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Dear Families of the Senior Class,

We are excited for the soon approaching Class of 2023 graduation ceremonies and wanted to provide you with pertinent information to assist you in planning for this event. Our commencement ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30pm on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe South. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be the following day, Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:30pm. In the rare event the weather does not permit us to hold graduation on either of these dates, our district established backup date will be Friday, June 9, 2023 at 6:30pm. We will communicate with families early and often, as needed. Please check the main South website, Schoology, and/or your email for any delay or postponement information.

We recognize this is a monumental moment for students and their families and can appreciate that families want to get the “best seat in the house” to view the graduation commencement ceremony. It is customary for many families to arrive at South on graduation day to reserve seats. We welcome this and kindly ask that families work with us to ensure all families have an opportunity to secure seating to view their graduate as they walk across the stage. We ask all families and guests to adhere to the following if they wish to secure seating early:

- As our ceremony is held outdoors, our staff will need additional time to finalize stage construction, sound checks, choir set ups, floral arrangements, and any last minute details. As such, **we allow families to reserve seating after 4pm.**
- Families may reserve **up to 4 seats per graduate**. We ask that one person from your party remain present to “hold” their 4 seats.
- Per the request of our rental company, using anything but low-tack “painters tape” to reserve chairs is not permitted and is subject to staff removal.

Please note there are seats reserved by the school for special guests and patrons needing handicap seating . These seats are marked with ribbon and a sign. We ask that you not tamper with or move them - this was an issue last year.

Graduates with guests requiring accessible/handicap seating are able to fill out the Google Form “Class of 2023 Information” to request accommodated seating. We will allow a total of 3 family members plus the guests with special seating needs to sit together. The form to request accessible/handicap seating can be found by visiting South’s website under the Senior Class of 2023. Once you click on “Senior Graduation Information,” click on **Class of 2023 Information**. This link is to be filled out by the students. Accessible seating will be an open space near pavement to accommodate a wheelchair. We can not guarantee that this is the “best seat” for viewing or that we can accommodate all 4 guests in this location, but will do our best for optimal viewing.

Limited handicap parking is available in the S-Lot off of Grosse Pointe Blvd. At this time, we are unable to reserve handicapped parking.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact Linda Schultz 432.3503 or Melissa Petz 432.3518.

Again, we congratulate you and your graduate on a successful time at Grosse Pointe South. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to seeing how they thrive.

Sincerely,

The Graduation Team,

Mr. Moussa Hamka
Ms. Cindy Parravano
Mrs. Linda Schultz
Mrs. Melissa Petz