

# Plainfield High School

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## Senior Handbook 2023

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Participation in the graduation ceremony and end-of-the-year activities is a privilege. Your behavior during the entire end-of-the-year period must be above reproach both on and off-campus. Any action on your part that negatively reflects upon you or the school may endanger your chances to take part in any end-of-the-year activities, including the graduation ceremony.

## SENIOR EVENTS SCHEDULE

- \*\*Purchase Prom Tickets**      May 10 - 19th, 7:00 - 7:15 am OR 12:15 - 2:00 pm  
**\*\*Signing Day**                      Friday May 19, 2023 at 9:00 am  
**\*\*Senior Sports Banquet**      Sunday May 21, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29  No School	30	31  Assembly to vote for Class Orator 8:45am  Permission Slips for Class Trip DUE	June 1  Senior Exams Block 3 and 4	2  Seniors Exams Block 1 and 2  Senior/Junior Prom @ 6 p.m.
5  Senior Class Trip to Holiday Hill 7:30 am to 6pm	6  Graduation practice - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	7  Class Night Practice (recipients only) 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  Class Night (recipients only) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	8  Graduation Practice - 8:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. (Tour of schools - bring your cap and gown)	9  Graduation practice - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  Senior Luncheon @ 11 a.m.  Graduation @ 6:00 p.m.

## CLASS ORATOR

In Plainfield tradition, a member of the senior class is selected to be the class orator (or speaker) and will deliver a speech at the graduation ceremony. The goal of this speech is to inspire and motivate the class of 2023. It is not about where you have been but where you are going.

Any student interested in preparing and presenting a speech to the class needs to inform Mrs. Wickham or Ms. Voland by **Wednesday, May 3rd**.

There will be an assembly for the entire class on **May 31st** at the beginning of Block 2 where students will present their speeches and then vote for their choice. The winning speech will be shared during the graduation ceremony.

For some help or inspiration, check out these examples....don't copy them, just check them out!!

- Marina Keegan's "The Opposite of Loneliness"
- Past commencement addresses by Steve Jobs, Jerry Zucher, Admiral William McRaven, David McCollough, Jr., Bradley Whitford, Ellen Degeneres or Neil Gaiman are all available on Youtube.

## SIGNING DAY

Date: Friday May 19, 2023 at 9:00 am

Location: Auditorium

See Ms. Voland with questions.

## SENIOR ATHLETIC BANQUET

**Date:** Sunday May 21, 2023 at 4:00 pm

**Location:** Cafeteria and Auditorium

See Ms. Voland with questions.

## JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

**Date:** Friday June 2, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
**Location:** Lake of Isles, 1 Clubhouse Dr. North Stonington CT  
**Cost:** \$60 per Plainfield Junior/Senior, \$75 for guests

This event will be open to seniors/juniors. All non-PHS students must have a guest form completed. Dr. Bitgood **MUST** sign this form.

- Tickets will be sold in front of room 2215 (Mrs. Wickham's room) May 10 through May 19 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **May 19th is the LAST day to buy a ticket.** When buying a ticket, you must choose your meal: **Prime Rib or Chicken Parmesan**
- There are no physical tickets for this senior event. Students will check in upon arrival and be given a ticket for their meal request.
- All class dues must be paid **BEFORE** purchasing prom tickets. This includes guests who are underclassmen at PHS. See Mrs. Labonte with questions about dues. (Due are \$50 per year; \$50 freshman, \$100 for sophomores, \$150 for juniors, \$200 for seniors)
- Formal attire is required.
- Appetizers, dinner, and drinks will be provided at this event.
- There will be a photo booth on site. There is no additional cost to students for its use.
- **Students must be in school on the day of the event for Blocks 1, 2, and 3 (unless a student has senior privilege for Block 1).** Students with written dismissal notes from a parent/guardian may be dismissed at 12:15. Notes should be turned in before June 2, 2023 so the attendance office is not bombarded with student dismissals.
- School rules apply; students found breaking school rules will be removed from the event, and ticket costs **WILL NOT** be reimbursed.
- PHS security and Tribal police will be on the premises during the event; any student in question of inappropriate activity will be asked to leave.
- No students or guests will be admitted to the event after 7:00 p.m.
- Students and their guests cannot leave the affair and return. Families will be contacted about any students leaving prior to 9 p.m.

