

Dear Junior and Senior Parents, Guardians, and Students,

It has come to my attention that there is a rumor circulating about a planned junior prom at an outside venue, and it has caused some disgruntlement in senior class about fairness. Sadly, the rumor is untrue; there is no junior prom event scheduled at this time. Some folks might be confused because the junior class did *reserve* the Villa Borghese back in September of 2019, well before the onset of the pandemic. However, it is not realistic for us to hold the junior prom at this venue as we traditionally have in the past. We are unsure of who put this information out to the community today, and we apologize for any frustration this caused our students and their families.

At this time, New York State has not lifted restrictions around large, public gatherings. While some of our neighboring high schools are able to more easily navigate these restrictions due to their size, we are working on trying to create a meaningful event which has been historically attended by more than 700 students.

We recognize that this year has been sadly devoid of the usual social events that have become tradition at Arlington High School. We share your frustration and mourn the loss of these events with you. However, please know that we are actively working with senior class advisors on plans for several events that we hope will be meaningful and memorable for our 2021 seniors. These include:

- The Buff Bowl on March 3. (Information is posted on the house web page including how to register with a deadline of, Thursday, February 25.)
- The Puff Bowl on May 16.
- A prom-like event at the school during graduation week.
- And, finally, graduation events.

Additionally, the junior class officers and advisors are working on putting together the 2021 Mr. Arlington talent show and any other viable junior class events.

More information will be shared with our students and their families as each of these events become more developed. Please, feel free to contact your child's house principal if you would like to assist in the planning of these events. Reach out to [trichard@acsdny.org](mailto:trichard@acsdny.org) for 11th grade events, and [rcarroll@acsdny.org](mailto:rcarroll@acsdny.org) for 12th grade events.

Take good care,  
John Orcutt

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