



**Division Avenue High School**  
120 Division Avenue  
Levittown, NY 11756-2997  
(516) 434-7150



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**Sam McElroy, Assistant Principal** **Terence Rusch, Assistant Principal**

**Stephanie Addona, Special Education Chairperson** **Mark Curtiss, Guidance Chairperson**

May 2018

Dear Parents of Seniors:

Enclosed in this packet is a letter from Mr. John Coscia and important information and instructions, including:

1. Graduation Rehearsal Instructions and Permission Slip
2. Yearbook Distribution
3. Senior Picnic
4. Cap and Gown Distribution
5. Graduation Tickets
6. Senior Prom
7. Graduation
8. Senior Survey
9. Books and Equipment Return
10. Locks and Lockers
11. Attendance
12. Graduation Eligibility

We have also included a Prom Letter from the Senior Class Advisors, a Calendar of Upcoming Events, a map to Hofstra Arena, notice of the Nassau County Social Host Law, and an order form for the DAHS Brick Walkway.

Please take time to carefully review all the documents in this mailing. Graduation Rehearsal permission slips, requests for additional tickets and handicapped seating are all due by **May 18th** to the Assistant Principals' Office.

Thank you. We look forward to a successful completion of your child's Senior year at Division Avenue.

Sam McElroy  
Assistant Principal

Terence P. Rusch  
Assistant Principal

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Class of 2018 has distinguished itself with many athletic, academic and artistic achievements over the past four years. As we enter the final stretch of their career at Division Avenue High School, there is much we need to do in preparation to celebrate the Class of 2018's final send off.

At this point in the year the seniors will experience many celebrations with friends and family alike. This will be a time of exuberance and excitement, but will also be bittersweet as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

In the midst of the excitement, I'm asking that we work together to take every opportunity to ensure our students' safety and be certain that they make sensible decisions over the next two months. There will be many events for the seniors that will present them with opportunities to thoroughly enjoy themselves, but also be pressured by societal influences to make risky decisions.

I would like to encourage you to take time and have a conversation with your child about the potential dangers that can be presented to senior high school students at this time of year, and to consider any consequences a violation of the code of conduct and law could pose. Please keep in mind that we do not sponsor, have no affiliation with, nor do we supervise any pre-prom or post-prom activities.

This being said, the Class of 2018 has demonstrated excellent character throughout the past four years and I have no doubt that they will finish their senior year in a dignified manner and with the utmost integrity. On behalf of Division Avenue High School, we look forward to celebrating their successes during this momentous time with you.

Sincerely

**John Coscia**  
Principal

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Dear Senior Parents:

This year's Senior Prom is quickly approaching. We would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on some important information. The Venetian Yacht Club in Babylon will be hosting the Class of 2018's Senior Prom on June 7, 2018, from 6:30 PM-until 11:30 PM. The cost of the prom will be \$110.00, which includes a non-alcoholic "mocktail" bar with appetizers, a full sit-down dinner and D.J. Tickets will be sold during lunch periods on May 14-18<sup>th</sup> outside of the cafeteria or students can see Mrs. Connolly or Mr. Snyder. You may purchase tickets either by cash or check made payable to "Division Avenue High School".

Any student who plans on bringing a guest who does not attend Division Avenue High School must complete and submit an administrator's approval form in order to purchase a prom ticket. The form is included in this packet. Guests must be under 21 years old.

Prom tickets will not be sold to students whose parents did not attend or view the pre-prom workshop. Students must hand in the signed contract from the workshop when they purchase tickets. Arrangements can still be made to view the workshop video. Please call the Assistant Principal's office at 434-7163 or 7160 to schedule a videotaped presentation.

Building Administrators reserve the right to review a student's discipline record before prom tickets are sold. While at the prom, the Levittown Schools' Code of Conduct will be in effect. Venetian Yacht Club management and the Taxi and Limousine Commission retain the right to act within their purviews.

Division Avenue High School does not endorse, encourage or support any pre-prom or post-prom activity other than the official prom at the Venetian Yacht Club.

If you have any questions, please contact us (516) 434-7150.

