

April 5, 2023

Dear WHS Seniors and Families,

With spring in the air, it is time to begin planning for end of the year activities for the Class of 2023! We hope the next two months are a fun and exciting time for our seniors and that they enjoy celebrating the many accomplishments they have achieved over the last four years! Please find senior information and the calendar of events below:

### **SENIOR T-SHIRTS**

Student government is finalizing the senior t-shirt design and getting quotes for the shirts. In the next week or two, seniors will receive a link that will allow them to purchase a senior shirt online. Shirts will be delivered to WHS later in the spring and will be passed out during lunch.

### **SENIOR YARD SIGNS**

To celebrate our graduates, we will be providing every senior with a yard sign to proudly display and announce their graduation from WHS! Yard signs will be distributed on the seniors' last day of school. Detailed information about yard signs will be sent out in mid-May.

### **SENIOR CLASS MEETING - APRIL 27**

- WHS staff will meet with seniors during AOT to review end of the year activities, expectations, etc. Any students who are absent should pick up information distributed at the meeting from the main office after April 27.

### **PROM - MAY 13**

- **7:00 - 10:00 PM at [The Cadillac Room](#).**
- **Only WHS seniors (12th) and juniors (11th) may purchase tickets.**
  - Each junior/senior may buy two (2) tickets. The second ticket can be used to bring a guest (WHS freshmen (9th)/sophomores (10th) or students who attend another high school. 8th grade students are not permitted to attend as guests).
- Tickets will be sold during lunch a week or two prior to prom.
- Prom does not include dinner; light snacks will be provided.

### **SENIOR PROJECT DAY - MAY 23**

- Student Government is sponsoring a voluntary Senior Project Day on May 23. Seniors who volunteer will spend the day working on projects around the district rather than attend class (this is a great way for seniors to give back to the district that has given them a lot of support for many years). This work may include everything from helping with landscaping and cleaning up playgrounds to working in elementary classrooms.
- The event runs from 8:30AM-2:30PM with a thirty minute lunch provided.

- The link for students to sign up is [here](#). **The deadline to sign up is Friday, April 14.**
- For more information, contact Ms. Richards (Student Government Advisor) at [richare@gowcs.net](mailto:richare@gowcs.net).

### **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT - MAY 23**

- **6:30 PM - WHS McGoff Auditorium.** All seniors are invited to attend.
- Individual invitations for those being recognized and/or receiving an award will be mailed on May 9.
- As a result of the generosity of this community, several local scholarships are made available to our seniors. Please see the [WHS scholarships website](#) for more information and the application forms needed to apply. **All applications are due by Friday, April 28 at 4:00 PM to the WHS main office.**

### **SENIORS' LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MAY 26**

- **Graduation rehearsal at 10:00 AM** (WHS New Gym).
  - **MANDATORY if participating in the graduation ceremony.**
  - Caps/gowns, yard signs, and other graduation materials will be distributed immediately following the rehearsal.
  - All fines/materials must be paid/returned prior to a student receiving his/her cap/gown.
- **Senior luncheon** following graduation rehearsal (roughly 11:00 AM).
  - Monica Schafer is the senior parent representative helping to coordinate the senior luncheon. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided by WHS. Senior parents, please consider volunteering or contributing a side dish, dessert, drink, etc. A list of jobs and items needed can be found on the [SignUpGenius link](#).
- **1:30 PM graduate parade “March of the Seniors”**
  - For those seniors wishing to participate, march round the elementary and middle school in your cap and gown to celebrate your graduation!

### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & SUPPORTS - MAY 30-JUNE 1**

- Educational services and supports will continue to be provided to seniors should the need exist (Ex: the need to complete classwork, take tests, etc.).
- **June 1 at 3:00PM - ALL graduation requirements must be met in order to participate in the commencement ceremony.** This includes external credits and courses being used to meet graduation requirements (Michigan Virtual, dual enrollment, etc).

### **GRADUATION CEREMONY - JUNE 4**

- **2:00 PM Graduation Ceremony at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts (MSU campus)**
  - Seniors need to arrive by 12:45 PM and meet in the Grand Tier Balcony.
  - Seating for guests will begin at 1:00 PM.
  - Tickets are not needed to attend (there is no limit to the number of guests a graduate may bring).

We are greatly looking forward to honoring our seniors and recognizing their successes! If you have any questions about end of the year senior activities, please contact the WHS main office at 517-655-2142.

Respectfully,



Steven Delp, PhD  
Principal