

**Lakota West High School  
8940 Union Centre Blvd.  
West Chester, Ohio 45069**

***“Home of the Firebirds”***

*Dear Senior Parents,*

*Commencement for the Lakota West High School’s Class of 2007 is soon approaching. I want to congratulate you and your children on the honor they have earned and will receive on June 2, 2007.*

*Commencement will again be held at Millett Hall on the campus of Miami University this year at 2:00 p.m. Miami University offers a facility that provides us with both adequate seating and parking. It also presents us with a great area to take pictures before and after the ceremony. **In addition**, as you know we are using custom gowns again this year. This gown will have a more formal look and the rental cost is the same as the cost for purchasing a gown as was past practice. Due to the fact that the gowns will be rented and need to be returned, we will be allowing parents to decide when they wish to return the gown. **Your son/daughter may choose to return the gown at the conclusion of the ceremony and will then be given his/her diploma.** If you choose to keep the gown for the weekend, you may do so, but we request they be returned no later than **Friday, June 8**, which is the end of the following week. Diplomas will be held until the gown is returned. **There will be no diplomas given during the ceremony.** Graduates will be given a diploma cover only.*

*Our desire is that Lakota West High School’s commencement be conducted with a great deal of dignity and respect. Graduation from high school is a moment seniors and their parents anticipate with much eagerness – a moment they will recall for the rest of their lives; therefore, the staff of Lakota West High School has worked hard to plan a commencement worthy of this meaningful moment.*

*I am seeking your support by asking you to review with your child that commencement is to be conducted as a **ceremony, not a celebration**. With the support of everyone involved, I’m confident you will find the 2007 Lakota West High School commencement to be one in which the entire community can be proud.*

*A booklet that explains graduation and many other year-ending events for seniors will be mailed in late March, early April. This publication should help answer questions regarding expectations and requirements for seniors as they complete this school year. In addition, an Alumni Registration form for the Lakota West web site will be enclosed in that mailing. Please have this completed and returned to Mr. Hummer in the main office.*

***In regard to exams, the senior class will need to meet the following goals to be exempted from second semester exams. As a group they need to maintain a 3.0 GPA for the entire class and an attendance rate of 93%.***

*Again, congratulations on the honor your child will receive at Millett Hall in the afternoon of June 2. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard Hamilton  
Principal*