



Manhasset Public Schools

April 25, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2013,

We are pleased to announce that this year's Senior Frolic celebrating the graduation and the accomplishments of the Class of 2013 will be held on Friday, June 21, 2013 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 2013.

The Senior Frolic is a true Manhasset tradition. For seventy-one 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 2012, parents, teachers and staff at last year's Frolic 2012, this great tradition will be continued for the Class of 2013.**

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 2013. 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 2013 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's: "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 22nd
- Tuesday, May 28th
- Monday, June 10th (Make-Up Meeting)

(Note: We are encouraging students/guests and parents to attend the preferred Wednesday, May 22nd and Tuesday, May 28th evenings. If a conflict exists, Monday, June 10th will serve as a Make-Up Meeting. The dates of the meetings have been established to help with the overall planning of Frolic 2013. Students and guests will be ineligible to attend the Frolic if the student and parent have not attended one of the meetings listed above.)

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 or 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 2013 Homecoming, the 2014 Junior Prom and may not attend the 2014 Senior Prom as a guest and the 2014 Senior Frolic as a guest.
2. An 11th grade student will be prohibited from attending the 2013 Homecoming, the 2014 Junior Prom as a guest, the 2014 Senior Prom and may not attend the Senior Frolic 2014.
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 2013 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, Form B and Photo and Video Release**.
- 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 complete the attached Ticket & Required Consent and Guest Form and the Photo and Video Release 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 2013 an unforgettable night. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful evening! We hope that Frolic 2013 is a very special evening and that every senior will attend.

Sincerely,

Joanne Goldberg
Frolic Chair

Caroline Kenlon
Frolic Chair

Judith Pegno
Frolic Chair

Christy Wepler
SCA Executive President

Lisa Belinsky
SCA – High School President

Charlie Cardillo
Superintendent

Dean Schlanger
High School Principal