

April 23, 2024

Greetings Soldan ISHS Class of 2024 families!

It is hard to believe that the last month of your student's senior year of high school is here. With prom this weekend and graduation less than a month away, I wanted to send a letter reminding you of the expectations that have been in place all school year. Senior activities such as prom and the commencement ceremony are privileges. District leaders are prohibiting seniors from participating in any senior activities, including prom, if they are NOT on track to graduate. Additionally, seniors at Soldan ISHS must meet the following criteria to participate in any senior activity.

- On track to pass the required 24 credits by May 2024. This includes credit recovery classes in SchoolsPLP.
- **80%** Hourly Attendance or higher (*This has been lowered from 90%*.)
- No Type 1 infractions or serious infractions this school year
- Passed the US and Missouri Constitution Tests
- Taken four End of Course (EOC) tests in English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and Government
- Taken the ACT and the ASVAB or Accuplacer
- Completed the state mandated CPR instruction
- Returned all technology (laptop & charger) and books; has no outstanding fees/fines

It is our goal that 100% of our seniors graduate on time and participate in the ceremony. However, as of today about half of the class is falling short of expectations – 20 seniors who are failing one or more classes that are required for graduation and another 30 seniors have attendance rates less than 80%. We are offering tutoring to increase our number of graduating seniors.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:15-5:15 pm at Soldan. Starting on April 24, tutoring is *mandatory* for all seniors who are failing one or more classes, this includes being off-track with completing SchoolsPLP courses. Credit recovery courses through SchoolsPLP are graduation requirements. All course work must be completed by **May 9, 2024.** The activity buses are available after tutoring.

Attendance Incentive

Students are expected to be at school on time and every day. Students' attendance is impacted when they arrive late or leave early. I am offering an incentive for seniors below 80% attendance. If seniors who are below 80% for attendance increase their average attendance from now through May 15 AND complete a minimum of fifteen (15) hours in tutoring, I will give them the opportunity to walk at the graduation ceremony if they meet the graduation requirements. Attendance at tutoring is tracked digitally. Therefore, students are to check-in with the teachers in the conference room and check-out when they leave so that the hours can be calculated correctly.

Senior Events

List of Events	Date
Jr/Sr Prom*	April 27, 2024, at The Hilton at Ballpark Village
Senior Week	May 2024 (Dates and Locations TBD) May 9 – periods 5, 6
	May 10 – periods 1, 2 May 13 – periods 3, 4
Final Exams	May 14 – periods 7, 8
	May 18, 2024, at12:00 pm
2024 Commencement Ceremony	Harris-Stowe State University

^{*} one prom ticket is included in senior dues. No refunds will be provided.

It is my hope that students take advantage of tutoring over the next four weeks to get back on track. You can monitor their progress using the parent portal in Tyler SIS. All senior communications can be found on our website. Please contact me or the Senior Sponsors Mr. Kron or Ms. Norman with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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