

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2024,

As we approach the end of your student's time at New Trier High School, I wanted to share how very proud I am of all the graduates in our Class of 2024. These past several years have been anything but ordinary; however, our students' grace, humility, and perseverance have been extraordinary. We have several upcoming activities and deadlines and encourage you to review the information and resources below with your senior. Warm thoughts and good wishes to our students and families as we celebrate this major milestone.

Sincerely,

Denise Dubravec

Principal/Assistant Superintendent, Winnetka Campus

### **End of Year Information and [Class of 2024 Commencement](#)**

#### **New Trier Prom, Saturday, May 11**

- We are all looking forward to this year's New Trier Junior-Senior Prom. Prom will be held on **Saturday, May 11, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive. Visit the [New Trier Prom Homepage](#).

#### **Last Day of Senior Attendance, Friday May 24**

- This will be a regular school day for seniors.

#### **Senior Breakfast, Commencement Tickets & Yearbook Distribution, Tuesday, May 28**

- Seniors will gather at the Winnetka Campus track on Tuesday, May 28, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for their end of year adviser breakfast, a final moment to come together with their adviser group. At breakfast, yearbooks and graduation tickets will be distributed. More information about breakfast will be shared by your student's adviser.
- Each family will receive eight commencement tickets. ***Graduating seniors do not need a ticket to attend.*** If you would like additional tickets, we ask that you reach out to friends or adviser room parents to see if they are using all their tickets.
- Graduation tickets will be withheld from seniors who have outstanding fees, bills, or fines (i.e., library books, state loan textbooks, athletic equipment, etc.). These items must be taken care of by May 17, 2024. Please contact the Business Office for more information at 847-784-3409.

#### **Senior Awards, Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.**

- The Senior Awards Ceremony honors members of the Senior Class who have received awards from departments, New Trier Scholarships, Scholastic Awards, and Service and Leader Awards from outside organizations. Students and families will be emailed an invitation if the student is a recipient of an award and to RSVP. The ceremony will be held in the Gaffney Auditorium.

#### **Commencement Attire**

- Graduate attire guidelines can be found on the school website [HERE](#)

- Students are discouraged from bringing any personal belongings (purses, bags, cameras, or other items). There is no space available to store or secure personal items during the ceremony.

### **Commencement at NOW Arena Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m.**

- **Commencement will take place at NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy Hoffman Estates, IL 60192**
- The NOW Arena is in the Prairie Stone Business Park immediately north of the **Northwest Tollway and west of Illinois Route 59.**
  - **From the East:** Take I-90 west (Northwest Tollway) to the New Sutton Road (Route 59) exit and go straight. The arena will be on your right.
  - **From the West:** Take I-90 (Northwest Tollway) to the New Sutton Road (Route 59) exit. Turn left onto New Sutton Road and go north to the next traffic light. At the light, make a left turn onto Hoffman Boulevard. The arena will be on your right.
- See the NOW Arena website for additional directions and traffic information: [NOW Arena Parking and Directions](#)

### **Parking at NOW Arena**

There are 3,200 parking spots at the NOW Arena. Handicapped parking is located outside the Main Entrance. We encourage you to arrive early to avoid congestion. The lots are accessible off Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Boulevard, and Pratum Avenue. Once inside, Prairie Stone signage and parking attendants will direct you to the closest lot.

### **Commencement Student Arrival**

The Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2024 will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates. **Graduates should arrive at 2:00 p.m.** and report to the student entrance ([see location to enter](#)). This is where graduates will receive flowers and enter the arena to prepare for the ceremony. The ceremony should last approximately two hours.

### **Commencement Guest Arrival**

- Doors will open to the public at 2:00 p.m. A graduation ticket is required to enter the arena. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. All guests will be required to go through a security check, including a metal detector and bag search, at the main entrance. All bags will be searched by NOW Arena staff; no balloons, food, drinks, or noise makers are permitted. Limited food and drinks will be available for purchase (light snacks, coffee, and non-alcoholic beverages).
- There is adequate seating available for all guests, as well as handicapped seating. We ask that only one family member accompany those requiring handicapped seating. The handicapped seating is located on the main floor, so no elevators or stairs are required. Hearing impaired devices may be obtained through NOW Arena Guest Services.
- Guests assigned reserved seating, please see signage indicating location of your seats at the main entrance.

### **Commencement Alumni Speaker**

- Dr. Chad Bernstein, Class of 2002, Co-Founder/CEO of the youth music education and mentorship nonprofit Guitars Over Guns, and a professional musician who has been instrumental in the evolution of the “Latin Funk” sound of Miami. Through the universal

language of music, Bernstein has galvanized the artist community to use music as a bridge to reach and empower our most vulnerable youth.

### **After Commencement**

- Students will proceed outside of the facility to meet family and guests.  
[See location to exit.](#)

### **Commencement Photos**

- Professional photos will be taken by Gradimages during the Commencement ceremony. To access photographs taken at graduation, go to <http://www.gradimages.com/>
- Enter the student's name, New Trier High School, and commencement year 2024. You will be directed to your student's photos and can place an order. For questions, contact the Customer Service Department 1-800-261-2576 or [email](#).

### **Commencement Live-Stream**

- The ceremony will be live streamed on the New Trier website and Facebook Live. This presents additional options for families who have loved ones who cannot travel or attend the ceremony.
  - School Website:  
[https://nthsmediaspace.kaltura.com/media/NTTV/1\\_i3yjnteq](https://nthsmediaspace.kaltura.com/media/NTTV/1_i3yjnteq)
  - Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/newtrierhighschool/](http://www.facebook.com/newtrierhighschool/)

### **Diplomas**

- Students will receive their diploma cover and diploma during the ceremony.

### **NTPA Graduation Party, Sunday, June 2**

- The Graduation Party will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:45 P.M. - 4:00 A.M., at the Northfield campus.
- Parents and students must sign and submit the **Graduation Party Waiver** no later than Thursday, May 16 at 4:00 P.M.

Following are instructions to access and complete the opt-out form:

1. Log into [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
  2. Click on "Forms" on the left side navigation bar.
  3. Locate the "NT Graduation Party Waiver" and click on the form.
  4. When logged in as the "Student", enter the Student name under "Student Name" and submit the form. Students cannot edit the "Parent Name" textbox. Once the student submits, the parent/guardian needs to login and acknowledge the parent's name and submit the form.
  5. When logged in as the "Parent", there is access to edit both the "Student Name" box and "Parent Name" box. If a Parent is logged in, they can discuss the form with their student and acknowledge the student and parent names and submit the form at the same time.
- Current student ID and a completed *Graduation Party Online Waiver* is required for entry to scan into the event.
  - This event is funded by NTPA dues and parent donations.
  - This all-night celebration is held at the Northfield campus gyms, which are completely transformed by parent volunteers.

- The party starts when the graduates arrive in their formal graduation attire and continues as they spend one last terrific night together. There will be a DJ, dancing, and food. Highlights of the event also include amazing raffle prizes and games for all to enjoy.

#### **Graduate Survey**

- Students will receive an email requesting them to complete our annual Graduate Survey and Exit Survey. We will be contacting the Class of 2024 one year after graduation, and then five years after graduation to survey them again. We use this information to help inform our practices to support our New Trier students.