

# HELLO CLASS OF 2023 SENIORS AND FAMILIES!

We are in the home stretch! As we continue our work through the last grading period of the senior year, there are many upcoming events and responsibilities for students and parents. Please be mindful of the following information and dates for seniors as we close out the school year.

## UNBECOMING CONDUCT

Having access to a free and appropriate public education is a right. Being awarded a diploma for successfully satisfying graduation requirements is a right. Participating in graduation is not a right, but it is a privilege for those who have satisfied all state requirements **and** demonstrated the expected behavior. **Therefore, be advised that any conduct from this point forward that results in an out-of-school suspension could subject you to disqualification from the graduation ceremony on May 25, 2023.** This includes, but is not limited to, Senior Pranks, acts of aggression or violence, truancy, or a culminating pattern of continued misconduct.

## KNOW YOUR STATUS

Seniors are responsible for knowing their graduation status and doing what is needed to graduate. Those who have not fulfilled requirements should make a plan to do so in preparation for August graduation. Any student in this situation should not allow it to become worse than what it already is – take care of business.

## SENIOR DUES / FEES / OBLIGATIONS DUE MAY 12, 2023

All fees and obligations must be paid in full before students are permitted to attend prom or to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please DO NOT wait until the day before prom or graduation.

- Debit and Credit Cards, Cash and Money Orders will be accepted. Personal checks are not accepted.
- Senior dues are \$58.00 and must be paid in full by Friday, May 12. These dues are in addition to any course fees and obligations.
- If you have any questions about fees or obligations, please contact Dori Kagarise in the WGH Bookroom 330.841.2316 ext 2167 between 7:30 and 3:00.
- All dues / fees / obligations must be paid by May 12 to attend Prom and to pick up caps and gowns.

## SENIOR LAPTOP RETURN WEEK OF MAY 15

Students who do not need their laptops for final exams will be able to start turning in their laptops during senior lunch on May 15. Students who DO need laptops for exams will have the opportunity to turn in their laptops later in the week when the final exams are completed.

- After turning in their laptops, Seniors will receive a green letter stating their laptop has been returned and all dues / fees / obligations have been paid. This green letter will be used when students pick up their caps and gowns.
- If a laptop is not returned, is broken, OR if there are fees to be paid, a red letter will be distributed to the student. Caps and gowns cannot be picked up without the green letter.

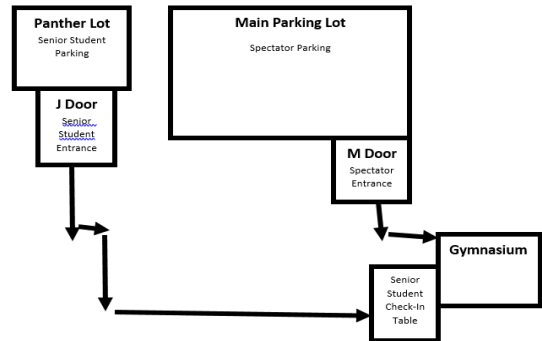
## SENIOR FINAL EXAMS WEEK OF MAY 15

Students must complete the final exam in each course in order to receive credit for the course. The last instructional day of school for seniors is Friday, May 19, which is designated for make-up final exams.

## PROM WALK-THROUGH MAY 20 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Walk-Through will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. in the WGH Gymnasium and will end at 6:00 p.m.

- Tickets for spectators for the Walk-Through are \$3.00 and can be purchased at the door using CASH ONLY. Every spectator over the age of 3 must pay for entry to the Walk-Through.
- Seniors participating in the walk-through will not be permitted to enter after 5:30 p.m.
- Seniors will park in the PANTHER lot and enter through the J door.
- Spectators will park in the main lot and enter through the M door.
- Senior participants can walk through with their prom dates, with friends who are attending prom, or individually. Participants cannot be escorted to Walk-Through with anyone not receiving prior authorization from WGH Administrators.
- Breathalyzer screening will occur prior to both Walk-Through and Prom.



## PROM MAY 20 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

This year's prom will be held at the St. Demetrios Community Center. Remember – students must meet semester-long expectations to be able to attend Prom.

- Prom tickets are \$20 for a single ticket and \$35 per couple.
- TCTC Students will be able to purchase tickets during their lunch periods May 8, 9, 10
- WGH Students will be able to purchase tickets during their lunch periods May 17, 18, 19
  - Students who have early dismissal can purchase their tickets in the bookroom during 4th period May 17, 18, or 19.
- ALL FEES AND DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO PROM TICKETS BEING PURCHASED.
- Families can drop students off at prom, but must exit the St. Demetrios parking lot immediately. Drivers dropping off prom guests will not be permitted to exit their vehicles.
- Prom guests will not be permitted to go in and out of prom throughout the evening. If they leave the event, they will not be permitted to return. This includes visits to cars in the parking lot.
- Visitors' Forms for outside guests must be submitted to Mrs. Raptis by May 12th or the guest may not be approved to attend WGH prom. Forms will be available for pick up from the WGH main office.
  - If a student plans to bring a guest who does not attend WGH, the guest must complete a visitor's form and have it signed by the principal at his/her school.
  - If a student plans to bring a guest who is not enrolled in school, the student cannot be over the age of 20 and a visitor's form must be completed and submitted for approval by WGH Administrators.
- Guests should be prepared to show proper ID to be admitted into the dance.
- Breathalyzer screening will occur prior to both Walk-Through and Prom.

