices or do not cooperate during practice sessions will forfeit their right to participate in the graduation ceremony. Detailed information on required attire for graduates is enclosed.

We hope that this packet will prove helpful in preparing for all senior events and answering your questions. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Vice Principal Ellen Linton at (301) 753-1759. We look forward to an outstanding graduation for all our seniors.

Sincerely,

Kim Hill
Principal

Ellen Linton
Senior Class Administrator

Troy Richie
Senior Class Guidance Counselor

Jessica Pratta
Senior Class Sponsor

Cary Smith
Senior Class Sponsor

Conor Lee
Senior Class President

Michael Heim
Vice-Principal

Ellen Linton
Vice-Principal

Kim McClarin
Vice-Principal

Michael Simms
Vice-Principal

Ronald Wilson
Vice-Principal



Commencement Activities and General Information



IMPORTANT: Seniors must attend all assigned classes through May 22. Attendance at practice sessions and adherence to the dress code established for each activity are essential. Seniors are reminded that their absolute cooperation is necessary during all practice sessions and activities. Seniors who do not choose to cooperate will forfeit their privilege to participate in remaining commencement activities. Disruption of graduation practices can lead to the student being removed from practice and result in the student not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. The dress code during practices and rehearsals will be the same one as followed throughout the school year.

Students who do not turn in a *Senior Clearance Form* will not be able to attend the picnic, receive tickets for Project Graduation, or participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors who owe debts after May 22 will not receive their cap and gown, diploma or report card until the debt is paid.

Personal videotaping will not be permitted in the Convocation Center. **There are to be no tripods or video cameras allowed.** Two professional photographers from Lifetouch will be taking photographs of seniors receiving their diplomas. You will have an opportunity to see proofs and order a close-up shot of the conferring of the diploma. The ceremony will be videotaped by dbF with close-ups and professional sound quality. A form for purchase is enclosed.

May 18 (Monday)

Senior clearance forms distributed

Each teacher/department will sign after financial obligations have been met in that specific area. At that time, seniors will be issued a ticket to receive their cap and gown during the senior activity on May 22. If your form is completed before Friday, May 22, you may turn it in early to Ms. Linton.

May 18-19 (Monday-Tuesday)

Senior Exams *(at the discretion of teachers)*

May 20 (Wednesday)

Clearance form sign-off *(Get signatures from teachers)*

May 21 (Thursday)

Senior clearance forms due *("B" day English classes)*
Senior locker clean-out

May 22 (Friday)

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

Senior clearance forms due by 12:30 p.m. *("A" day English classes)*
ALL Senior/Graduation Fees due
Distribution of caps and gowns

May 26 (Tuesday)

Graduation Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. *(mandatory – Convocation Center)*
Senior Class Picnic, Blue Crab Stadium, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The senior picnic, which is a mandatory activity, will be held at the Blue Crab Stadium. Buses will leave North Point around 10 a.m. and return around 2 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to socialize with friends and enjoy a picnic lunch. Permission slips are due back to Mrs. Pratta or Mrs. Smith, senior class sponsors, during the week of April 14. *It is mandatory that seniors use the school bus transportation provided to and from the Blue Crab Stadium.*

May 27 (Wednesday)

Graduation practice, 8:30 a.m. *(mandatory)*
Senior Awards Night, 6:30 p.m. *(Convocation Center)*

The Senior Awards Night ceremony will be formal, dignified, respectful and meaningful for all involved. While all seniors are welcome to attend, only those receiving awards are required to be at this function. Letters to inform those receiving awards will be mailed home by the third week of May. Students are to dress professionally: Girls in suits or dresses and boys in suits or a shirt, dress pants and tie.

May 28 (Thursday)	Graduation Practice, 8:30 a.m. (<i>mandatory</i>)
May 29 (Friday)	Graduation Dress Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m. (<i>mandatory</i>) Senior Class Panoramic Picture-10:30 a.m.
June 1 (Monday)	Graduation Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m. (<i>mandatory</i>)
June 2 (Tuesday)	Graduation Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m. (<i>if needed</i>) Project Graduation @ College of Southern Maryland 9 p.m.- 2 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES – JUNE 2, 2009

5:30 p.m. Seniors assemble at Westlake High School in formal attire (cap/gown to be carried)

All graduates must ride the bus from Westlake to North Point High School and remain in the designated area with their homeroom teacher until procession. Seniors who miss the buses at Westlake will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Their names will be removed from the roll call. The five buses used to transport the band, and choral members will remain at North Point to transport them back to school. All seniors should ride home with their parents/guardians.

