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Dear Senior Parents:

It is my pleasure to invite you to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2019 on **Monday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m.** at **Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts** in Katonah, New York.

I know the day will be filled with cherished memories, excitement, and enthusiasm and I will review expectations with students at the mandatory rehearsal practice, Monday, the morning of graduation. Caramoor will not permit balloons, confetti, silly string, etc. Of course, items making explosive noises such as poppers and water guns are not permitted. Please also note that Caramoor does not permit coolers and glass bottles on the grounds. Only plastic water bottles are permitted.

The faculty and administration will make every effort to develop a graduation event that celebrates our wonderful students. At graduation rehearsal, I will speak about suggested attire for the event and inform students that caps and gowns are required to be worn for all students participating in graduation.

Our ceremony will be held at Caramoor in the Venetian Pavilion, a tented seating and stage area appropriate for all weather conditions. In the event of rain, however, it is important to note that it is necessary to walk from the parking area to the pavilion. Caramoor is located on Girdle Ridge Road in Katonah; directions are included in this packet. Ample seating and parking will be available. However, **for the purposes of security, Caramoor is requiring that visitors have tickets for admission.** Seniors will be given ten guest tickets during the graduation rehearsal. Additional tickets will also be available at the Venetian Pavilion ticket booth prior to the ceremony. Again, these tickets are only for security purposes; there is no reserved seating and the Pavilion can accommodate more than 1,600 people. The gates for audience seating will open at 5:30 p.m.

The announcements celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2019 have been distributed to students already in Homeroom. We are proud to present them to you to share with your family and friends as graduation day approaches. It is important to note, however, that these announcements are not to imply that all students will, in fact, meet the requirements for graduation. Although it is our sincere hope to have all members of the Class of 2019 participate in the graduation ceremony, all requirements must be met first in order to do so.

On Monday morning, June 17, at 8:00 a.m., all graduating seniors are asked to attend a rehearsal of the graduation exercise. Attendance is **required** in order to participate in the ceremony that evening. Caps and gowns will be issued at that time. The rehearsal will begin in the middle school

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cafeteria with a breakfast sponsored by the Middle School / High School PTO. The rehearsal should conclude by 11:00 a.m. Seniors are to report to Caramoor **no later than 6:00 p.m.** on Monday, June 17; the ceremony will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m.** The entire graduation will be streamed live through our district website; the link to view the ceremony will open at 6:30 pm on the district webpage.

At our graduation ceremony this year, we will be honoring the entire graduating class as a collective group. If your son or daughter has received a scholarship or award prior to graduation other than those presented at Awards Night or the Athletic Banquet, please complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Martell in the Principal's Office no later than June 4th. We would ask that you list **only** the scholarships and/or awards from the college or university that your child has decided to attend. It is acceptable to indicate the value of an award (i.e., \$5,000 scholarship for each of four years) if you so decide. This information will be collected and presented to represent the totality of awards that Class of 2019 received in total.

Because we often receive questions regarding the responsibilities of parents relative to graduation parties, we have enclosed a brief summary of some of the laws pertaining to alcohol and minors. Included are suggestions from the New York State Police regarding the prevention of alcohol-related tragedies. We hope they will be useful to you as you plan your graduation celebrations. Students are reminded that the graduation ceremony is a school event and school rules regarding the use of alcohol and/or other controlled substances apply. Students failing to follow these regulations will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

It is my sincere wish that this ceremony honoring the Class of 2019 will mark a new beginning for both parents and students. On behalf of the entire North Salem faculty, we would like to offer our congratulations and appreciation to all of you. We look forward to you and your family joining us at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17 at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts.

