

IMPORTANT 2023 SENIOR INFORMATION

- 1. Most importantly, to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 25th all graduation requirements must be fulfilled by Thursday, May 18th at 2:00 pm.**
- 2. If you have not purchased your cap & gown, you need to do this ASAP as you will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony without a cap & gown.** There is a link on the high school's website to Herff Jones for ordering online. If you are experiencing a financial burden, please contact Mrs. Paterson in Guidance. Her email address is jennifer.edwards@wcsb.us or she can be reached at 850-926-7125, ext. 8621.
- 3. Cap & Gown delivery day – Thursday, April 27th.** Brad from Herff Jones will be on campus from 10:00 – 1:00 to deliver CAPS & GOWNS (set up outside of Guidance). If you still have a balance due on that day, you will have to bring cash or a money order or call Herff Jones ahead of time to pay your balance. Their number is 850-792-5110. Caps and gowns that aren't picked up while Brad is here will be left with Mrs. Tucker in room 77.
- 4. TAKE CARE OF ANY DEBTS AT WHS, ASAP!** Sr. Graduation Dues & Caps/Gowns (\$85), Yearbook Debts, Return Uniforms, Textbooks, Library Books, etc.—If you owe for something, your name goes on the debt list. **Please make sure all your debts are taken care of by Friday, May 12th.**
- 5. Nominations for class song are due to Mrs. Colvin in Room 204 no later than Friday, April 28th.** You must submit the lyrics to the song you are nominating. Email is preferred, but you can also print the lyrics and give them to Mrs. Colvin. Her email address is Joanna.Colvin@wcsb.us
- 6. Voting for class song will take place online through Microsoft Forms. Ballots will be sent through your WCSB email and will be available from Tuesday 5/2 through 3pm on Wednesday, 5/3.**
- 7. If you are interested in auditioning to sing the class song, the National Anthem, or the Alma Mater at graduation, contact Mrs. Colvin no later than May 5th.**
- 8. AP EXAMS begin on Tuesday, May 2nd and will continue through Friday, May 12th.**
- 9. Friday, May 12th - Senior Awards, 9:00 – 11:30 am.** The ceremony will be held in the auditorium. Seniors being recognized will receive an invitation to the ceremony and 6 guest tickets. Only seniors who receive an invitation are allowed to attend, along with their 6 guests.
- 10. Tuesday, 5/16 and Wednesday, 5/17 — ALL SENIOR EXAMS will be given (unless your teacher tells you otherwise). Thursday, 5/18 Make up Exams for Senior Only.**
- 11. Friday, May 19th – Our annual SENIOR PICNIC** will be held on the practice field from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. All seniors are invited. You will park in Gridiron. We will provide food, drinks, and activities for you all to enjoy as a class. Bring your swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen. **Promptly at 1:30, we will have our SENIOR WALK.**
- 12. Sunday, May 21st—Baccalaureate Ceremony begins at 7 pm- PARK IN THE GRIDIRON PARKING.** Wear your cap & gown.
- 13. Wednesday, May 24th – 8:00 am – GRADUATION PRACTICE – we will start in the auditorium and finish at the stadium.**
 - 1. Roll will be taken promptly at 8:00 am. DO NOT BELATE!!**
 - 2. Park in the Gridiron parking lot.**
 - 3. You should wear cool, comfortable clothes because we will finish practice outside at the stadium and may be out there for a little while so you may want to bring sunscreen and/or wear a hat.**
 - 4. We will practice the entire ceremony — more than once; in fact, we have been known to continue practicing for several hours until we have everything perfect.** Cooperation can shorten practice!
 - 5. At practice, each graduate will receive 10 wristbands for your guests to attend the graduation ceremony. Wristbands must be presented to enter the graduation ceremony.**
- 14. Tuesday, May 23rd — 2 pm – 7 pm PROJECT GRADUATION @ Wakulla Springs.** This event is sponsored by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department. See our SRO, Deputy Ross Hasty in Discipline for more information.
- 15. Thursday, May 25th – Graduation begins at 8:00 pm – Main gates will open for your guests at 7:00 pm.** Remember, all guests must present a wristband for entry.

*****SENIORS WILL MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM @ 7:00 pm. BRING OR WEAR YOUR CAP, GOWN AND TASSEL!**

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Suggested dress is as follows: Guys - solid dress shirt & tie, khaki/black or navy dress pants, dress shoes (dark or neutral color). Girls - a dress that will not be seen hanging out under your gown, dress shoes, but remember you will be walking on the astroturf so not spikes. If you do not have the appropriate dress for this event—please let your counselor or a senior class sponsor know ASAP.

Please note: YOU MUST ATTEND GRADUATION PRACTICE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. If you do not attend practice, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. If you do not plan to participate in the ceremony, see a sponsor as soon as possible (J Solburg, J Colvin, H Tucker, or M Smith) or an administrator.

Please don't put yourself or your parents in a bad position – complete all papers, exams, pay all fines, return your textbooks, return uniforms, clean out lockers, be at practice, etc., etc., etc. Take care of your business by seniors' last day (Friday, May 19th). You will not be permitted to roam the halls of the school during practice. Other classes & exams will be going on during this time. Everyone needs to work together to make YOUR Graduation a memorable occasion – a class act!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM GUIDANCE

1. Final **Transcript** Requests. Scan QR CODE. Final transcripts will not be available until all grades and test scores are posted.
2. Seniors that are applying for Bright Future Scholarships – your Community Service hours are due in WHS Guidance by **Thursday, May 25th**.
3. To participate in the graduation ceremony, all graduation requirements must be fulfilled by **Thursday, May 18th at 2:00**. This includes but is not limited to the **completion of your credit recovery classes**.



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR WAKULLA HIGH GRADUATION CEREMONY---INCLEMENT WEATHER

This plan will be put into effect in the event of inclement weather for the graduation ceremony at Wakulla High School. It has been approved by the Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools.

1. Prior to, or on the day of graduation ceremony the superintendent will announce postponement of graduation. Ceremony will be rescheduled for Friday, May 26 at 8:00 pm.
2. On the day of graduation during the ceremony, if weather arrives the superintendent will determine to continue or cancel based on severity of the storm.
3. If the ceremony continues students will be called across stage to receive their diploma. If a student chooses to leave, they may pick up their diploma at Wakulla High on the next business day. Holidays excluded.
4. If the ceremony is cancelled because the severity of weather, then all students will be able to pick up their diplomas on the next business day. Holidays excluded.

Any information provided in this letter is subject to change due to CDC Guidelines, and/or state and local health department recommendations and restrictions.

Parents in the spirit of the Graduation ceremony please follow these simple rules for the benefit of all our students.

- Please remain seated unless requested to stand.
- No noisemakers are to be used.
- Keep noise to a minimum so everyone can hear names called.

Additional Important Dates:

End of 3rd 9 weeks – March 10th, Senior Surprise – March 15th 12:20-2:00

Spring Break March 20-24, Planning Day - March 27,

Herff Jones here for Grad Announcement delivery – March 29 10:00-12:00

Prom @ Wakulla Springs – April 14th 7:00pm, Senior Trip – April 24-26