5:45 p.m. Doors open at North Point High School

Guests and family members attending the graduation each must have a ticket to enter each area. Seating is first come, first served.

6:55 p.m. Doors to Convocation Center will close

Guests remaining to be seated after the processional will have access only to the upper level of the Convocation Center.

7:00 PM Procession begins.
Diplomas will be issued at the conclusion of the ceremony.

ATTIRE FOR GRADUATION

- Gowns should be pressed.
- Cap is to be worn parallel to the floor.
- Tassels should not be braided and should be placed on the right side of the mortarboard (hat).
- **ONLY SMALL STUD EARRINGS ALLOWED!**
- No facial piercings.

Boys: White dress shirts, navy blue or black neckties (no bow ties), navy or black slacks (no denim), dark socks and black shoes (no sport shoes).

Girls: White dresses, white shoes (no sport shoes; 2-inch heel maximum). Shoes must have a strap (no strapless sandals or slides), flesh stockings. **ONLY SMALL STUD EARRINGS ALLOWED!** No facial piercings. Dresses should be no longer than mid-calf and must not hang below graduation gown. All dresses must have straps. A skirt and a blouse count as a dress.

The Graduation Ceremony:

As expressed earlier, high school graduation is the culmination of many years of hard work; therefore, it is an exciting and emotional time for everyone involved. It is our desire to have a very special commencement to commemorate this rite of passage. The ceremony will be formal, dignified, traditional, respectful, and meaningful for all. We ask your cooperation with the Silent Roll Call as we begin this tradition and enhance the dignity of the ceremony for all of our graduates, families, and friends. .

All guests in the convocation center are asked to remain seated throughout the entire ceremony. No guest should stand or shout out, as this is disrespectful, undignified, and rude behavior for such a formal ceremony. Guests are also asked to refrain from using cell phones. This is a once in a lifetime, formal, dignified occasion, and we ask that you respect the rights of the people in this ceremony to enjoy the importance of it.

We respectfully request that you refrain from applause until the graduates' roll call is complete, thus not distracting from the graduates who follow. To disrupt the ceremony in this manner is not fair to the majority of people who respect the decorum of the event. Our seniors have worked hard and deserve a graduation ceremony that is dignified, positive, and respectful. Please allow each senior to enjoy the moment when his or her name is read and he or she walks across the stage. Disruptions, such as shouting out, hooting, and screaming, will negatively affect the enjoyment and formality of this memorable event. At the end of the recessional, parents, friends, and guests will not be allowed on the main floor of the convocation center. Seniors can be met at the ends of the Main Hall outside, near the main entrance or pool entrance. It is at this time and at graduation parties that parents, family, and friends can give voice and actions to their enthusiasm and emotions.

Diploma Distribution: Diplomas will not be issued on stage. Students will receive their diplomas after the recessional. Once all seniors are recessed, graduates will report to a designated area to receive their Diploma. Students who have not conducted themselves in a formal, dignified, and socially acceptable manner during the commencement ceremony will have their diplomas held by the Principal, Mrs. Hill. These students will need to make an appointment to receive their diploma.

Special Accommodations:

If you have a special need, i.e., wheelchair, etc. seating is available in the upper level. Forms will be available in the main office on May 1. Please complete the form and return to Ms. Linton no later than May 13.

For hearing impaired parents and guests, please indicate on the form your need for an interpreter to allow us to provide that service.

Project Graduation: This event is held at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, MD and is hosted by The Chemical People to provide a substance free, post-graduation party for all county high school seniors and friends. Food, music, games, competitions and prizes are provided and are free for all participants. Please note that upon leaving this activity, there will be no re-entering.

