

# WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL



## SENIOR INFORMATION GUIDE

CLASS OF 2024

# CONGRATS CLASS OF 2024!



Dear Parents, Guardians and Graduating Seniors,

The members of the class of 2024 are nearing the finish line of their high school experience and the faculty and staff of Westlake High School could not be more proud of the accomplishments these students have achieved over the last four years. Thank you to the teachers, counselors, support staff, administrators, parents and community members for supporting this group of young men and women reach their highest potential throughout the last 12 years. We are looking forward to celebrating our seniors and wish them well as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

The end of the year activities are special, once in a lifetime events for our seniors and their families, and we hope they take full advantage to enjoy these occasions. The student leadership team representing the class of 2024 has been hard at work planning memorable experiences for our seniors.

This guide is designed to provide all of the necessary information regarding our senior activities and everything you need to know to navigate these experiences.

Please feel free to call the Main Office at (440) 835-6352 if you have any questions.

Demon Proud,  
Rob Woods  
Principal

# FROM THE COUNSELORS



Congratulations!

You've passed the classes, checked the boxes, and are well on your way to cross the stage, diploma in hand. Your counselors just need a couple more things ...

- Service hours must be submitted by April 1st
- Every senior needs to complete the senior survey on Naviance. The survey lets us know what your plans are after graduation, including where to send your final transcript if you are college bound. The senior survey must be completed by May 10th.

College Bound Students:

All colleges require you to send a copy of your final transcript before you are officially admitted next fall. The final transcript is a record of all eight semesters of your high school career and cannot be sent until after you graduate. You cannot be a college student until their records show you are officially a high school graduate. Help us help you and let us know where to send your information! Final transcripts will be sent by July 1. Athletes: the NCAA also needs a final transcript as proof of graduation and completion of all classes.

If you took CCP classes and would like to earn college credit at your respective institution then you will also need to request a transcript to be sent from the college where you participated in CCP. If you took classes through Tri-C, you can reference their transcript request instructions [here](#).

If you took AP classes and would like to send your scores, you can do so for free through your College Board account by June 20th. Instructions can be found [here](#).

# SENIOR

## EVENTS SCHEDULE



### FEBRUARY

February 15: Local Scholarship Applications Available  
February 23: Prom Assembly

### MARCH

March 15: Dollars for Scholars Game  
March 28: Deadline for Local Scholarship Applications  
March 29: Spring Break

### APRIL

April 1 - 5: Spring Break  
April 8: No School - Solar  
Eclipse  
April 8 - 19: Prom Ticket Sales  
April 16: Cap and Gown  
Pickup

### MAY

May 1: College Decision Day  
May 6-17: AP Testing  
May 10: Senior Survey Due on Naviance  
May 11: Prom at Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (6:30pm - 11:00pm)  
May 11: After Prom at Urban Air (11:30pm - 2:30am)  
May 16: Senior Awards Night (6:30pm)  
(Seniors will be notified if they will receive an award.)  
May 21-22: Senior Exams  
May 24: Commencement Practice (8:30am - 11:00am)  
Senior Picnic (11:00am - 1:00pm)  
WES Clap Out (1:30pm)  
May 25: Commencement (3:00pm CSU Wolstein Center)

# COMMENCEMENT CAPS, GOWNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CAPS & GOWNS:

In order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, all students must have a cap and gown. Gowns from older siblings that fit appropriately may be used as long as they were purchased in the last 4 years as the colors and fabrics change. To order your cap and gown:

- Order online by [clicking here](#).
- Order direct with our Jostens Representative, Rodd Torbert
  - Phone: 440-822-6626
  - Email: [Rodd.Torbert@jostens.com](mailto:Rodd.Torbert@jostens.com)

The deadline to order caps and gowns is February 18th.

You can also order other graduation related items and packages by [clicking here](#).

Caps and gowns and graduation announcements will be available for pickup on April 16 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm in the Rotunda. Students can pick them up during their lunch or privilege periods. If students are absent on this day, they can stop into the main office after April 16th and pick up their order.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE MAIN  
OFFICE AT (440) 835-6352.

# LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

February 15: Scholarship  
Applications are Available

March 28: Scholarship  
Applications Due

May 16: Senior Awards  
Night

Westlake High School booster groups, families, alumni, and local businesses offer many local scholarships for students. These scholarships can be found on our website by [clicking here](#). The site contains scholarship application links and descriptions of eligibility requirements. In order to apply for a local scholarship:

1. Fill out the General Information Scholarship Application
2. Select and complete any of the local scholarship applications
3. Print out the applications (be sure to attach a General Information Application with each local scholarship you are applying for) and turn them into Mrs. Rice in the counseling office.