## SENIOR CLASS TRIP

**Date:** Monday June 5, 2023  
**Time:** 7:30 am - 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Holiday Hill, Prospect CT

Seniors **MUST** ride on the transportation provided by the school to attend this event. This is strictly a senior affair; therefore, seniors may not invite guests. Dress for the outing will be casual; bring a bathing suit and towel if you would like to swim. There will be lots of food and activities at the resort area; horseback riding is available at a cost of \$30. If you are interested in tie-dyeing a tee-shirt, bring one or purchase one there for \$10. Anyone indicating any involvement with alcohol or a controlled substance will not be admitted and will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

**Permission slips** must be handed in by **Wednesday, May 31.**

**Dues must be paid in order to participate.**

### Activities at this location

#### include:

Heated pool  
Tug of war  
3 on 3 basketball  
Foul shot contest  
Lip sync contest  
DJ dance party  
Hypnotist show  
Pie eating contest  
Kayaking  
Rowboats  
Canoeing  
Egg toss  
Carnival games  
Climbing wall  
Sand volleyball  
Bungee trampoline  
Sumo wrestling  
Obstacle course

Spray on tattoos

Horseback riding

Tie-dye shirts

Photo Booth

Video games

#### Menu items include:

Donuts, bagels, muffins

Clam chowder

Nachos

Taco bar

Veggies and dip

Hot dogs, hamburgers,

cheeseburgers

Fries

BBQ chicken

Pasta salad

Potato salad

Garden salad

Coleslaw

Baked Penne

Corn on the cob

Watermelon

Cake

Ice cream

Popcorn

Cotton candy

Chips

Pretzels

Soda, iced tea, punch,  
water, coffee, tea

## PHS HONOR CORD CEREMONY AND CLASS NIGHT

**Date:** Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm

**Location:** Auditorium

Students need to report to the cafeteria for line-up at **5:15 pm SHARP**.

All recipients are expected to attend; recipients will receive a letter and tickets in the mail. If you receive an invitation and will not attend, please inform Ms. Voland or Mrs. Wickham.

Dress for this occasion will be graduation gowns only. Students are expected to wear a shirt and tie, slacks, and shoes or a dress, skirt, or dress pants. NO flip-flops or sneakers allowed. Students who are not in compliance with expectations will be removed from the ceremony. Please see Mrs. Wickham or Ms. Voland, if in need of appropriate attire.

### *HONOR CORD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS*

To receive a departmental honor cord you must have earned a final grade of 92 or better in three or more courses in one of the disciplines listed below:

- Art
- Business
- English
- Family and Consumer Science
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology
- World Languages

## SENIOR/FACULTY LUNCHEON

**Date:** Friday June 9, 2023 at 11:00 am

**Location:** Cafeteria

This free event is open to all candidates for graduation. Graduation rehearsal will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will start immediately after practice.

## GRADUATION

**Date:** Friday June 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm SHARP

**Location:** Football Field

Graduating seniors are expected to assemble in the **Cafeteria by 5:00 pm**. Procession begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dress for this occasion will be graduation gowns and caps. Students are expected to wear a shirt and tie, slacks, and shoes; or a dress, skirt, or dress pants. No flip-flops or sneakers allowed. Students who are not in compliance with expectations will be removed from the ceremony. Please see Mrs. Wickham or Ms. Volland if in need of appropriate attire.

*Tickets will **only** be required for admission **IF** weather conditions require the ceremony to be moved indoors.*

### GRADUATES AND GUESTS PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Balloons, beach balls, blow-up dolls, etc. are not allowed in the building or on the field. Noisemakers, air horns, and the like are also not permitted.
- Please save gifts or flowers for the end of the entire ceremony. Seniors may not carry flowers or anything else into the seating area.
- Guests should provide plenty of time to be seated prior to the processional.
- The commencement ceremony will not end until the graduates march off the field.

### DUES & DEBTS

All financial obligations should be met by **Wednesday, May 24** in order to attend any senior activity. Students who have not met all financial obligations cannot participate in the graduation ceremony, class trip, or senior night event. Financial obligations include borrowed materials and money owed to the cafeteria.

### CAPS & GOWNS

Caps and gowns will be issued on **Tuesday, June 6**. You **MUST** pick up your own cap and gown; it will not be given to another student.

