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Dear Students and Families of the Maine South Class of 2026,

Please see the following for information on this year's senior events and ticketing information. We look forward to celebrating with you as you close out the final weeks of your high school career. For any specific questions about the information below, please reach out to Mr. Michael Edwards- medwards@maine207.org

GREAT AMERICA GRAD NIGHT – Saturday May 9th – Sunday, May 10th, 2026

- Ticketed students need to arrive between 7:30 - 8:00 pm to get checked in. Buses load at 8:30 p.m. in the jock lot (Saturday, May 10th). Buses return at 3:45 a.m. in the north lot (Sunday, May 11th).
- Tickets are **\$90** each (includes transportation to the park, entrance ticket, and food).
- Only 375 student tickets will be available and tickets will be sold at the bookstore. In order to purchase a ticket you must have been selected from the ticket lottery. Tickets will be on sale in the bookstore from Monday, March 30th until Wednesday, April 8th.
- **NO** tickets will be sold without the emergency form and your student ID/Infinite Campus page. **You are only allowed to purchase a ticket for yourself. NO** refunds can be granted. **NO** swaps will be accepted. If you purchase a ticket you are the only person who can attend.

SENIOR BREAKFAST – Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

- Seniors are invited to celebrate the end of four years of high school at the Senior Breakfast on Saturday, May 2nd, at Manzo's Banquets located at 1572 S Elmhurst Rd in Des Plaines from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m., all you can eat breakfast buffet begins at 9:30 a.m. No admittance after 9:30 a.m. Business casual attire is expected, as well as a 5 star ticket and Maine South ID. Tickets will be on sale for the Senior Breakfast on the [5 Star store site](#) from April 9th to April 17th. No tickets will be sold after April 17th and no tickets will be sold at the door. No refunds. Cost is \$35 per student.
- Come and celebrate the end of your four years at Maine South with fellow seniors. There will be a short program including the awarding of Senior Superlatives, announcing the Prom Court, and a senior slideshow.

SENIOR PROM: The Roaring Twenties – Friday, May 15th, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

- Prom will be held at The Westin, 400 Park Blvd, Itasca, IL 60143 on Friday, May 15th. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (**no admittance after 7:00 p.m.**). A sit-down, formal dinner will be served from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with dancing to follow.
- Tickets will be sold on the 5 Star store from April 20th to May 1st. The ticket price is \$85 per person. No tickets will be sold after May 1st and no tickets will be sold at the door. No Refunds. Guest forms are required for non-Maine South students or non-seniors and can be filled out digitally from this link- [Sr. Prom Guest Form](#)
- Maine South ID (photo ID for guests) is required. Guests must be under 21 years of age to attend. Bags will be checked upon entry to the venue.
- If you or your guest require a vegan, vegetarian or special diet meal, you will be able to indicate this in a survey prior to the event.

Commencement Speaker

- All Maine South seniors who are in good standing are invited to submit a speech and audition to be the Commencement Speaker at Graduation. Students who choose to participate are requested to write speeches that:
 - 1) Are appropriate for the purpose and audience
 - 2) Are unified around a central idea
 - 3) Address graduates of the current class and their guests at the ceremony
 - 4) Contain relevance for this graduating class, its community and experiences
- The student also must be in good standing in the school and be a representative of the values of the school and district. Speaking time at the ceremony is LIMITED TO FOUR (4) MINUTES OR LESS. [Click the link here](#) for directions and to submit your application. The final date for submission is Friday, April 17th.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement will be held at the Rosemont Theatre 5400 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018 at 11:00 am on Sunday, May 17th. Students should arrive by 10:15 am to line up.

Students will receive information mid- April on which specific doors to arrive to, and this information will be posted on the Maine South website for family reference.