

Welcome Speech

BRHS Graduation 2012

Good evening everyone. On behalf of the graduates of the Class of 2012, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the parents, families, friends, Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, and staff of Bridgewater-Raritan who are here with us today.

Thirteen short years ago we filled our backpacks with supplies for the first day of school. While we were a little nervous, we were also extremely excited as our parents held our small hands and walked us to our very first classrooms. They reminded us to play nicely with the other kids and, as they reassured us that they would be back to pick us up, we finally let go of their hands. (Well most of us let go, some of us needed a little more encouragement.) Walking through the elementary school doors, we began a thirteen year journey that is now coming to a close. Along the way we faced and overcame challenges, from learning to tie our shoes and to tell time, to memorizing calculus and physics theories. The academic and life lessons we've learned throughout the years have prepared us for future success.

This evening our graduation is a tribute; a tribute to everyone who held our hands when we were nervous and needed their support, a tribute to those who walked us to our classes, and to those who kept their promises and always remembered to pick us up in the afternoon. Now we are the ones holding our caregivers' hands, reminding them that everything will be okay, and that this is just another chapter of our lives. We are moving on to fulfill our goals and to live out our dreams. Without the constant guidance and support of our friends, families, and teachers we may not have made it this far. On behalf of the graduates I would like to say thank you; thank you for all that you've done and all that you continue to do. Honored guests, please take a look around. Each and every one of you should be extremely proud, for these graduates who sit before you are the result of your love and dedication. Thank you for joining us today and welcome to the graduation ceremony of the Bridgewater-Raritan Class of 2012!