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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The long awaited time is fast approaching. Graduation exercises are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on the athletic field** (rain date is Wednesday, June 12th). There is no limit to the number of people each graduate may invite; however, each senior will receive **two tickets for the Reserved Bleacher Seating** section that is closest to the graduation ceremony. **These tickets must be presented to sit there. Please be aware that if you require Handicapped Seating/Parking, please see one of the attendants when you come to the graduation. Please arrive early.**

We will be selling flowers for the graduates. We will have two different sets of flowers. The cost for the flowers will be \$20.00 for a spring mixed bouquet and \$12.00 for Blue, White and Green Carnations. (Please see our website for pictures of the flowers). We are asking all students, please, **no high heels** (to protect the field) wedges may be worn. With that being said, please note that there will be no picture taking on the field or on the track. **Please wait to take a picture of your senior after the recessional is done.**

We are strongly encouraging parents that they should be carpooling as parking will be on a first come, first serve basis. **Space is very limited, and we have lost approximately 200 to 250 parking spaces, due to our renovation project and the fact that there is no parking on the street.** Our lot does fill up quickly and late arrivals will be directed to the overflow parking area off campus at Massasoit. *We will have a courtesy van this year to shuttle guests from Massasoit to the graduation ceremony. The courtesy van will stop at the rear parking lot of Massasoit which is closest to the graduation ceremony.*

We also are encouraging students to come with their parents and be dropped off at the cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. Parents, if the parking lot is full, the gates will be closed and you will need to go to LoJack which is located right down the street 40 Pequot Way, Canton, MA 02021. We have hired two First Student Buses for travel arrangements, to bring you here and to drive you back after the services. Buses coming to Blue Hills from LoJack will begin at 5:00-6:00 p.m. and leaving Blue Hills at 7:00-8:00 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please note that staff are also parking down at the LoJack location. A card with directions to LoJack is enclosed.

Graduation rehearsals and final exams are an important part of the preparation for the commencement exercises. It is expected that all seniors participating in graduation will



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be present for each of their final exams and for all graduation rehearsals. Please see the enclosed schedule for details. Make-up for final exams will be available only to students who show **legal or medical** cause for having missed an exam, and thus gain **administrative authorization** for a make-up exam (a note must be brought to Mr. Zini, the **Academic Director**).

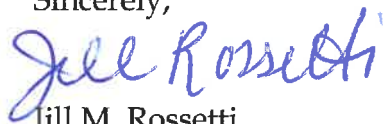
Students must clear all debts for lost and damaged books and materials by Friday, May 24th. Please note this also includes lunch money, which can be paid directly to Ms. Manning in the cafeteria. **BILLS MUST BE PAID online at *bluehills.org* go to *Student/Parents, online payments (myschoolbucks.com)* to set up an account to pay online or cash, money order or personal check can be brought in to the Finance Office/Student Affairs. Students may only pick up their gowns *if* all debts are paid and no monies are owed, including lunch money. There are no exceptions.**

The gowns for the students who have not paid all their debts will be kept in the Student Affairs office until Friday, June 7th that is the last and final day to pick up your gown.

Blue Hills is looking forward to a great night, so please understand that if there are any concerns about potential negative behavior at graduation or other discipline issues with any student, then that student's graduation may be in jeopardy. Additionally, parents will be notified prior to the ceremony if their graduate will receive a blank diploma.

Graduation marks a very important stage in your student's life and we hope that each person present at the ceremony appreciates the solemnity as well as the joyous aspects of the program. This will be reviewed and stressed with the seniors during each rehearsal. Please reinforce this with your graduate at home. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jill M. Rossetti

Principal

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Enclosures

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
End-of-Year Activities for Seniors (2019)

Monday, May 13

- **First graduation rehearsal:** The rehearsal will be held in the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. Seating assignments for students will be passed out during **homeroom** period that morning. **Seniors must be in school on time that day.**

Tuesday, May 14

- Senior Project

Wednesday, May 15

- Awards Night @ 6:30 in the cafeteria

Thursday, May 16

- Senior Field Day

Friday, May 17

- X2 opens Grade 12

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and May 22

- **Late arrival for seniors:** Due to MCAS testing for tenth graders, seniors should arrive at school at 11:55 a.m. They should report directly to their regularly scheduled class. Any student who can't arrange their own transportation to school for the late arrival may take the regular morning bus and should report to the cafeteria at 7:45 for a supervised study hall.

Tuesday, May 28

- **Graduation rehearsal:** The rehearsal will be held in the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 29

- **Final Exam: 7:55-9:20 English**
- **Final Exam: 9:25-10:50 Science**
- **10:50: Senior Dismissal**

Thursday, May 30

- **7:47—7:55 Locker clean-out**
- **Final exam: 7:55-9:20 Social Studies**

- Final exam: 9:25-10:50 Math
- 10:50: Senior Dismissal

Friday, May 31

This is the last day for seniors

The following activities will be held in the cafeteria from 8:30 - 10:15 a.m. Seniors will be dismissed after all activities are completed.