*Note: You do not need to attach the General Information Scholarship Application to the online only applications.*

Applications are due to Mrs. Rice by March 28th at 3:00pm

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be notified prior to Senior Awards Night. Senior Awards Night is May 16th at 6:30pm in the PAC.

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OFFICE AT (440) 835-6352.

# PROM

SATURDAY MAY 11

## ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME

1100 ROCK & ROLL BLVD.  
CLEVELAND, 44114

### **COST:**

**\$95 PER PERSON**

ALL FEES must be paid prior to prom ticket purchase.

Please keep in mind that NO refunds will be given under any circumstance.

### **TICKETS:**

Tickets will be sold online from April 8 - 19, and may only be purchased in advance. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

No tickets will be sold at the door.

### **TIMELINE:**

**6:30pm - 7:00pm:**

Arrival

**7:15pm**

Dinner Served

**9:00pm**

Crowning of King & Queen

**10:00pm**

Students may begin to leave

**10:30pm**

Event ends

### **FOR WHOM:**

**WHS Seniors & their guests**

All tickets will be presale. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. Guest forms will need to be submitted and approved prior to purchasing guest tickets.

### **PARKING & PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Street Parking is available outside the Rock Hall.

There will be no professional photography at the event. A photobooth will be available for students at no cost.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Once students enter the Prom, they will not be allowed to leave and return.

THE PROM IS A SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT, AND ALL STANDARD SCHOOL RULES OF CONDUCT APPLY. THIS REGULATION APPLIES TO ALL WHS STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS. ANYONE SUSPECTED OF DRUG/ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WILL BE DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE PROM, BE SUBJECT TO CODE OF CONDUCT CONSEQUENCES, REFERRED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF TICKET COSTS.

# AFTER PROM

## SATURDAY MAY 11

### URBAN AIR

183 AMERICAN BLVD  
WESTLAKE, 44145

#### **COST:**

Tickets are \$50 per person.  
[Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)

Ticket includes food, prizes and unlimited access to Urban Air Adventure facilities. Attendees must arrive by midnight. Parents will be contacted via phone if students do not arrive by midnight. Attendees may not leave the venue before 2am, no exceptions.

#### **FOR WHOM:**

**WHS Seniors & their guests**

Guest forms must be submitted with payment for any guest who is not a Westlake High student. It is not necessary to attend Prom in order to attend After Prom.

#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets will be sold April 8 - 19 online.

Advanced sales only, no refunds will be given.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Waiver Forms must be completed within 24 hours of purchasing event ticket. Existing waivers on file with Urban Air Adventure are not sufficient for this after hours event. Please email completed waiver form to: [emoshou2741@gmail.com](mailto:emoshou2741@gmail.com) or drop off at the WHS office.

#### **TIMELINE:**

**11:30pm**  
Arrival

**2:00am**  
Students may begin to leave

**2:00am**  
After Prom Ends

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Once students enter After Prom, they will not be allowed to leave and return.

**CONTACT:**

EBONA SHOUMAN  
[EMOSHOU2741@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMOSHOU2741@GMAIL.COM)



# SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE

MAY 21 - 23



Tuesday, May 21	Wednesday, May 22	Thursday, May 23
1st Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	1st Period: Exam	<p>Makeup Exams &amp; Grades Finalized No School For Seniors</p>
2nd Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	2nd Period: Exam	
3rd Period: Exam	3rd Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	
4th Period: Exam	4th Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	
5/6 or 6/7 Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	5/6 or 6/7 Period: Exam	
7/8 or 8/9 Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	7/8 or 8/9 Period: Exam	
10th Period: Exam	10th Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	
11th Period: Exam	11th Period: Open Campus (Seniors are not on campus)	

# SENIOR EXAM INFORMATION

MAY 21 - 23



## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Students must report to their final exam periods and are responsible for being in class on time. Failure to do so may result in loss of course credit.
- Students must remain in their class for the entire exam period.
- Seniors that earn an A+, A, or A- in Q3 and Q4 for a semester or a year-long course are exempt from the final exam.
- Any student (9-12) in an AP course that earns an A+, A, or A- or B+, B, or B- in Q3 and Q4 is exempt from the final exam.
- If a student is exempt from their final exam then they do not need to report to that exam period.

