



Manhasset Public Schools

May 10, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2017,

We are pleased to announce that this year's Senior Frolic celebrating the graduation and the accomplishments of the Class of 2017 will be held on Friday, June 23rd, 2017 from 10 PM until 3 AM in the Manhasset High School gymnasium. All graduates are invited to attend this great culminating event for the Class of 2017.

The Senior Frolic is a true Manhasset tradition. For seventy-six years, the parents and guardians of the Senior Class have worked together to transform the high school gymnasium into a secret fantasy-themed celebration honoring their graduates. Senior parents and guardians, along with local merchants and friends, generously contribute labor, materials, entertainment, and refreshments to make this night the highlight celebration of your child's years at Manhasset High School. Members of the school's administration and teaching staff will also continue to join this special celebration as Frolic chaperones. **Thanks to the efforts and support of the Class of 2016, parents, teachers and staff at last year's Frolic 2016, this great tradition will be continued for the Class of 2017.**

It is important to consider the history behind the Frolic to understand its significance. Prior to the first Frolic, Manhasset seniors would go club-hopping following the graduation ceremony. In 1938, four students were injured in a serious car accident. This near-tragedy prompted parents and guardians to recognize the importance of providing a safe and fun-filled environment for all the graduates to celebrate following graduation. Hence, the Frolic was born in 1941. While the emphasis of the Frolic is to have a celebratory, fun event, student safety is also of paramount concern.

To address this concern, Mandatory Parent/Student Meetings have been scheduled for Frolic 2017. In order to attend the Frolic, a Manhasset High School senior accompanied by his/her parent or guardian is required to attend one of the below listed meetings. While Frolic 2017 is a senior class activity, seniors will be able to invite one guest. The guideline for a guest is the same as the Senior Prom: "two grades down, or under the age of 21". The guest and his/her parent are also required to attend one of the meetings in order to be eligible to attend the Frolic. If the student and guest cannot attend the same meeting, a duplicate form B and/or C must be submitted at the meeting attended by the guest. Meetings will be conducted in the Manhasset High School Auditorium, beginning promptly at 8 PM on the following evenings:

- Wednesday, May 24th
- Wednesday, May 31st
- Monday, June 5th (Make-Up Meeting)

(Note: We are encouraging students/guests and parents to attend the preferred Wednesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 31st evenings. If a conflict exists, Monday, June 5th will serve as a Make-Up Meeting. Seniors will be able to invite one guest. However, that guest must attend with their parent, either the May 24th or May 31st mandatory meeting. After May 31st seniors can no longer bring a guest to the Frolic.

Frolic tickets will be on sale at each meeting, to only those students who attend that meeting. Frolic tickets may be purchased for \$125 per person.

The Frolic is a Manhasset High School sponsored event. All rules and regulations from the district code of conduct are in effect for the entire evening. Any violation of the district code will result in immediate disciplinary action. Any student and guest who attends this event under the influence of alcohol or any other drug, or who possesses or imbibes alcohol or any other drug, will be escorted from the event area to a designated office space. An administrator will call the parent of the student and/or guest who is in violation of the code of conduct. **The parents of both the student and guest will be requested to immediately pick up his or her student/guest from the Frolic.** Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 5445, any student suspected of consuming alcohol will be asked to use a breathalyzer. The mandatory evening meetings will review details of the evening, including the code of conduct. The consequences for possession of and/or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the dance are:

1. A 10th grade student will be prohibited from attending the 2017 Homecoming, the 2018 Junior Prom and may not attend the 2017 Senior Prom as a guest and the 2018 Senior Frolic as a guest.
2. An 11th grade student will be prohibited from attending the 2017 Homecoming, the 2018 Junior Prom as a guest, the 2018 Senior Prom and may not attend the 2018 Senior Frolic.
3. A 12th grade student and/or a college student under the age of 21 will have his/her parent contacted to be immediately picked up from the Frolic. In addition, the college/university the student is attending will be notified.

