

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2022,

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 2022. 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 seniors and family to review the information and resources below. 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 and Commencement Information - [Class of 2022 Commencement Webpage](#)

New Trier Prom, Saturday, May 14

- We are all looking forward to this year's New Trier Junior-Senior Prom. Prom will be held IN PERSON on **Saturday, May 14th, from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive.
- For more information, visit the [New Trier Prom Homepage](#).

Last Day of Senior Attendance, Thursday May 19

- This will be a regular school day for seniors.

Senior Breakfast, Commencement Tickets & Yearbook Distribution, Monday, May 23

- Seniors will gather at the Winnetka Campus track on Monday, May 23rd, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for their end of year adviser breakfast, a final moment to come together with their adviser group. At the breakfast, yearbooks and graduation tickets will be distributed. More information about the 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 20, 2022. Please contact the Business Office for more information at 847-784-3409.

Senior Awards, Thursday, May 26 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 contacted in the

next week if their student is a recipient of an award and to RSVP. The ceremony will be held in the Gaffney Auditorium.

Commencement Location Sunday, May 29, 3:00 p.m. (see below for additional information including detailed directions and parking)

- The ceremony takes place at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates.
- **NOW Arena** 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

<https://www.nowarena.com/directions>

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 Student Arrival 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 29

- The Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2022 will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 29, 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, Sunday, May 29

- 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

- Samuel R. Harris Class of 1954. Sam spearheaded the building of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and currently serves as President Emeritus of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, Illinois. He speaks frequently about his childhood experiences during the Holocaust to schools, religious institutions, and community groups throughout the country.

After Commencement

- Students will proceed to the outside of the facility to meet family and guests. [Location HERE](#)

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 2022. 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 giservice@gradimages.net.

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_i3yjnteg
 - Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/newtrierhighschool/

Diplomas

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

Directions to the NOW Arena

- The NOW Arena is located 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 the 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.

NTPA Graduation Party, Sunday, May 29

- The Graduation Party will take place on Sunday, May 29, 2022, 10:45 P.M. - 4:00 A.M., at the Northfield campus. More information [HERE](#)
- 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

- Later this month students will receive an email through Naviance requesting them to complete our annual Graduate Survey. We will be contacting the Class of 2022 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.