Sincerely,

Vincent DiGrandi  
Principal

Enclosures

### **SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS RECEIVED PRIOR TO GRADUATION**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards or Scholarships:**

- 1) **Scholarship/Award Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Scholarship/Award Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Scholarship/Award Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship/Award Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Also - we would appreciate the phonetic spelling of your name as to ensure we announce it correctly at graduation. (i.e. Thomas Brady - Tom-us Bray-dee)**

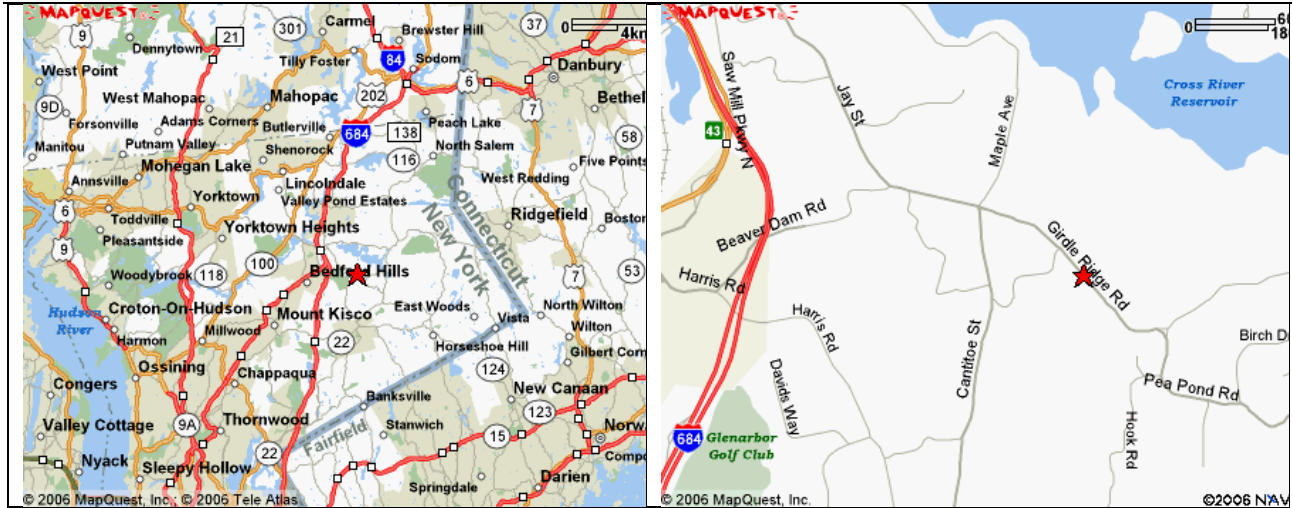
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**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Mrs. Martell in the Principal's Office no later than June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Please list only scholarships/awards from the college or university your child is attending. Feel free to also include any received from organizations, local sponsors, associations, unions, etc. or earned through application or competition. Including the amount of the scholarship or award is also permitted and entirely up to you. Please do not list awards presented at our Showcase of Excellence Award Ceremony or at our Athletic Banquet(s).**

**Directions to Caramoor**



Caramoor is located in Katonah, New York, in Westchester County, 40 miles northeast of New York City.

Take I-684 to exit 6.

Go east on Rte. 35 to the stop light (.3 mile).

Turn right onto Rte. 22 south to the junction of Girdle Ridge Road (1.9 miles). A green sign for Caramoor is posted at the junction.

Continue on Girdle Ridge Road to the Caramoor gates (.5 mile), which are located on the right.

For detailed directions, you can call 914-232-5035 and press 2.

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## GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW

**11-100** Compensation for injury or damage caused by the intoxication of a person under the age of twenty-one years

1. Any person who shall be injured in person, property, means of support or otherwise, by reason of the intoxication or impairment of ability of any person under the age of twenty-one years, whether resulting in his death or not, shall have a right of action to recover actual damages against any person who knowingly causes such intoxication or impairment of ability by unlawfully furnishing to or unlawfully assisting in procuring alcoholic beverages for such person with knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that such person was under the age of twenty-one years.

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW

**65-C.** Unlawful possession of an alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume by persons under the age of twenty-one years.

1. Except as hereinafter provided, no person under the age of twenty-one years shall possess any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, with the intent to consume such beverage.