Please hang up caps and gowns at home to remove wrinkles. It should smooth out. If you desire to press the gown, use an iron set for acetate fabrics (**VERY LOW**); if a higher setting is used the gown will burn or melt. Students may decorate the top of the cap; Decorations may not hang off or over the sides of the cap. Anything deemed inappropriate will result in a student being provided a standard cap.

### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Students who intend to participate in graduation exercises on Friday, June 9, 2023, **MUST** be present for ALL rehearsals. If you do not intend to participate in the graduation exercises, please notify Ms. Voland or Mrs. Wagner as soon as possible. Only those students who have successfully completed all graduation requirements will be permitted to participate.

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

5	6	7	8	9
	Graduation practice 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Class Night practice (recipients only) 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Graduation Practice 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Tour of Schools - bring your cap and gown)	Graduation practice 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



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# Plainfield High School

## Field Trip Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Field trips are an essential part of our educational program. During a field trip, the pupil remains under the supervision of the school. Infractions of stated rules, violations of the spirit of good school citizenship, or failure to follow staff directions will be regarded seriously. Educational field trips are planned to be an enriching educational experience for your son or daughter. Since the trip is part of the curriculum, students are expected to attend school that day.

Field trips that are **not** classroom-based, such as school to career or extra-curricular, are not a requirement for the curriculum. These trips are designed to enrich and expand students' exposure to the working world or are rewards for academic and social successes. A student *may not be allowed* to participate due to poor attendance, behavior, or grades. Every effort will be made to include all students; however, academic success in school is our priority.

Destination: **Holiday Hill, Prospect, CT**

Date of Trip: **Monday, June 5, 2023**      Leave at: **7:30 am**    Return at: **6:00 p.m.**

Relation to curriculum: **Senior Class Trip**

Person(s) in charge: **J. Volland/A. Wickham**

Means of Transportation: **Plainfield School Bus** Pick up point: **Plainfield High School**

Cost of Meal (if applicable): **N/A**      Other costs: **ALL class dues must be paid**

**Plainfield High School**  
NAME OF SCHOOL

**J. Volland/A. Wickham**  
TEACHER SIGNATURE

***Clip here***

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO ADVISORS

I am aware that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, will participate in  
this trip and I am aware of the conditions stated above regarding school policy for field  
trips. I may be contacted during the trip to, HOLIDAY HILL, on JUNE 5  

Destination                      Date

at telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
PROM 2023  
NON-PHS STUDENT PERMISSION SLIP**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been invited to attend the Plainfield High School Prom on Friday, June 2, 2023. Prom will be held @ Lake of Isles from 6:00-10:00. To ensure a safe & pleasurable evening, please read the following guidelines & discuss with your child:

- Students must arrive at the dance between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. No students will be permitted entrance later than 7:00 p.m. Parents will be notified of non-attendance of any student who has purchased a ticket.
- Students are expected to remain at the prom until at least 9:00 p.m. If a student does leave before 9:00 p.m., his/her family will be notified.
- Prom is a formal affair and students should dress appropriately. Students will not be admitted in jeans, t-shirts, sneakers or shorts.
- Students will be expected to abide by all Plainfield High School behavioral guidelines. Students who violate behavioral expectations will be subject to disciplinary action.

**PHS students who would like to bring a guest must have a completed non-PHS student permission slip (see below) in order to purchase a ticket. Non-PHS students must have the bottom portion completed by a school administrator (if presently a high school student). Any guest that is not a high school student can have this portion filled out by a parent/guardian. No middle school aged students may attend the prom. All guests must be under age 21. All non-PHS students MUST have a photo ID to enter the dance. Lastly, Plainfield High School Principal, Dr. Christopher Bitgood, must sign ALL guest forms. No form, no signatures = no ticket**

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**Family Permission Slip**

I have read the above information and guidelines for the 2023 Prom and give my child permission to attend. I understand that my child must adhere to all dance guidelines & Plainfield High School behavioral expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of PHS student attending with

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest - Name of present school (if, student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest age and grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # where parent of guest

**To be completed by School Administrator of non-PHS student (high school students only):**

Student is presently in good standing    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Administrator/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number

**To be completed by Plainfield High School Principal, Dr. Christopher Bitgood**

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Signature of Principal, Dr. Christopher Bitgood