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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Time does pass quickly and it's an honor for me, as the high school principal, to send you this letter regarding our 2025 Graduation. At this time of the year you, as a parent/guardian, can feel especially proud of the Senior class at Armada High School 2025.

This is a special time for all of us. We have planned a wonderful commencement ceremony to be held Wednesday, May 21st at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm, with gates being opened at 5:00 pm. Seating will be General Admission with each graduate receiving 8 tickets. If a graduate is in need of more than 8 tickets, those requests can be made through the Main Office of the High School. Tickets will be distributed to the graduates at the graduation rehearsal ceremony on May 20th at Armada High School. We will have a section available for those who need wheelchair access or assistance from their family.

- **Professional Photos-** Armada has contracted with Golden Meadows Photography to be our photographer during the 2025 Commencement Ceremony. Golden Meadows Photography will take each graduating senior's photo on the stage as he/she is presented their diploma. Each family will receive 2 – 5x7 inch photos at no cost to the family courtesy of Project Graduation.

It is our hope that you will be able to sit back and relax while watching the ceremony from your seat knowing that a professional photographer will take care of all your needs.

This occasion is special, and we want to be sure any senior will not lose their privilege of crossing the stage. We ask your support in the following areas:

- **DRESS** – Seniors must be appropriately dressed for the ceremony.

**Boys:** Dress pants and dress shirt, tie, socks, dress shoes. Tennis shoes, cowboy boots, sandals and flip flops **will not be permitted.** Tie and socks **must** be worn.

**Girls:** Dress, skirt, or slacks must be worn with dress shoes. Sandals, cowboy boots, flip flops and tennis shoes **will not be permitted.**

Only the mortarboard ceremony hat will be worn. No other hats will be allowed as a part of the ceremony. Sunglasses are also **not permitted.**

- **BEHAVIOR-**This is an important and dignified event, we do not want any inappropriate behavior to take away from the ceremony. We hope that the

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families will also see this as a dignified event; we ask that the use of blow-horns or other noisemaker objects not be used.

- **OBLIGATIONS**-Fines, debts, breakage fees, shop/athletic/other equipment or any other monetary issues must be paid in full or you will not receive your diploma.

- **REHEARSAL/CAP AND GOWNS - MANDATORY** - Caps, gowns, and tickets will be issued on Tuesday, May 20th at 9:00 am at the Armada Varsity Baseball Field during graduation rehearsal. Seniors who have any type of obligation or fine will **not** be issued a cap and gown. Rehearsal will last at least until noon.

- **CODE OF CONDUCT** - Seniors should be aware that all school policies and procedures are still in effect until they pick up their diploma on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Violations will be dealt with as they must, and a suspension in the final days could keep a senior from crossing the stage. If they have earned their diploma it will be given, but participating in the graduation ceremony is a **privilege**, which can be **forfeited** by improper conduct.

**FINAL GRADES** - Additionally, please be mindful that, according to longstanding policy, seniors who fail more than 1 class during the third trimester will not be allowed the privilege of walking in commencements. Please review your seniors' grades on the Parent Portal to see if he/she is struggling in any class. Now is the time for your student to take action to ensure a successful completion of his or her high school career. Seniors need to have completed all of the credits required to graduate in order to walk at commencements. All credits, including online credits, need to be submitted by 3 pm on May 16, 2025 for students to be considered for commencements.

- **SENIOR EXAMS** – Thursday, May 15 – (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> hour) during regular class time.

Friday, May 16 – (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> hour) during regular class time. Seniors released after 3rd hour.

- **BACCALAUREATE** – The Baccalaureate ceremony will be held on May 7th, at 7 pm in the Ruth Isaacson Auditorium. This is a truly special event in which graduating seniors and those community members who have supported them throughout their education can offer their best wishes for the graduates. I encourage everyone to attend.

- **SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY** – Those attending the all-night party, and who have paid, need to be at the High School on May 19th at 8:45 pm. The bus will leave at approximately 9:00 pm. Graduates will not be allowed into the high school for any reason.

- **DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS** - We hope that all our students will make appropriate, safe choices for both themselves and their peers regarding alcohol and drugs. As students get together to celebrate this special time of the year you, as a parent/guardian, should discuss your support of the Zero Tolerance policy that we have adopted at Armada High School. In addition, students that choose to participate in "Senior Pranks" that cause damage or a disruption to the educational process, or have discipline issues, may forfeit their right to participate in the graduation ceremony. We need your help and support to be sure our students stay safe.

Also, a word of caution regarding graduation parties. The courts have asked us to remind parents that it is a criminal offense to furnish alcohol to a person less

than 21 years of age. If you do, you are liable for any damages caused by them. Don't allow this special time to be turned into a tragic nightmare.

The high school staff and I look forward to sharing this important event with you. Congratulations to you and your graduate.

Sincerely,

Andy Kastl  
Armada High School  
Principal