Karen Connolly & Ryan Snyder  
Senior Class Advisors

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## **OUTSIDE GUEST PERMISSION SLIP**

To be submitted by all DAHS students attending the 2018 prom with an outside guest.

**Division Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TO THE GUEST:**

Welcome to the Division Avenue High School Senior Prom. We hope that you will enjoy this event that your date is eagerly awaiting. As a guest you will be required to follow the same behavior code that our school dictates. Since this is a school function, you are bound by all rules and policies set forth by Division Avenue High School, as well as New York State laws. Please be aware that you may be subject to disciplinary action at your school for offenses committed at this event.

#### **Guest Contract**

- I will not consume alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, before or during the prom.
- I understand and will abide by the rules provided by Division Avenue High School and the Levittown Public Schools Board of Education.
- I will provide a completed guest permission slip and contact information sheet at the time of ticket purchase.
- I am under 21 years old.

*Guest Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Guest Printed Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **OUTSIDE GUEST FORM**

(To be filled out by the guest's Principal or Principal's designee)

This is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ class at \_\_\_\_\_ High School and will be the guest of \_\_\_\_\_ at the Division Avenue High School Prom on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Senior Parent,

Seniors may be dismissed from school after they pick up their cap and gown during 5<sup>th</sup> period on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Prom that evening at the Venetian.

- At 10:45, students must pick up their Cap & Gown packets in the Auditorium.
- Transportation needs associated with early dismissal must be arranged by you and your child.
- Students are responsible for any school work, homework, quizzes, tests or projects that are due on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Although the afternoon class absences will be “excused,” they will still count as class absences. Students who are in danger of being denied credit in any class should not leave school early.

**Please complete the permission slip below, detach it, and return it to the Assistant Principals’ Office by Friday, June 1st.**

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**SENIOR PROM EARLY DISMISSAL PERMISSION SLIP**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

A Parent signature indicates permission for student to leave school during 5<sup>th</sup> period on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Prom. Transportation needs for early dismissal will be arranged by the Parent. Absences from afternoon classes will count towards the Attendance Policy.

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### SENIOR PROM OUTSIDE GUEST CONTACT INFORMATION

**Division Avenue Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical notifications:

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Guest Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

(If Guest is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
May 14-18	Prom Ticket Sales	Lunch periods
May 15	BUDGET VOTE	7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
May 21	Spring Concert I	7:30 PM
May 24	Spring Concert II	7:30 PM
May 23	Art Show	5:00 PM
May 31	Dance Recital	7:00 PM
May 31	Graduation Rehearsal	11:00AM – 1:45PM
June 5	Senior Academic Awards Ceremony	7:00 PM
June 7	Senior Breakfast	7:30 AM
June 7	Yearbook Distribution	8:15 AM
June 7	Senior Walk	10:30 AM
June 7	Cap & Gown/Ticket Distribution	10:45 AM
June 7	Senior Prom @ The Venetian	6:30 PM
June 11	LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES	
June 14	CD Prom @ Domenico's	6:00 PM
June 15	CD Award Ceremony/After Prom Breakfast	8:30 AM
June 16	Graduation – Class of 2018 @ Hofstra University	1:00 PM

# Important dates to remember

For additional dates to remember please check our website at:

<http://www.levittownschools.com/division>

## **Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Graduation Rehearsal**

**Hofstra University 11:00 AM – 1:45 PM**

- ✓ This is a **mandatory** rehearsal for all graduating Seniors. Seniors will attend 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> period classes and report to the auditorium following an announcement at 11:00 AM.
- ✓ Buses will leave for Hofstra at 11:30 AM and return at 1:45 PM.
- ✓ All students must travel to and from Hofstra by bus.
- ✓ Signed permission slips (attached) must be returned by **May 18th**.

## **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Senior Academic Awards**

**Auditorium 7:00 PM**

At this event, members of the Class of 2018 will be recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics, school and community services. Students who will be receiving awards will be mailed an invitation in May. Family and friends are all encouraged to attend.

## **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Senior Breakfast**

**7:30 AM - Café**

The Senior Breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM. Students whose attendance and discipline records are satisfactory are invited to attend.