The Frolic is a night to remember forever and we encourage *every* senior to attend this celebration. It is not a date event, although seniors may bring a guest if they choose. Dress is informal but we do request collared shirts (no tees or tanks please). Food and beverages are served throughout the evening. Music, dancing and other entertainment create a festive event.

Seniors have waited four years for this special occasion so we believe they will join us in making it a memorable experience for all. In order for that to happen, the following rules will be in place:

- **Attendees will not be permitted to enter after 10:45 PM and are expected to remain until the Frolic concludes at 3 AM.**
- **Should a student or guest desire to leave before the Frolic ends at 3 AM, a parent must pick them up. Should they leave, they will not be allowed to re-enter.**
- **Parents of both seniors and their guests are required to be available by phone and able to come to school upon the request of the school administration at anytime during the Frolic.**
- **The Frolic is tobacco, drug, and alcohol free. If it is determined that a student is "under the influence", intoxicated, or in possession of alcohol and/or drugs, either upon arrival or during the course of the evening, the alcohol or illegal substances found shall be confiscated immediately and parents/guardians will be contacted to come to the school and take their child home. If a senior is sent home, their guest will be sent home as well.**
- **No student attending the Frolic shall be allowed to drive to or from the Frolic.**
- **No backpacks are permitted in the gymnasium. Girls will be permitted to have small purses which will be checked.**

Ticket Purchase Information

- The cost of each ticket for this special evening of camaraderie is \$125. Highlights of the evening's festivities will be available on the School District's website.
- Payment by check, cash or money order, payable to "MSCA".
- Tickets will be sold on the nights of the mandatory Parent/Student Evening Meetings on the Frolic.
- Financial assistance is available from the Class of 2017 Frolic Fund and from the SCA. Please see your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible if assistance is needed.
- All Manhasset High School students attending the Frolic must present a completed and signed **Form A and Form B.**
- Seniors who choose to bring a guest, who is a high school graduate under the age of 21, must provide a completed/signed **Form A, Form B and Form C. Please remember to provide a copy of the guest's driver's license.**

Please complete the attached Ticket & Required Consent and Guest Form and bring them to the Frolic Evening Meeting you attend, along with your check. **These forms must be completed for all seniors and their guests attending the Frolic.**

A special keepsake invitation will be given to each student at the time of ticket purchase.

We need your help in making Frolic 2017 an unforgettable night. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful evening! We hope that Frolic 2017 is a very special evening and that every senior will attend.

Sincerely,



Christy Weppler
Frolic Chair



Amy Keogh
Frolic Chair



Jeannette Reilly
SCA-MHS President
Frolic Chair



Lisa Grygiel
SCA Executive President



Laurie Marshall-Lauria
Student Activities Coordinator



Charlie Cardillo
Superintendent



Dean Schlanger
High School Principal

Senior Frolic June 23rd, 2017

Form A: Acknowledgement of Having Read 1) the Manhasset Public Schools Board of Education Policy on *Students Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, Policy #5440, reproduced below, and 2) The High School Disciplinary Code of Conduct as found in the Manhasset Secondary School Planner, pages 18 & 19¹

This form is to be completed by 1) the MHS student and 2) the legal guardians or guardian of said student. If applicable, both legal guardians must sign this acknowledgement form. This signed form must be handed in at the time of ticket purchase.

Policy #5440:

"The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol and illegal substance use/abuse. The term illegal substances shall include, but not be limited to, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LDS, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, and steroids. This policy describes the philosophy of the District and the program elements the District will use to promote healthy life styles for its students and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol and other substances.

No student may possess, sell, or distribute or use, or be under the influences of alcohol and/or other illegal substances on school grounds, or at school sponsored events. Furthermore, no student may possess, sell, distribute, or use drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school sponsored events.

Additionally, the following persons shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events: any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol and/or other illegal substances, or any person whom school personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect has used alcohol and/or other substances.