## CAP & GOWN PICKUP MAY 23 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Cap and gown pickup will be on Tuesday, May 23 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30a.m.

- Seniors are to report to the main entrance of Mollenkopf Stadium during their designated times (below) according to the first letter of their last name.
  - Last Names A-F: 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
  - Last Names G-O: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
  - Last Names P-Z: 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Students must have their green tickets to pick up their cap and gown. If students were issued a red ticket, outstanding fees can be paid at the stadium during cap and gown pick up at the designated times.
- Students cannot enter the building during this time.

## **SENIOR DAY MAY 24 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

This time of bonding, recognition, and fun will include our Senior Breakfast Program, Graduate Walk, and Graduation Ticket Pick-up. Students who need transportation to school are permitted to ride their assigned school bus on this day, and can remain in a designated area following the day's events.

### **BREAKFAST**

- Students will receive a special breakfast
- Senior Class Officers will have a presentation

**GRADUATION WALK** The class of 2023 will participate in a graduation send-off at each of our WCS PK-8 buildings following our Senior Breakfast Program.

- Seniors will be transported via bus to one of the four PK-8 buildings to participate in a special send off with our young Raiders!
- **SENIORS ARE TO WEAR THEIR CAPS AND GOWNS ON THIS DAY.**
- This is a required event for all who will be participating in Commencement.

**GRADUATION TICKET DISTRIBUTION** Each graduate will receive six (6) tickets to the ceremony.

- Tickets will be distributed to graduating seniors following the graduation walk when students return to WGH.
- Every person, including small children, must have a ticket to be admitted to the venue. Guests without a ticket may not be permitted to enter.
- Ticketing and admission will be managed by Packard Music Hall.
- If additional tickets are available, they will be distributed at graduation practice.

## **GRADUATION REHEARSAL MAY 25 9:00 a.m.**

Graduation Practice is Mandatory. Seniors should expect to be at rehearsal until 11:30 a.m. Any student who misses practice without **PRIOR PERMISSION** from Ms. Raptis will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the evening ceremony.

- Please arrive a few minutes early for check-in.
- Enter PMH through the side doors nearest the museum.
- When you arrive please check-in and enter the auditorium and await further instructions.

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY MAY 25 7:00 p.m.**

All seniors must be at Packard Music Hall 5:45 p.m. dressed in their caps and gowns.

- All graduates should enter PMH at the side doors nearest the museum.
  - Graduates who are getting dropped off will need to be dropped off at the front entrance and will have to walk to the side entrance.
  - Graduates who are driving their own cars should park in the lots adjacent to PMH.
  - It is important to remember that traffic to Packard Music Hall will be heavy and parking may be limited, so please allow sufficient time to arrive early.
- WGH is providing each senior the opportunity to sit for a formal portrait in their caps and gowns upon arrival to PMH, and a copy of the print will be mailed to students free of charge with the diploma.
- Graduates should not use electronic devices during the ceremony.
- This ceremony is a time to recognize the class of 2023 as a whole, not as individuals.
  - **STUDENTS WEARING ADORNED CAPS AND GOWNS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**
  - Only honor cords and stoles issued/approved by Warren City Schools will be permitted to be worn during the ceremony.
- Open Gate Security System will be used to screen seniors and guests prior to entering PMH.
- To reduce disruption during the ceremony all guests must be seated no later than 7:00 p.m.
- Graduation is a dignified occasion, and it is expected that the behavior of students and guests will reflect this respectful atmosphere.

# GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

## EVENT DECORUM

While it is understandable that everyone celebrates their loved one's graduation, we must do so in a manner that does not detract from any students. In order to properly recognize the milestone that the graduation ceremony represents, please share the following with your family to properly maintain the dignity of the ceremony:

- Noise makers such as air horns are not permitted to be used during the ceremony.
- Refrain from bringing balloons and other gifts that would obstruct the view of other guests.
- Crying babies should be removed to the lobby until the crying subsides.
- Refrain from disruptive applause, yelling, screaming, or any other type of distraction that would take away from the dignity of this momentous occasion.
- Should individuals conduct themselves in such a manner the behavior will be addressed.
- Please remember that this evening is for the benefit of all students; therefore, each student and his/her family deserves the right to hear his/her name announced.
- All electronic devices should be silenced during the ceremony.

## ENTERING PMH

Graduation will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023. Any guests arriving after this time will be directed to the balcony for seating, if space permits. Families should plan to be seated no later than 6:45 p.m.

- Please be reminded the all guests will enter through the front entrance and must have a ticket to enter PMH for graduation.
- Open Gate Security System will be used to screen seniors and guests prior to entering PMH.
- All guests, even small children, must have a ticket to enter hall.

## HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Handicap parking for individuals is available in the spaces closest to Packard Music Hall, however these spaces are extremely limited. Be certain to provide ample time to drop off any handicap guests at the front entrance and be prepared to park elsewhere.

- Please complete this form prior to May 19 if your family requires any handicap seating needs or accommodations.

Scan the QR Code

OR

Go to this website

<https://tinyurl.com/8mmnfz98>



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WGH CLASS OF 2023!!