### **Yearbooks**

**8:15 AM**

Yearbooks will be distributed during Senior Breakfast.

### **Senior Walk**

**10:30 AM**

Our Seniors will complete a commemorative walk through the halls of Division Avenue.



**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Cap & Gown Distribution**

**Auditorium 10:45 AM**

Following the senior walk, students will report to the auditorium at 10:45 to collect cap and gown packets.

**With parental permission** (form attached), students may be dismissed from school after collecting cap and gown packet.

Included in the cap and gown packet are the following:

- ✓ Cap, Gown & Tassel
- ✓ Sashes and Cords of Distinction
- ✓ Directions to Hofstra
- ✓ Graduation Invitation
- ✓ **Ten graduation tickets.** Requests for extra tickets should be made in writing to Ms. Duzant in the Assistant Principals' Office by May 18th. Requests for handicapped seating must also be given to Ms. Duzant. These seats are identified and reserved for the person needing the wheelchair accommodation plus one family member. Priority seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, but all requests will be honored.

**Senior Prom**

**The Venetian Yacht Club, Babylon 6:30 PM – 11:30 PM**

- ✓ **Prom Tickets will be on Sale May 14-18 during lunch periods (See attached prom letter for details).**
- ✓ PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT PROM TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD TO STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS DID NOT ATTEND OR VIEW THE PRE-PROM WORKSHOP. Students must hand in a signed contract when they purchase the tickets. If you were unable to attend this pre-prom workshop, please call the Assistant Principals' Office at 434-7163 or 7160 to schedule a viewing of the presentation. Building Administrators reserve the right to review a student's discipline record prior to ticket sale.
- ✓ If your senior is bringing a guest who does not attend DAHS, a contact sheet must be completed (attached). If the guest attends another high school, an administrator's approval form must also be completed (attached). Guests must be under 21 years old. If age is in question, we will require valid identification.

# **SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **COMMENCEMENT(GRADUATION)**

***12:30 PM Students report to Hofstra***

***1:00 PM Ceremony begins promptly***

Commencement will take place on Saturday, June 16th at 1:00 PM at the Hofstra Arena - Hofstra University. It is imperative that the graduates arrive by 12:30 PM. Students who are candidates for Advanced Regents Diplomas will be distinguished with silver sashes; students who are candidates for Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honors will be distinguished with silver sashes and a gold cord. National Honor Society students will wear gold or blue sashes that must be collected at the end of the ceremony. No other designations may be worn. **No student will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony without a proper cap and gown.**

We expect students to dress appropriately for this dignified occasion. The graduation hall is air-conditioned, so there is no need for students to wear shorts or T-shirts. Students who arrive in flip-flops will not be allowed on stage because they are a safety hazard. No accessories such as pocketbooks or corsages will be permitted. Please leave all personal belongings at home as there will be no opportunity for them to be stored in a secured location. Please leave cell phones with family guests.

Please discuss with your sons and daughters the impropriety of bringing, tossing or throwing any unauthorized items during the ceremony. Instructions from chaperones and supervisors must be followed without exception. Students who are unruly will bring the exercises to a stop while they are removed. Any behavior aimed at detracting from the decorum of the ceremony may be subject to disciplinary consequences. We would like you and our seniors to be able to remember this day with great pride.

On Graduation Day, Saturday, June 16, 2018, all graduates will assemble (in alphabetical order) in the hallway located on the lower level in the Hofstra Arena at Hofstra University by 12:30 PM while their families and friends are being seated in the Arena. At that time, graduates will be given name cards and they will remain in alphabetical order.

Lifetouch Photographers will be at the ceremony to photograph your child upon receiving a diploma. You will receive one free photo and an invitation to order duplicates.

### **REMEMBER! THE CEREMONY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 1:00 PM.**

We ask for your help in making this graduation one of which we can all be proud.

# **GRADUATION REHEARSAL PERMISSION SLIP**

**MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**  
**TO MS. DUZANT IN THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' OFFICE**

I hereby request and consent that my son/daughter/ward \_\_\_\_\_  
*Full Name* (PLEASE PRINT)

be permitted to participate in a field trip for Graduation Rehearsal to:

**Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY      Thursday, May 31st      11:00 AM – 1:45 PM**

This event will be attended by Assistant Principal, Terence P. Rusch, and approximately 18 chaperones/  
staff members.

