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Dear WSHS Graduating Senior and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Congratulations on your up-coming graduation from Winona Senior High School! The next few weeks will be filled with many “lasts” and a few “firsts.” WSHS wishes you the best of luck in all your future endeavors! **Seniors last day of class is June 3rd.**

Below is general information that you should know regarding graduation.

- **Mandatory Commencement Practice will be held Wednesday, June 8th and Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.** Wednesday’s rehearsal is held at Paul Giel Field near Jefferson Elementary and Thursday’s rehearsal is held at WSHS Gymnasium. Both rehearsals will be from 10:00-12:00. Attendance is mandatory for both days of practice, so please plan accordingly.
- **Graduation is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** The WSHS Graduation Ceremony is scheduled to be held at Paul Giel Field near Jefferson Elementary. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Winona Senior High School Gymnasium. Notification of venue change will be done by 3:00 pm by radio announcements and instant alerts.
- **Signed diplomas** will be available for students to pick up after the ceremony. **Any fines that may have been assessed must be paid prior to the commencement ceremony. Students who have not paid their fines will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremonies.**
- **Each graduating senior will receive 10 tickets for the graduation ceremony.** Tickets will be handed out to students during their Senior Class Graduation Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not attend the class meeting may pick up their tickets at graduation practice on June 8th. Additional tickets are not available.
- **Handicap seating may be a necessity for some family members.** Each graduate may turn 4 tickets into handicap seating tickets. To receive handicap seating status, please bring your tickets to the WSHS Main Office. The deadline to reserve handicap seating is May 31 at 3:30 pm. *Only those tickets specifically marked handicap will be allowed to enter the handicap seating area.*
- **All graduates and exchange students need to be at the High School by 6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 10th for an all class panoramic photo.** Order forms will be available at the graduation rehearsals. Due to limited parking at both facilities, we will provide a bus for graduates to the commencement site after the photo. We will also provide a shuttle run after the ceremony for graduates to return to the high school. Students may arrange for their own transportation after the ceremony if they wish.

- **Professional Photography:** To provide you with a remembrance of the day, we have made arrangements with Lifetouch to take photos as graduates are receiving their degrees.
- Below is a condensed version of information as it relates to Graduation:
  - Date** – June 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
  - Location** – Paul Giel Field (Inclement weather site: Winona Senior High School Gymnasium)
  - Rehearsal** – Mandatory Practice will be held for all graduating seniors on:
    - June 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Paul Giel Field at Jefferson Elementary
    - June 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the WSHS Gymnasium
  - Program** – will take approximately 1 ½ hours
  - Post Commencement Diploma Pickup**
    - Exchange graduation stole for diploma in the following location:
      - Paul Giel Field: Diploma Pick-Up ALC Building
      - WSHS: Diploma Pick-Up Concourse
    - Diplomas will be available for 30 minutes after the ceremony

The above information assumes your son/daughter completes all necessary credits to meet graduation requirements. If you have any questions about your child's credits towards graduation, please contact your son/daughter's respective counselor for a current status report at 494-1521.

Questions about graduation should be directed to the following:

Winona Senior High School General Information	494-1504
WSHS Information on Graduation Requirements	494-1521
WALC Information	494-1460

The commencement ceremony of the WSHS graduating class has been a tradition in the community for 152 years. It is a time-honored, celebrated event. Students and guests are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior before, during and after the ceremony. Graduate attire worn under the gown shall be appropriate for a ceremony of this nature. Caps, gowns and cords are to be worn as intended. **Gown and/or Mortarboard decorations will not be permitted.** Guests are asked not to interfere with the rights of others to enjoy the ceremony. Balloon bouquets and other large celebratory items are prohibited.

We are looking forward to the 152nd Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 10, 2022!

Sincerely,

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