



US Class Dean Update

Dear 12th Grade Families,



Welcome to Senior Spring! This morning we gathered as a grade to kick off our last semester together. My deepest gratitude goes out to our incredible 12th grade PA reps Anat Peirez, Chithra Balasingham, Allison Harstone, and Laura Neil for organizing this event, and to Sam Koppelman and Jen Mayer for volunteering their time as well. The senior sweatshirts are a beloved tradition and a months-long labor of love, and having them in our hands certainly makes it all feel real. A special shoutout goes to Art & Design teacher and 2026 parent Donwan Harrell for designing our new swag! Many thanks!



Today at 4pm your children's first-semester grades will be released to you via MyDE. Students received their grades yesterday afternoon, and so you may already have begun to discuss their progress with them at home. I know that for many of us the stakes still feel really high, especially if your child's college plans are not yet settled. I hope you will join me in reinforcing the message that no one thing will determine their

future, and that even here in the final stretch we remain focused on their improvement over time and equanimity in the face of challenge. They all have so much to be proud of, and so much opportunity yet to grow.

As you are no doubt aware, we are expecting a major snowstorm to hit our region over the weekend and likely into Monday. While there's still some uncertainty about the exact timing and accumulation, we want to ensure that our school community is prepared. We will closely monitor the forecast and communicate a decision to our school community sometime on Sunday.

Finally, several of you have reached out for reminders about key dates for seniors in the months ahead. I'm sharing here the slide from my fall parent forum for your reference. Please reach out with any questions!

Looking forward to Senior Spring

Wednesday, April 15th: **Cum Laude Society** Induction and Dinner (7pm)

Wednesday, April 29th: **Lifer's Dinner** (7pm)

Monday, May 11th: **Senior Parent Farewell** Dinner (7pm)

Friday, May 15th: **Junior/Senior Prom**, Chelsea Piers

Monday, May 18th-Friday, May 29th: **Senior Selectives**

Wednesday, May 27th: **Departmental Awards Dinner** (7pm)

Friday, May 29th: **Senior Dinner** (7pm)

Sunday, May 31st: **Commencement!** (220 days from today!)



Enjoy the wintry weather, everyone! I think I'm going to plan for blueberry lemon ricotta pancakes this time!

Best,
Emily