- Graduation rehearsal
- Senior breakfast
- Yearbook distribution
- Gown pick-up (*this day only for Seniors who have paid all debts*)
- Make-up day: at 7:40 a.m. with Mr. Cavanaugh

Tuesday, June 11

- **Graduation:** Graduating seniors must be in the cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. sharp, dressed in their caps and gowns.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- On early dismissal days (May 29 and May 30), students are responsible for their own transportation home. Any student who cannot arrange their own transportation may remain in school until the 2:20 dismissal and take the bus home at that time. Any students remaining in school will have a supervised study hall.
- A student **must have prior permission from Mr. Zini's office to make-up an exam on Friday, May 31st**
- **Make-up day: Friday, May 31 at 7:40 a.m. with Mr. Cavanaugh.**
 - A student **must** have prior permission from the Academic Office to make up an exam on May 31st at 7:40 a.m. Make-up for final exams will be available only to students who show legal or medical cause for having missed an exam. **A note must be brought to the Academic Office.**
 - Students **must** remain in their exam rooms for the entire duration of the first exam. If seniors have their own transportation and they are finished with their second exam, **they may leave no sooner than 10:20 a.m.,** with the teacher's permission. **They must leave the building immediately.** All remaining seniors **must** leave the building after their exams at 10:50 a.m.
- **All bills must be paid no later than Friday, May 24th** Payments should be made online through the school's web page. Look for the online payments link under the student and parent section of the web page. Follow the instructions provided by My School Bucks to make the appropriate payment.

If you are unable to make the payment online, please bring this letter and Cash (exact amount) Check or Money Order for the amount to the Finance Office or to Mrs. Pica.

- **Friday, May 31st is the *ONLY DAY* seniors can pick up their gowns, if all debts are paid. If debts are not paid, the caps and gowns will remain in the Student Affairs Office until Friday, June 7th.**
- Each gown package includes 6 souvenir invitations, 2 reserved seating tickets (for reserved seating on the field behind the graduates) and one tassel. **None of these items can be replaced.**
- Please note that attending all three graduation rehearsals **is required** in order to participate in graduation.

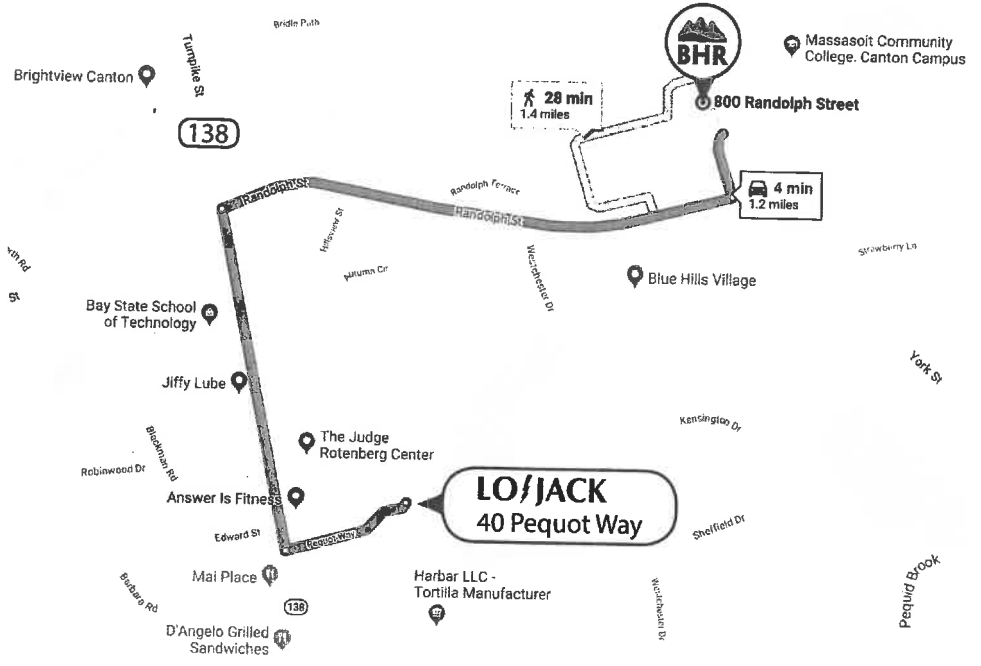


OVERFLOW PARKING LOCATION

Enter this address in your navigation system or smart phone for driving directions to LoJack



40 Pequot Way, Canton MA





Graduation Flowers For Sale

Carnations Bouquet..... \$12.00

Spring Bouquet..... \$20.00



**To benefit Blue Hills Regional
Students Against Destructive Decisions**