## ABSENCES:

- If a student is unable to attend school on the exam days of Tuesday, May 21st or Wednesday, May 22nd a parent/guardian **MUST** call the attendance line and report the child's absence. Without a call on the attendance line, your child will not be allowed to make-up a missed exam. Missing an exam, unexcused, will result in course failure.
- Make-up exams are only for those with excused absences. Make-up exams are to be scheduled between the student and his or her teacher during make-up exams periods.

## OPEN CAMPUS PERIODS:

- Students may leave the campus during open campus periods. Students are not permitted to loiter in the parking lot or in their cars.
- Those seniors who do not leave the building are to report to the Media Center for a Study Hall.

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OFFICE AT (440) 835-6352.

# PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT



## SCHOOL FEES:

Please be aware that all student fees (pay-to-participate, books, library fines, athletic equipment, and any other financial and/or material obligations) **MUST BE** resolved prior to Friday, May 24, or the student will not be included in the Commencement Ceremony.

Textbooks must be turned in on the day of the exam. Lost or damaged book fines must be resolved by Thursday, May 23 at 3:00 pm. Diplomas will not be presented and transcripts will not be released until all school obligations/ fees are paid.

## SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT:

Senior Awards Night will take place on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Center at WHS. Seniors and their parents are invited to attend. Award recipients will be notified in advance.

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OFFICE AT (440) 835-6352.

# COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE FRIDAY MAY 24

## WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

8:15am - 8:30am : Arrival  
8:30am - 11:00am : Practice  
11:00am - 1:00pm : Picnic

Students must attend this rehearsal to be eligible for participation in the May 25th Commencement Ceremony. It is imperative that participants be present and on time! Seniors may arrive to WHS between 8:15 -8:30am. Graduation tickets will be available after practice.

We regret being so emphatic about the importance of rehearsal, but experience has shown that if people are absent or react in an unplanned manner, the error may become compounded to the point of serious confusion and disruption. We feel we owe the graduates and their families the smoothest and most dignified Commencement possible. We also feel that the Commencement Ceremony is important, as it is the culminating school related experience of a 12-year academic career.

### STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING COMMENCEMENT:

Diplomas may be picked up at the Main Office after 9:00am on Tuesday, May 28.

Again, we must advise that any form of inappropriate or disruptive behavior may cause the offender to be removed from the practice and be excluded from participation in the Commencement Ceremony. All school rules and regulations are in effect throughout this entire day.

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GRADUATES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.

# COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE FRIDAY MAY 24

## WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

8:15am - 8:30am : Arrival  
8:30am - 11:00am : Practice  
11:00am - 1:00pm : Picnic

### SENIOR PICNIC:

Following Commencement practice, Seniors are invited to a Senior Lunch out at the stadium. Cocky's Bagel, Off The Griddle, and the East Coast Custard Food Trucks will be available for students to purchase food. Games will be available for Seniors to socialize with each other if they choose. Our seniors will have one last opportunity to have "lunch and recess" together.

### COCKY'S BAGELS MENU

- Bagel sandwiches range from \$8 - \$12
- Fries \$4

### OFF THE GRIDDLE MENU

- Sandwiches range from \$10 - \$13
- Fries \$4
- Drinks \$1

### EAST COAST CUSTARD MENU

- Double Scoop of Vanilla, Chocolate, or Oreo in a cone \$4.50
- Vanilla, Chocolate, or Oreo Sundae with Toppings \$5.50

# SENIOR CLAP OUT

## FRIDAY MAY 24

WESTLAKE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

1:30pm Arrival

### SENIOR CLAP OUT:

Seniors are invited to participate in one final clap out from our youngest Demons in the District. Students and teachers at Westlake Elementary School will line the hallways and cheer on the seniors as they take a lap through the building.

### DRESS CODE:

Seniors will wear their cap and gown. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.

### FOR WHOM:

Any senior interested in participating in this event.

### PARKING:

Students will park in the back bus lot of Westlake Elementary School. WHS staff will be on site to assist students on where to go.

# COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES SATURDAY MAY 25



## **PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY:**

On Saturday, graduates are to meet at Westlake High School by 1:00pm to find your row and check in with the assigned staff member. Please be on time and follow directions. Students must meet at WHS as directed. Students may not meet at the Wolstein Center. Students not in attendance at WHS will be removed from the line of march.

