



EAST HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Graduate and proud Parents,

In August of 2006, your child began his/her Hornet career. During these past four years, East Hartford High School has undergone a thorough self-evaluation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and we are proud to announce our accreditation has been renewed. We will continue to implement measures to maintain our excellence and to improve both the school environment and the quality of education offered here.

With graduation approaching, the excitement is building in our Hornet community. No doubt that your homes are filled with the same anticipation of celebration.

This class has exhibited intense school spirit and developed extraordinary close relationships with their fellow classmates. Their achievement and participation in the Hornet community have been phenomenal! More importantly, we are optimistic that our graduates will continue this momentum striving for excellence within themselves.

On June 23, 2010, East Hartford High School will be recognizing our seniors at their graduation ceremony at the prestigious Mortensen's Hall in The Bushnell in Hartford, Connecticut. This new venue for our ceremony is elegant and designed for the comfort of all participants and guests to enjoy the celebration.

The information that follows will help assure an appropriate celebration as a community. Further questions may be directed to Angela Foran and Sue Howey in the main office at EHHS: 860-622-5206.

REHEARSALS: In preparation for the Commencement exercises, we have scheduled three rehearsal dates and times. All participants in graduation are required to attend all three rehearsals. This is extremely important as we have changed venues. The cooperation of the seniors will result in a graduation ceremony unrivaled by other high schools. Rehearsal dates will be:

Monday, June 21: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday, June 22: 9:00PM – 12:00 PM

Wednesday, June 23: 8:00 AM – 1:00PM

THE DAY OF GRADUATION: Seniors are required to arrive at The Bushnell by 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. I highly recommend that guests plan to arrive at that time as well. At the conclusion of the ceremony, seniors will exit The Bushnell prior to your departure. You can meet your favorite graduate for pictures in the front court yard once all graduates have exited the building. This will ensure a smooth departure for all guests and graduates.

TICKETS: Each senior will be issued 5 tickets to the Commencement ceremony. At the first rehearsal, seniors will be able to request an extra ticket or two by completing an Additional Ticket Request Form. There is no guarantee that the request will be filled. Extra tickets will be distributed at the end of Wednesday's rehearsal upon returning to EHHS. Students are encouraged to return tickets not being used. This will allow other families more options for guests. **The ceremony is not recommended for children under the age of ten. All people entering The Bushnell will require a ticket (including infants).**

SEATING: All guests are encouraged to arrive early at The Bushnell. The doors will open for admission at 5:45 PM. **At 6:45 PM, the entrance doors will be closed for twenty minutes and the lobby cleared so the faculty and graduate processional can proceed into the seating area.** The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

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The doors will reopen at 7:05 PM and guests will be allowed to enter the ceremony with an escort of an usher. All seating is assigned and determined by ticket and seat number.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO: EHHS has hired a professional photographer to take a photograph of each senior as they receive his/her diploma on the stage. Each senior will receive information on how to order these high quality photographs. Guests will not be allowed in the aisles to take pictures. **Please be respectful of all guests at the ceremony.** A professional video will be made throughout the entire ceremony. Families may arrange to purchase this video prior to the ceremony for \$28.00.

EXPECTATIONS: Every morning at EHHS during announcements, we speak about Being Safe, Responsible and Respectful. It is never more important for our students and their families to maintain appropriate decorum than at our graduation. Every student has earned the right to hear his/her name and appreciate the moment of accomplishment during the ceremony. Distracting items will be confiscated, and guests who repeatedly disrupt the ceremony will be removed immediately: air horns, noise makers and other distractions are prohibited.

Please turn off cell phones during the ceremony.

DISTRACTIONS: Seniors are not to alter or modify their caps and gowns in any way. No signs, tape or messages are allowed. Additionally, balloons and gifts are to be left in cars or checked at the door upon entering The Bushnell. The Bushnell will not allow you to enter with bouquets, balloons or other oversized gifts. Seniors should have parents hold their cell phones and other personal items during the ceremony.

Post Graduation Party

PROJECT GRADUATION: Each year the East Hartford High School graduating class participates in Project Graduation. This event is an all-night celebration, free of drugs and alcohol, organized by a group of East Hartford parent volunteers. **All school rules apply to graduates during this event.**

- On the evening of June 23rd from 11 PM. to 4 AM
- At Nomad's Adventure Quest in South Windsor, Connecticut
- Activities include:
 - Basketball, Rock Climbing, Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, Miniature Golf, Pool Tables, A Hypnotist, Inflatables, Air Hockey, Arcade Games, a Photo Booth, Bowling, Remote Car Racing and a movie-screening room
- Unlimited beverages, food and activities are included.
- Prizes will be randomly awarded throughout the evening.
- Transportation is provided.
 - Buses will start leaving from the high school at 10:30 PM
 - Buses will start returning to EHHS from Nomads at 4:00 AM

On behalf of the entire staff here at East Hartford High School, I want to congratulate and to thank every senior and parent for the work you have done to achieve excellence. I am confident that June 23rd will be a joyous occasion for all involved.

With Hornet Pride,

Matthew Ryan

On behalf of the Administrative Team and Senior Class Advisors

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