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Dear Families,

The location of my office allows me to hear some of the conversations between my awesome administrative team and students when they are checking in or out of the school building. Last week, I overheard the following (paraphrasing a bit) *"I have always known that I was a member of the Class of 2023, but now it's here, 2023!"* While this student sounded excited at this notion, my guess is students, and perhaps you, are experiencing a range of emotions as we make our way to June 2nd when we celebrate the collective efforts and commitment of the mighty Class of 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to speak directly to the culminating events that make up graduation week. For the past few years, there have been changes made as a result of the pandemic and I thought it was important to ensure everyone was clear on the expectations and purpose of each of these events.

Baccalaureate will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, at 6:30 PM. This event will take place in the Auditorium and all are welcome to attend although the evening is not required. The evening is a night of speeches, song, and fun and has been a highlight of the week for many Masconomet graduates.

The **Senior Scholarship and Awards Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, June 1st, at 10:00 AM on Roberts Field in Masconomet's Bunker Stadium. This event is not required, but unlike in previous years, we will be sending letters home to families indicating if a student will be receiving recognition at this event. This was feedback that came to us last year and will allow families to plan accordingly to be in attendance if possible. If the weather does not cooperate with us, we will move this event to the Auditorium and each graduate will be limited to two guests.

Prior to the pandemic, graduation was held in the field house. For the past three years, graduation has been held on Roberts Field, under a tent, and although each student was guaranteed five-seats, families were welcome to bring as many guests as they wanted to celebrate this exciting night. This year we have made the decision to hold graduation on Roberts Field even though we will not have access to a tent. The **Graduation Ceremony** will take place on Friday, June 2nd, at 6:00 PM. We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate but if it does not, we will have a rain date of Saturday, June 3rd, at 3:00 PM. If, as we approach the week of graduation, there are reasons to make a shift to this plan we will communicate this information to you directly and in a timely manner.

We are excited to support and celebrate the Class of 2023 as we make our way to this important week.

Best,

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Principal