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Dear Parents and Members of the Class of 2023:

Congratulations to you and your graduate! Graduation is a significant milestone in the life of a high school student. We at Pierz Healy High School hope that the desire to learn has become an ingrained habit. Personal success in the competitive world of work depends on the ability to continue to learn throughout your career.

With only twenty-seven days left for the Class of 2023, it is our hope that every graduate finishes strong and does his or her absolute best through May 26th. We are here to help and encourage in any way we can. I will be facilitating a special meeting with the entire Senior Class this week to talk about graduation and talk about how they manage their last weeks of their high school career. Our focus will be on making sure they are in attendance and making good decisions during these final weeks of high school. **Areas that always are a concern in our school community currently are senior skip days and also senior pranks.** It will be made clear that in making poor decisions during these last weeks could lead to giving up the opportunity to participate in commencement and/or grad bash. They may also face criminal charges as students have in the past.

Below is a list of some of the upcoming events yet to come for our seniors:

Academic Awards Night

Academic Awards Night is **Wednesday May 10th beginning at 6:30 PM.** Invitations will be sent to those that should be in attendance.

Graduation Practice

Graduation practice is scheduled from **10:55 to 11:45 (right after 3rd hour) on Friday, May 26th.** Seniors who plan to participate in the graduation program on May 26th **must** participate in this practice session.

Formal Pictures – Graduates will have formal photos taken prior to commencement in our Middle School Gym. We will want graduates that are in band or choir to arrive at 5:40pm; graduates with last names beginning with letters **A-K** arrive at 6:00pm; and graduates with last names **L-Z** arrive by 6:20pm.

Fines, etc.

Seniors are required to complete all detention assignments, pay any outstanding fines, etc. by May 22nd. Seniors who do not complete assigned detention hours, etc. will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please have your graduate verify with Kim in the office on the status of anything outstanding.

Graduation Participation

It is the policy of Pierz Healy High School that a student must be on schedule to graduate as of the **second Wednesday in May**. This means all required and elective credits must be completed and/or scheduled to be completed by this date. Students not passing their courses in the 2nd semester must be within 2 credits of graduating to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any senior involved with vandalism, destruction of property, or egregious behavior may not be allowed to participate as well.

Ticket Process

We will again have a ticketing process for our graduate's family and friends. Each graduate will be given **ten tickets** to hand to those they want in attendance. If your graduate will not be using all ten tickets, he/she can share them with other graduates that would like to have additional family attend. **All attendees must present a ticket** for admittance to the ceremony but will be able to sit in any unreserved seat within our MAC.

On graduation day, May 26th, seniors should plan to be at school for their assigned photo appointment in the middle school gym. The MAC doors will open at 6:00PM for family with the processional beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to a great finish for the Class of 2023.

Sincerely,

Karrie Boser, Ed.D.
High School Principal