This permission slip **must** be returned to Ms. Duzant in the Assistant Principals' Office by **Friday, May 18th**. If  
it is not on file in our office, your child cannot attend the rehearsal.

**GRADUATION REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY. IF ABSENT FROM THE REHEARSAL,**  
**PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE IN JEOPARDY.**

## **GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

While giving permission for my son/daughter or ward to attend the Field Trip described above, I do so with the  
full knowledge that it is the responsibility of my child to follow any and all directions provided by the  
chaperone(s) and to travel to and from Hofstra on the school bus provided. If my child strays from the group and  
is not present at the designated time of departure, I will assume full responsibility for his/her return to school and  
understand that his/her attendance at the Graduation ceremony may be jeopardized. Should my child create a  
disturbance at rehearsal, disciplinary consequences will follow, which may include denial of participation in the  
Graduation ceremony.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

**SENIOR SURVEY**  
**CLASS OF 2018**

*Please complete this survey. In addition, bring us a copy of any acceptance, scholarship or award letters you receive.*

**Return to the Guidance office by:      May 8, 2018**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. This fall I will: (please check the one that applies to you)

Attend college. Please send my final transcript to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Attend a Trade School

Work

Join the Military

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. I applied to the following colleges. List all colleges and indicate the results.

<u>College Name</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Not Accepted</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If there are more colleges, please list them on the back of this page and indicate the decision.

3. My racial/ethnic group is:      Amer. Indian \_\_\_\_ Black (not Hispanic) \_\_\_\_

White (not Hispanic)\_\_\_Asian\_\_\_Hispanic\_\_\_\_\_I prefer not to answer\_\_\_\_\_

4. Male\_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

### **SENIOR REMINDERS**

#### ***Senior Survey***

Please make sure that your updated senior survey is submitted to the Guidance Office no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>. The profile should list all colleges that you have been accepted to and identify the one you have selected. Include a copy of all scholarship letters. After the May 8<sup>th</sup> deadline, we cannot guarantee that your honors will be listed in the Senior Award or Graduation programs.

#### ***Book and Equipment Return***

The district/school issues textbooks, uniforms, instruments and other materials to students with the understanding that the student is responsible for the items. School property should be used and returned to the district/school with normal wear. If the district/school property is lost, damaged, or stolen, the student/parent has the responsibility to pay the article's replacement value.

Seniors must return (or pay for) all textbooks, calculators, uniforms, instruments, and any other property that belongs to the district/school in order to clear accounts for Graduation. All items and/or payment should be brought to the Main Office before the last day of classes, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Locks and Lockers***

Seniors may return their locks to the Assistant Principals' Office June 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised that diplomas will not be distributed to students who do not return locks. Lockers must be cleaned out before the end of the day on June 8<sup>th</sup>, when the custodial staff will empty and bolt all lockers.

#### ***Attendance***

Please check the Parent Portal to be sure that excessive absences in credit-bearing and/or mandated classes will not jeopardize graduation eligibility. Call the Attendance or Guidance Office with questions.

#### ***Academic Achievement***

By the last day of full period classes, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Assistant Principal will notify parents if a student is not academically eligible to graduate. The minimum requirements for a Regents diploma are: passing 5 Regents exams which include English, Global, U.S. History, one Math and one Science (or choosing a Pathway that includes a substitute State-approved exam for the Global Regents); a satisfactory Senior Interdisciplinary Research Paper; four years of Math, English, Social Studies, and Physical Education; three years of Science; and a total of 27 credits. Students who are in danger of failing full year or

semester coursework, or who have not met district/State graduation requirements, must be proactive without delay.



# Dragon Path



Every year thousands of Division Avenue High School alumni, students and friends enter the field for athletic events, community activities and academic events. The Dragon Path is a highly visible and permanent testimony to the community's loyalty to Division Avenue High School.

