



*“Growing great minds and caring hearts”*

*Matt Smith, Superintendent / Director*

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Dear Senior Parents,

The class of 2016 will be graduating on Thursday, June 9 at 5:30 pm at Lander Hall on the Touro University campus in Vallejo. Here is some information you will find helpful:

- **Required Graduation Practice:** Thursday, June 9, 12:30 pm. All seniors who will be taking part in the ceremony must be present for the practice at Touro University, Lander Hall. The practice will take approximately one hour.
- **Student Arrival Time: Thursday, June 9 , 4:30 pm. Graduation will begin promptly** at 5:30 pm. ALL students taking part in the ceremony must be present at 4:30 pm for final dress check, reminders, and lining up for the procession. Parking will be limited for this event, it is suggested you begin thinking about carpooling wherever possible. More information on parking will be given to your student with their tickets.
- **Student Dress:** Cap and Gown with tassel are required. Student should be dressed appropriately underneath with slacks, skirt or dress. There are new rules regarding cap decorations (please refer to separate handout).
- **Student Behavior Expectations:** Seniors are expected to demonstrate excellent behavior during the last weeks of the school year. Any who are suspended from school prior to the year-end activities will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Seniors have been informed of this in their Advisory.
- **Tickets:** Each student will receive (6) six tickets for family members on Tuesday, June 7. Tickets are required to sit in the front tier of seats in Lander Auditorium. Additional seating will be available for extra family and friends in the second tier and does not require tickets.
- **Balloon Room:** Balloons are prohibited in the auditorium, due to both blocking views and occasionally floating to the ceiling. As such, there will be a “balloon room” where balloons can be checked during the ceremony.
- **Parking:** Be mindful of all “no parking” signs, as the college has notified us that security will be issuing tickets to cars that are parked illegally, particularly those parked in emergency exits, red curbs, and designated handicapped parking areas. Please give yourself ample time to be seated by the beginning of the ceremony.

If you have additional questions contact Debra Fliemann at [dfliemann@mitacademy.org](mailto:dfliemann@mitacademy.org), or at 552-6482, ext. 155. And again, congratulations on your child's accomplishment and graduation from high school!

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