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Directions to NPHS from Waldorf: From the intersection of US 301 and Rt.228/Berry Road, travel west approximately 4 miles, turn left on Bunker Hill Rd. 1/10th of a mile, turn right on Davis Road . Go 8/10th of a mile -- North Point will be on your left. (Please follow the direction of parking attendants)

Directions to NPHS from Route 210: Travel south from Accokeek or north from Indian Head. Turn onto Route 228 and proceed for 3.1 miles. Turn right at Bunker Hill Rd. Go 1/10th mile and turn right on Davis Road. Go 8/10th mile and NP will be on your left. (Please follow the directions of the parking attendants)



N.P.H.S. Graduation Tickets

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

The time has just flown by since we began preparation for our first commencement exercises. Before we know it, we will be distributing tickets to seniors for graduation. Each graduate will be allotted six (6) tickets for the Convocation Center and two (2) tickets for an auxiliary location. Guests and family members attending the graduation must have a ticket issued by North Point High School to enter.

If you will not be using all of your tickets or would like to request additional tickets, please complete the appropriate section below and return to me as soon as possible and no later than April 17, 2009.

Requests will be granted on a first come, first served basis. *PLEASE NOTE THAT A REQUEST DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADDITIONAL TICKETS.*

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Ellen Linton
Senior Class Administrator

Return as soon as possible and no later than April 17, 2009.

➤ Complete the following to return extra tickets:

_____ Tickets of the six (6) allotted for Convocation Center will not be used by our family.

_____ Tickets of the two (2) allotted for an auxiliary area will not be used by our family.

➤ Complete the following to request additional tickets:

_____ Additional tickets are requested for graduation.

Senior: _____
Last Name First Name

1st Period Teacher: _____

Parent: _____
Last Name First Name

Daytime Phone #: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



North Point High School Class of 2009 Commemorative DVD

Congratulations as you celebrate the 2008-09 North Point High School Graduation! dbF is pleased to announce that we will be taping this year's commencement ceremony in its entirety.

The commencement exercises will be professionally recorded onto DVD, with copies available for \$37.00. All prices include 6% Maryland sales tax, packaging materials, shipping, and handling.



We will be taking orders on-site prior to, during, and after the event. Payment may be made with Visa, MasterCard, cash, or check payable to dbF.

You may mail this form in with your check or money order, or drop it off at our table on Graduation Day!



2008-09 North Point High School Commencement Exercises

06/02/09 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Day Phone # (____) _____

Email _____

VISA MasterCard Check # _____ Cash

_____ DVD	\$33.00
(Qty)	+1.98 (6% sales tax)
	+2.02 (Shipping & Handling)*
	\$37.00 Total per DVD

Total Paid \$ _____

*If multiple DVDs are purchased, each additional DVD will incur a \$2.00 shipping fee.

Make checks payable to dbF
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N.P.H.S. SENIOR CLEARANCE FORM CLASS OF 2009

NAME: _____ Home Base teacher _____
 Home Phone _____ Parent Work Phone _____

NOTE: ALL "CLEARANCE FORMS" MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN TO THE SENIOR VP NO LATER THAN 12:30 P.M. ON Thursday, May 21, 2009. ALL school personnel listed below MUST sign this form. Graduation tickets and diplomas will be withheld for failure to turn this form in.

A. TEXTBOOKS/EQUIPMENT/MONEY/UNIFORMS (CLASSROOM TEACHERS)

1. A	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
2. A	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
3. A	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
4. A	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
1. B	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
2. B	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
3. B	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE
4. B	TEACHER SIGNATURE	DATE

B. LIBRARY _____
 MEDIA (MS. HODSON) _____ DATE _____

C. FINANCIAL OFFICE _____
 MRS. DI MAURO _____ DATE _____

D. CAREER CENTER _____
 MS. GROW _____ DATE _____

E. ATHLETICS _____
 MR. JOHNSON _____ DATE _____

F. GUIDANCE _____
 YOUR COUNSELOR _____ DATE _____

G. ASSESSMENTS _____
 MS. EDMAN _____ DATE _____

H. PARKING PERMIT/FINAL APPROVAL _____
 MS LINTON _____ DATE _____

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS:
 North Point requires that every guest attending the graduation ceremony have a ticket. The number of tickets per student is limited. Every senior will receive SIX tickets for the Convocation Center. Neither the school nor the Board of Education has additional tickets. The school or the Board cannot honor requests for additional tickets. Ticket seating information has been sent home regarding seat locations.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____
 _____ I will NOT be participating in the graduation ceremony. I will pick up my diploma at North Point High School after graduation.