Be a part of the DAHS Student Council's Brick Fundraiser. Purchase a brick engraved with a special message. You may want to consider a brick to celebrate a special event, accomplishment, to commemorate your family and each of your children, or to honor the memory of a loved one. Companies or organizations may wish to support the walkway with a customized brick displaying their name.

Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to demonstrate your support of the Blue Dragons and leave a permanent mark!

**Step 1. CREATE YOUR MESSAGE**  
 Please PRINT clearly in all CAPITAL letters in the spaces provided below. One character per space.  
 Text will be centered when your brick is etched.  
 It is not necessary to center your text on this form.  
 Any symbol is considered one character (period, comma, dash, space, number).  
**Maximum of 3 lines for a 4 x 8 brick**  
**Maximum of 6 lines for an 8 x 8 brick.**  
**Maximum characters per line are 14 (including spaces).**


**Step 2:** Your order information. Please fill in clearly and completely.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ 4 x 8 bricks at \$100 each  
 I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ 8 x 8 bricks at \$200 each  
 Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: For multiple orders, please staple all orders together and attach payment.*

**Step 3:** Make checks payable to: DAHS Student Council

**Step 4:** Mail your complete order form and check to:  
**DAHS Student Council**  
**Division Avenue H.S.**  
**120 Division Avenue**  
**Levittown, NY 11756**