Any staff member observing students possessing alcohol and/or using illegal substances on school grounds or during school-sponsored events shall report the incident immediately to the Building Principal or other appropriate staff members, who shall then take immediate action. Any alcohol or illegal substances found shall be confiscated immediately, followed by notification of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) involved and the appropriate disciplinary action taken, up to and including suspension and referral for prosecution. In its effort to maintain an alcohol and illegal substance-free environment, the District shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

The District will use the following principles as guides for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and for any disciplinary measures related to alcohol and other substances:

1. Alcohol and/or other substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.
2. Alcohol and/or other substance use/abuse inhibits the District from carrying out its central mission of educating students.
3. The behavior of the Board, the administration, and all school staff should model the behavior asked of students.
4. While the District can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol and other substance use/abuse prevention, this goal will be accomplished only through collaborative, coordinated efforts with parents, students, staff, and the community as a whole."

We have read **Policy #5440** and the High School Code of Conduct.

Student Name: _____ **Signature** _____
(PRINT)

Parent/Guardian (1) Name _____
(PRINT)

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian (2) Name _____
(PRINT)

Signature _____

¹ May also be accessed at the Manhasset District Website, as can the Board of Ed Policy Manual

FORM B
Parental Transportation Agreement & Student Information

Son/Daughter Name: _____

(Print)

Guest's Name: (If Applicable) _____ **Grade:** 10 11 12

Name of Guest's School if other than MHS: _____

For identification purposes, please attach a photocopy of the guest's license/photo ID to this form if the guest does not attend MHS.

Contact Information: MHS Parent

Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. I can be reached at:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Contact Information: Parent of Guest (If Applicable)

Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. I can be reached at:

Guest Parent Name: _____

Signature of Guest Parent: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Transportation - Part I: Arrival at School No Later Than 10:45 P.M. Check (✓) and Complete 1 or 2.

1. I agree to transport and accompany into the high school gymnasium my son/daughter (and guest) at **The Senior Frolic** on June 23rd, 2017.
2. I will be unable to drop-off my son/daughter and their guest at **The Senior Frolic** on June 23rd, 2017 but have arranged for a parent of a 12th grader to drop him/her off.

Parent Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Transportation - Part II: Departure from Campus (3:00 AM) Check (✓) and Complete 1 or 2.

1. I will pick up my son/daughter and their guest (if applicable) in the cafeteria parking lot at 3:00 A.M.
2. My son/daughter and their guest (if applicable) will be picked up by the individual designated in item #2 above.

FORM C

Consent/Agreement Form for a Guest who is a High School Graduate Under Age 21

Manhasset Senior's Name: _____

Guest Information and Agreement

Name: _____
(Print)

Home Address: _____
(House/Apt. #, Street, Town, Zip Code)

If Applicable: School Attended by Guest: _____

I agree that while I am a guest at the Manhasset High School Senior Frolic I will behave in an appropriate manner. I understand that if a violation of the Manhasset School District Code of Conduct occurs, appropriate actions will be taken. This code includes no smoking, consumption, possession, or behavior under the influence of alcohol or any other drug is a serious violation of the school's code and will result in immediate expulsion. As are all other attendees during this event, I am expected to show respect and consideration at all times for all students, staff, parents, and any other visitors.

Signature of Guest: _____ Date: _____

For identification purposes, please attach a photocopy of the guest's driver's license/photo ID to this form. Thank you.

To be Completed by the Parent of the Guest

I am aware that my son/daughter will attend the Manhasset High School Frolic on June 23rd, 2017 as the guest of the senior named above. **I have been in communication with the parent of the MHS senior. Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. I am aware that I must be available and can be reached at the number listed below.**

Name of Guest Parent: _____ Phone _____
(Print)

Signature of Guest Parent: _____ Date: _____

To be Completed by the MHS Senior's Parent

I am aware that the above guest will accompany my son/daughter to the Senior Frolic on June 23rd, 2017.

Name of Senior Parent: _____
(Print)

Signature of Senior Parent: _____ Date: _____