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

Students will be transported from Westlake High School to the Wolstein Center by Westlake City Schools buses.

## **DURING THE CEREMONY:**

At the ceremony, a picture will be taken as each graduate receives his/her diploma and a flower will be given out by their counselor. Please allow each graduate's name to be heard. There is plenty of time for celebration at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## **DRESS CODE:**

Graduates should not wear jeans, shorts, cut-offs, sweats, t-shirts, sports jerseys, tank tops, capri pants, tennis shoes, flip flops, etc.

## **AFTER THE CEREMONY:**

At the conclusion of the ceremony, diploma packets, containing your actual diploma, will be distributed in a designated area. Please do not leave without receiving your diploma.

Students will be released to their parents at the end of the ceremony.

## **TIMELINE**

**1:00pm**

All graduates arrive  
at WHS

**3:00pm**

Commencement  
Ceremony Begins @  
Wolstein Center

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT IS VOLUNTARY.  
SHOULD YOU DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. DUNN IN THE MAIN  
OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MAY 21.

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SATURDAY MAY 25

## WOLSTEIN CENTER

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

2000 PROSPECT AVE. E  
CLEVELAND, 44115

### FOR WHOM:

All students wishing and qualified to participate in Commencement, their families and guests (Tickets required).

### DRESS CODE:

#### CAP & GOWN

Dress appropriately for the occasion. No jeans, shorts, sweats, tennis shoes, etc. Valuables cannot be secured and should not be brought to the ceremony.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Arrive at the WHS Main Gym by 1:00pm. It is recommended that you carry your gown. Students will be bused to Cleveland State University. Students not riding the bus will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### TICKETS:

Students will receive 10 tickets for Commencement at the Senior Practice on May 24. It is the responsibility of the student to distribute his/her graduation tickets to family members. The school will not provide tickets to anyone other than the graduate or parents. Additional tickets available upon request.

### TIMELINE

**1:00pm**

All graduates arrive at WHS

**3:00pm**

Commencement Ceremony  
Begins @ Wolstein Center

Commencement is an important occasion for family and friends, but more importantly, it is a celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 2024. It is our expectation to celebrate them with the dignity that they and the occasion deserve. We ask family members and guests to refrain from inappropriate behavior or loud noises. We feel each graduate's family has the right to proudly hear their child's name announced without interruptions. Your cooperation is most appreciated. Also, we ask that everyone attending remain seated for the entire ceremony. We feel if these guidelines are followed, the ceremony will be more enjoyable and meaningful for everyone.



# DIRECTIONS TO THE WOLSTEIN CENTER SATURDAY MAY 25

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## WOLSTEIN CENTER

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

2000 PROSPECT AVE. E  
CLEVELAND, 44115

### DIRECTIONS FROM THE WEST:

Follow I-90 east to the East 22nd Street exit (#173B). Turn left onto East 24th Street; drive several blocks to Euclid Ave.

### DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH:

Follow I-71 north to the East 22nd Street exit (#172B). Turn left onto East 22nd Street; drive several blocks to Euclid Ave.

### CSU PARKING SERVICES PARKING:

The South Garage, operated by CSU Parking Services, offers parking for up to 623 vehicles. The garage is located on East 21st Street between Carnegie and Prospect. Special event parking rates will be posted. The South Garage will be the place to park when visiting the Wolstein Center.

### DISABLED PARKING:

During Wolstein events, parkers with state-issued disabled logo license plates, placards or hangtags are directed to park in the access drive on the north side of the Wolstein Center. The drive is accessed from Prospect Avenue. This area has 26 parking spaces.

# PARENTS WHO HOST... LOSE THE MOST



## UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS: WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21, under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

## IF YOU BREAK THE LAW...

- You can face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.
- Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.

## THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens feel welcome.
- Report underage drinking to local law enforcement.

# FACT SHEET:

- IT IS ILLEGAL TO HOST OR ALLOW TEEN DRINKING PARTIES IN YOUR HOME.
- IT IS UNHEALTHY FOR ANYONE UNDER AGE 21 TO DRINK.
- IT IS UNSAFE AND ILLEGAL FOR TEENS TO DRINK AND DRIVE.
- PARENTS CAN BE PROSECUTED UNDER THE LAW.
- EVERYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH A VIOLATION, SUCH AS PERSONAL PROPERTY, CAN BE CONFISCATED.