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Dear Senior Parents:

Congratulations! You and your senior are entering the "home stretch" as together we prepare for the graduation of the Class of 2019.

Along with his or her requirements for graduation, your senior is preparing to participate in the internship and Senior Exhibition, which are part of O.P.T.I.O.N.S. (Opportunities for Professional Training in and out of North Salem), a senior course in which he or she is enrolled. The first three academic quarters of the class focused on the skills necessary for success in a professional setting (e.g., problem solving using critical and creative thinking, emotional intelligence, issues in the workplace; research and technology; collaboration). During the fourth quarter, students apply these skills throughout the tri-state area in various professions.

As you can imagine, it is quite a production to coordinate and supervise such an endeavor. Hence, students are required to submit paperwork documenting parental permission, mentor commitment, contact information, and internship hours completed. In addition, students will be subject to the supervision of their faculty advisors, which will include weekly meetings between advisors and students, phone and e-mail correspondence between advisors and mentors, and scheduled site visits by the advisors.

To help you better understand the expectations for this portion of the course, the O.P.T.I.O.N.S. faculty team – Mr. Joel Cassidy, Mrs. Karyn Johnson, Dr. Nicholas Kowgios, Mr. Robert Mittelstadt, Mr. David Popken and Mrs. Alison Vara – has developed a comprehensive web page detailing program specifics and containing links to required forms:

<https://www.northsalemschools.org/domain/157>

Please use it as a guide and, of course, encourage your senior to refer to it as well! I encourage you to contact your child's faculty advisor if you have any questions about the internship.

Together with the O.P.T.I.O.N.S. faculty team, I would like to thank you for your support of this very unique educational experience. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, June 4** (when our seniors will share their experiences with the North Salem community).

Sincerely,

Vincent DiGrandi
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