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Dear Graduate, Parent, Guardian, or Guest:

I'd like to begin by thanking you for your patience. We are working our hardest to keep you up to date on all the information regarding this year's graduation ceremonies.

1. **Ticketing**

All ticketing for the venue will be electronic. If you have not already received your tickets by email, you should be getting them shortly. Be aware that tickets are from the following sender "**US Open Ticket Office Client Services.**" Please note that your tickets will be (or have been) emailed to you at whatever email address you entered into the graduation form. **Graduates do not need a ticket to enter;** provided they are wearing cap and gown; they will be admitted into the venue. Graduates will sit with their homerooms on the floor of the tennis court, and guests will be together in the courtside or loge section of the stadium. Tickets will be in blocks of 1 to 7 depending on request. Unfortunately, we weren't always able to keep families in one row—apologies for any inconvenience and feel free to swap with other families once you arrive. At this time, it is too late to grant any additional tickets!

2. **Start Times and Directions**

Last year the graduation was almost four and a half hours long and we do not want to replicate that experience! **We ask all graduates to be at the venue by 11:00am so that we can begin promptly at 12 p.m.**

As you hopefully know by now, graduation will take place at Arthur Ashe stadium. The address is 124-02 Roosevelt Avenue, in Flushing, Queens. Parking is available at Citi Field, but is not free—it will cost \$30. If you wish to prepay for parking (and save a dollar) , you can do so at the following URL: https://mpv.tickets.com/?agency=MLB_MPV&orgid=38129&pid=9089220

If you are coming by subway, the 7 train provides service from Grand Central Terminal to Mets-Willets Point Station, including connections for all Metro-North Trains from Westchester and Connecticut. Service is also available from the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Additionally, the LIRR provides easy service to Mets-Willets Point Station from Woodside, and convenient connections from Penn Station for New Jersey Transit customers. For guests with disabilities, get off the LIRR train at 61st Street-Woodside Station and transfer to the 7 train. Take the 7 train to Mets-Willets Point Station.

3. **Cap and Gown and other Senior Items**

All seniors should have received their senior package by now—this contains their cap, gown, 2022 tassel, senior t-shirt, diploma case and keychain. If you do not have your package yet, it is not too late—please contact me ASAP at polazzo@stuy.edu. The diplomas themselves have been hand calligraphed but are being stamped and will be distributed in homerooms on **Monday, June 27th**. As a reminder, clear your fees, return all textbooks and devices by June 23, 2022 at 3:00pm. Additionally, the **2022 yearbook** is available to purchase for \$75 through this link: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/14186>. The deadline to purchase yearbooks is June 30, 2022. Unfortunately, due to forces beyond our control it will not be shipped until August. Please keep this date in mind when placing your order!

4. **Plan for the Day**

After the opening we will have speeches and we will play some previously recorded performances from the chorus and band. Seniors will cross the stage where they will have the opportunity to bump fists or elbows or shake hands with the principal. When each senior crosses the stage, their picture will be displayed on the big screen along with their name—so long as slides were uploaded to the MarchingOrder website. Seniors will go by official class, starting with 7A. All students who are not present will also have their name and picture displayed on the big screen immediately after their homeroom has crossed the stage. We hope to be done by 4pm at the latest, but this is a complicated undertaking and we ask that you be patient with us.

5. **Meals**

Food and drink ARE permitted in the venue, so you can bring your own lunch! Just please try to keep your space neat.

6. **Livestream**

The event will be livestreamed at the following URL: <https://youtu.be/4sG2DcfAgZM>
If there are any tech issues with this livestream, it should also be available on the SU YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrJfXD2sGaGPOxxcrk6lgg>

I hope that this has answered most of your questions, but if you want any more information, please feel free to email me at polazzo@stuy.edu.

Yours,



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