PETER BARNES  
CLASS OF 2012

LI BASEBALL  
CHAMPIONS  
2015

THE GREEN  
FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF  
JOHN SMITH

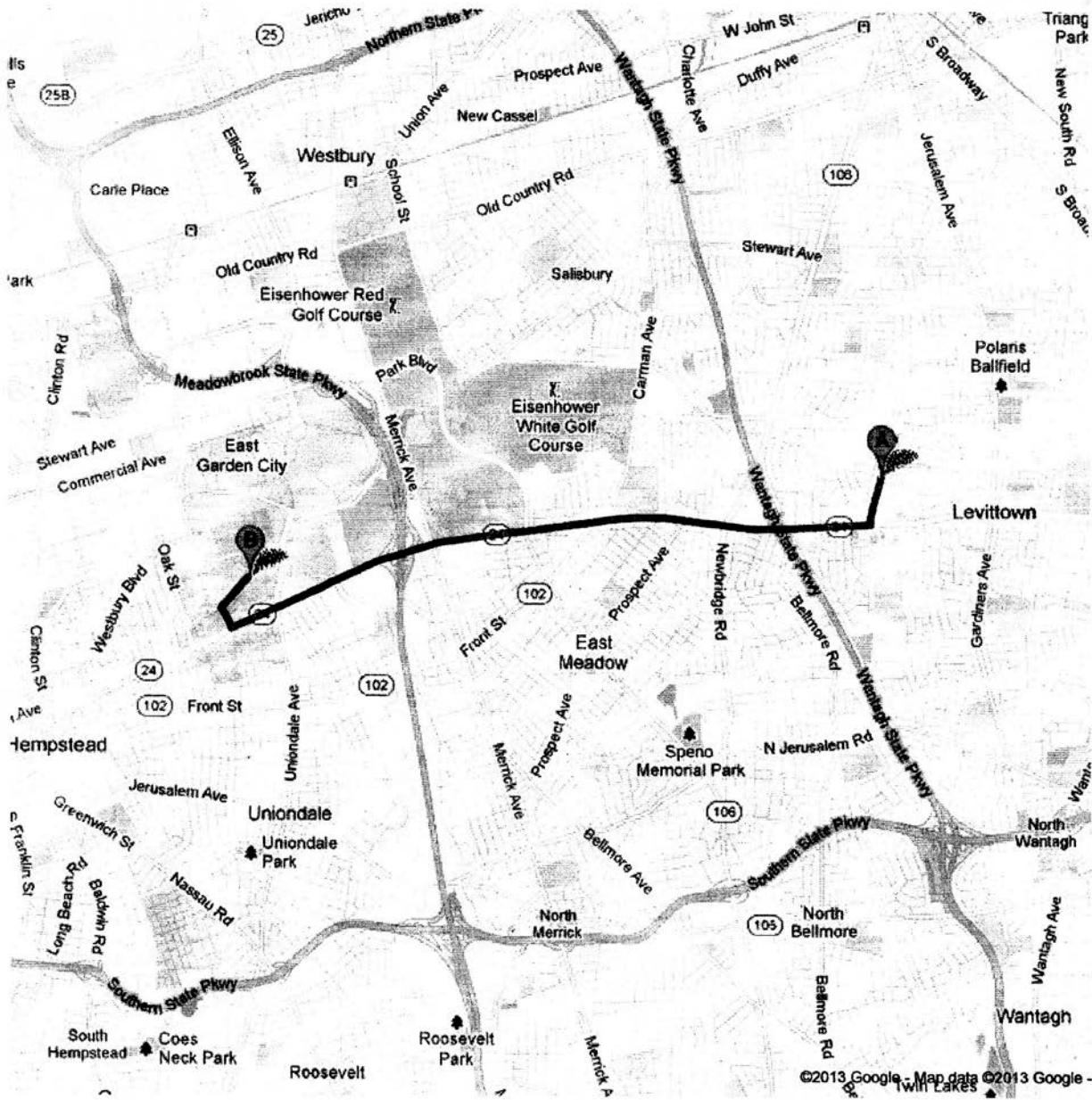
MR. PIES PIZZA  
555-PIES




Thank you for being a part of Division Ave. History. Your contribution will be used to fund and maintain "The Dragon Path." It is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Levittown Public Schools reserves the right to reject any orders deemed inappropriate for viewing in a school environment. Installation of bricks will not be immediate due to personalized engravings and weather conditions.


**If placing additional orders, please copy this form.**  
 Questions? Contact Lynn Castellano or Gerard Marzigliano at (516) 434-7150 or  
 E-mail: [LCastellano@levittownschoools.com](mailto:LCastellano@levittownschoools.com)  
[G2Marzigliano@levittownschoools.com](mailto:G2Marzigliano@levittownschoools.com)



**Directions to Hofstra University Arena**  
 245 Hofstra Northern Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11549  
 4.5 mi – about 12 mins



1. Head **south** on **Division Ave**  
About 47 secs  
go 0.3 m  
total 0.3 m
-  2. Take the 2nd right onto **NY-24 W/Hempstead Bethpage Turnpike**  
About 9 mins  
go 3.8 m  
total 4.1 m
-  3. Turn right onto **Hofstra Blvd**  
go 0.1 m  
total 4.3 m
-  4. Turn right onto **Hofstra Northern Blvd**  
Destination will be on the right  
About 1 min  
go 0.2 m  
total 4.5 m

 **Hofstra University Arena**  
 245 Hofstra Northern Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11549

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## **Social Host Law**



On July 17, 2007, the Nassau County's Social Host Law, (Local Law 13), was signed and made part of the Nassau County's Miscellaneous Laws by the County Executive. This law serves to deter the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors at private homes. Underage drinking is a significant societal problem that causes concern for our communities. House parties are a common occurrence particularly during summer months when school is not in session. Attached are excerpts of Local Law 13 for your information and review. Please utilize this document to increase your awareness regarding your responsibilities when hosting a party or social gathering in your home.

### **LOCAL LAW NO. 13 -2007**

#### ***A LOCAL LAW in relation to preventing the consumption of alcohol by minors at private homes.***

§4. Unlawful consumption of alcohol by minor at a residence.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of eighteen who owns, rents, or otherwise controls a private residence, to knowingly allow the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises or to fail to take reasonable corrective action upon learning of the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises. Reasonable corrective action shall include, but not be limited to: 1) making a prompt demand that such minor either forfeit and refrain from further consumption of the alcoholic beverages or depart from the premises; and 2) if such minor does not comply with such request, either promptly reporting such underage consumption of alcohol (to the local law enforcement agency or ) to any other person having a greater degree of authority over the conduct of such minor.

§6. Effect on other laws. The provisions of section four of this local law shall not in any way affect the application of any other law, where appropriate, including but not limited to New York Penal Law section 260.10 (endangering the welfare of a minor) and section 260.20(2) (unlawfully dealing with a child).