

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2023,

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 2023. 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, Winnetka Campus

End of Year Information and [Class of 2023 Commencement](#)

New Trier Prom, Saturday, May 6

- We are all looking forward to this year's New Trier Junior-Senior Prom. Prom will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 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 19

- This will be a regular school day for seniors.

Senior Breakfast, Commencement Tickets & Yearbook Distribution, Monday, May 22

- Seniors will gather at the Winnetka Campus track on Monday, May 22nd, 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 19, 2023. Please contact the Business Office for more information at 847-784-3409.

Senior Awards, Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 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, May 28, 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 2023 will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 28, 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, drink 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. Richard Sherman, Class of 1973, has served as New Trier's team physician since 1987. Over the course of 37 years, he has provided care at all of the school's football games, whether they were played at home or away. Dr. Sherman started his career as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in treating disorders of the knee, hip, and shoulder surgery. He began working with Highland Park Orthopedic and was one of the founding members of Illinois Bone and Joint Institute (IBJI) in 1999. Since then, the institute has grown to include 150 physicians across the North Shore. Dr. Sherman currently serves as Senior Partner to IBJI.

After Commencement

- Students will proceed to the 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 2023. 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
 - Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/newtrierhighschool/

Diplomas

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

NTPA Graduation Party, Sunday, May 28

- The Graduation Party will take place on Sunday, May 28, 2023, 10:45 P.M. - 4:00 A.M., at the Northfield campus. More information to come [HERE](#) soon.
- 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 2023 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.