



NORTH SALEM
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Dear Junior Parents:

On **Tuesday June 4, 2019**, North Salem seniors will be presenting the projects they have completed for Senior O.P.T.I.O.N.S. class O.P.T.I.O.N.S. (*Opportunities for Professional Training In and Out of North Salem*) is a credit-bearing, full-year elective course for seniors, which endeavors to build bridges between school and the world of careers. The presentation of this Senior Exhibition to an evaluating panel of teachers and community members, as well as to an audience of peers, mentors, and guests, is an exit outcome required for all seniors. It is a capstone application of the problem solving skills and use of creative and critical thinking supported through the North Salem Mission.

It is a prerequisite of our senior year program that junior students attend the Senior Exhibition on June 4. Attending the Exhibition enables your child to see firsthand the presentation of projects and/or research similar to that he or she will be expected to accomplish next year.

In the event that a pressing prior commitment prevents your child from attending on June 4, he or she will be required to view four videotaped presentations, which will be shown on Thursday, June 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the library. Students will be required to complete an analysis/critique on each presentation, which is part of their English 11 grade. Transportation will be provided for those requiring it.

It is my most sincere hope that you will help celebrate the achievements of our seniors by supporting our efforts to have your child in attendance on the evening of June 4. I hope, too, that you will attend with your child and that you will consider participating as a member of a panel evaluating student presentations. If you are available to serve as a panelist, I would ask that you join us at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for a light dinner and information meeting. Panelist responsibilities, classroom assignments, and all necessary instructions will be discussed at that time. The presentations will then begin at 7:00 p.m. and should be concluded by 8:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a reception for panelists, parents, students, mentors, and teachers.

If you are able to assist us as a panelist, please call Mrs. Deanna Martell in the high school office at 914-669-5414 ext. 2072 by Friday, May 24.

Of course, if you would prefer to join us as an observer, you are still invited to attend! In that case, you and your junior student should report directly to the classroom assigned to your child at approximately 6:45 p.m. Our program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Together with the senior faculty advisors Mr. Joel Cassidy, Mr. Robert Mittelstadt, Dr. Nicholas Kowgios, Mrs. Karyn Johnson, Mr. David Popken and Mrs. Alison Vara, I look forward to seeing you and your Junior on Tuesday, June 4.

Sincerely,

Vincent DiGrandi
Principal

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