

## **END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019**

May 24, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of your children's journey through high school, but now that we look back on the past four years, the growth we have all seen has been tremendous. The Waterford High faculty and staff share the great pride you feel in your sons and daughters. The Seniors are enjoying their Class Breakfast and Senior Picnic today, and the schedule for the major school-sponsored Senior events and information regarding each of them is listed below. Seniors will be kept updated on the details of these events through class meetings, daily announcements, twitter, and postings on our website, but this letter will serve as an outline for the rest of the year. And of course, remember that students must be in good academic standing with all Graduation Competencies completed in order to participate in any of these fun events and honors.

**Saturday, June 1 - Senior Prom-** Arrival time for the Prom, to be held at Bill Millers Castle, is 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The prom will end at 10:00 p.m. Please note that students may leave the Prom at their discretion; however, once they leave, they will not be permitted to return. The school's supervision ends at whatever time students choose to leave. We urge parents to be involved in the planning of responsible after-prom activities so this night will not end in a needless tragedy.

**Tuesday, June 4- Senior Awards Night, WHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.** The Senior Awards (Class Night) affords us the opportunity to showcase our graduating seniors. Individual award recipients and their parents will be notified by letter in advance.

**Senior Final Exams** should be taken seriously. The permanent transcript will include fourth quarter grades. A good high school education should include a strong effort through the last exam. Exams days will be June 10, 11, 12 and 13. An exam schedule with times will be posted on the WHS website.

**Graduation rehearsals-** Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 and 13 are **mandatory** if a student is to participate in the commencement ceremony. These are considered normal school days. Rehearsal begins at 12:00 (noon) on both days. Cap and gown distribution will take place at graduation rehearsal after all obligations have been met.

- It is **imperative** that you attend both graduation rehearsals. We will be practicing for both an inside and outside graduation. You need to be here to get the marching instructions. It is expected that you remain for the entire rehearsal. Please make arrangements regarding your obligations so that this is not a conflict for you.

**Friday, June 14- Graduation 6:30 p.m.** seniors must report by 5:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outdoors on Alumni Field in the back of the school. You may bring as many guests as you would like if ceremony is outside. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the WHS Auditorium. Under this circumstance, families will be given 5 tickets. No additional tickets will be distributed. We will have additional seating in the field house with a live video feed of the

graduation for additional guests. Graduates will be asked to park in the upper parking lot. Graduates must return their gowns to the field house as soon as the ceremony and family photos are finished.

- Dress Code- This is an important day in your life. You are expected to dress appropriately. Boys should wear long pants a collared shirt. A tie may also be worn, but it is not required. Girls should be dressed appropriately, following dress guidelines in the handbook. Please do not put yourself in a position in which you need to call home and have appropriate attire delivered by family.
- Last year WHS altered our rules regarding decoration of graduation caps. We now permit cap decorating that adheres to certain guidelines (those guidelines are attached to this letter). [Graduation Caps 2019.pdf](#)
- Graduates will not be allowed to carry balloons, flowers etc. You are not allowed to bring anything into the ceremony that is not a part of what has been designated as part of the ceremony.
- Conduct- This is a dignified ceremony, so, you are expected to behave in a manner that will not embarrass yourself, your parents or the school. The behavior of the class has been exemplary throughout your time at the high school; please continue to behave in the manner that has made us proud of you. If student behavior is not appropriate, the offending student will be removed from the line up and not allowed to walk across the stage. If a student misbehaves while seated during the ceremony, that student will be removed and their diploma will be held.
- Do not bring valuables with you. Leave your purses, backpacks and phones in your vehicles or at home. The school is not responsible for any losses.
- You must return your gown to the Field House after the ceremony. You may keep your cap and tassel and cords.

**Graduation Tickets:** If inclement weather is expected, graduation will be moved indoors to the auditorium. Each graduate will receive **five** tickets to admit relatives and friends to the commencement ceremony. Additional seating will also be available in the field house, where we will be broadcasting the ceremony as it occurs. Tickets will be distributed at graduation rehearsal. The main office will not dispense tickets. Tickets will not be distributed to any student who has an outstanding obligation or is in jeopardy of failure. However, tickets will be held for students in anticipation that the obligations/academic requirements will be met.

**Project Graduation:** This is a parent-supervised and absolutely drug and alcohol free all night event. Students will meet in the field house to hand in gowns and line up to get on the busses. This party is being run by a committee of parents, not the school. Please direct your questions regarding the party to parent committee member.

Enjoy these last few weeks of high school with your Seniors - they go by so quickly!

Andre Hauser

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019!!!!!!**