

Class of 2025 Parents and Seniors,

There are many activities between now and the end of the year that we hope this letter will help you keep up with and prepare for. Graduation is an important moment; it is the time when the Board of Education of Walton County, your families, teachers and friends come together to recognize the hard work put into earning your diploma. The Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies are very dignified events; therefore, it is important that participants as well as members of the audience carefully observe the rules of dress and behavior. Beautiful and well-coordinated activities will be the climaxes of a great school year and impressive transitions to adulthood. Below is a list of important dates to remember, but there are more detailed instructions about some of these events in the following pages. **Please read these instructions carefully as we have changed some directions from previous years.** As many of these events approach, I will be sending email reminders. If you have any questions about anything, feel free to email me at lsargent@walton.k12.ga.us, and I will respond in a timely manner.

Thank you,
Lori Sargent, Senior Sponsor

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, Feb 5	Prom tickets are \$65 starting on February 5th. Ticket prices will increase to \$85 April 1st. All prom fees must be paid by 4/15/25. We will not accept payment after Tuesday, April 15th! Payments can be made on GoFan.
Fri, Feb 28	Last day to pay dues to include senior shirt
Fri, Mar 1	Senior Dues (cap and gown) increase - \$195 – pay at www.scholasticimages.com or at lunch
Fri, Mar 28	Cap and Gown Delivery, Concession Area Upper Gym during All Lunches Pick up senior boards at lunch
Tues, Apr 1	Prom tickets increase to \$85
Tues, Apr 15	Prom fees due
Sat, Apr 19	Prom, The Factory at Walton Mill, Monroe, 7pm-10pm
Wed, Apr 30	Auditions for singing at Grad Ceremony - Rm C-107
Thurs, May 1	Talent show auditions, sign ups outside C209 Copy of Scholarship letter due to Mr. Gilbert Seniors with perfect attendance for 4 or more years must see Mrs. Baker in front office
Fri, May 2	College/Career Day Secret Senior Reveal- Seniors reveal to your teacher today – <i>Be Creative!!</i>
Thurs, May 8	Senior Boards due to LHS 4:30-6:00pm (parents come decorate) Great time to turn in Senior Letters as well.
Fri, May 9	Younger You Day Deadline for Senior Slideshow pictures to Google form on website – Resources, Senior Information (Available 3/1) Deadline for Baccalaureate pictures to msorrow@wccle.org (one baby pic, one senior pic) Deadline for Senior Letters
Senior Week:	
Mon, May 12	Senior Citizen Day
Tues, May 13	Anything But a Bag Day Senior Sunset – 7-9pm at the Stadium. Wear or bring a white tshirt and a permanent marker.
Wed, May 14	Senior Yearbook Day – wear your signed white shirt OR a plain shirt for seniors to sign
Thurs, May 15	Senior Exams (1,2) Senior Awards Night (by invitation) 6:00pm LHS Gym
Fri, May 16	Senior Exams (3,4)
Sun, May 18	Baccalaureate (First Baptist Church Loganville, 2pm – (Seniors arrive at 1:30 in Cap and Gown and graduation clothes)
Mon, May 19	Senior Day (wear your senior tshirt) Senior Walk (permission slip required) Senior Talent Show/Senior Slideshow Picnic (band field) 12:30-2:30pm (permission slip required)
Tues, May 20	Take care of any holds today. Make sure to have clothes for graduation. ALL school textbooks, calculators, uniforms, fines, chromebooks, chargers DUE by 12pm
Wed, May 21	Graduation Rehearsal/Cap and Gown Picture 7:15am – Arrive in Cap and Gown to Home side for Class Picture (can wear shorts and tshirt) Practice immediately after UNTIL Complete - Red Devil Stadium –Mandatory practice for ceremony Graduation Ceremony Graduates Park at LHS and Report to H-Hall 6:45 pm 6:15 shuttle for guests begin from LHS to stadium 6:30 pm –gates open for guests Graduation Ceremony begins – Red Devil Stadium 8:00pm

ACTIVITIES INFORMATION:

- Senior Dues:** Senior dues are now \$175. This includes cap and gown, so when you order, you will need to put height and weight so that the right size gown arrives. You can pay Scholastic Images online anytime at www.scholasticimages.com (\$4.99 service fee). Price increased to \$195 March 1st. **Any payment completed after February 28th will NOT include the senior tshirt.**
- Auditions:** Anyone interested in singing the theme song, the National Anthem or the Alma Mater must have your material ready and audition before the senior sponsors. The auditions will be Wed, April 30th in room C107, with further dates as needed. We will announce the graduation song before spring break so that you can prepare.
- Senior Boards:** Each year we distribute senior boards for parents (or friends or family members) to decorate for their senior. Boards are decorated with pictures and memories and anything to celebrate the senior. Parents come hang the board on Thurs, May 8th from 4:30pm-6pm in the cafeteria area. **We are asking that you hang the boards on COMMAND strips or hooks.** NO TAPE can be used this year, so PLEASE bring your own Command hooks/strips to display the boards. Staff will be available to assist you on where to place the boards. **Do not use boards larger than what we distribute to seniors.**
- Senior Letters:** We ask that family and friends write encouraging letters to the seniors, and we compile those letters in an envelope to distribute to each senior the day of the picnic. Please follow these specifications when writing these letters:
1. Letters should not be larger than an 8 ½ X 11.
 2. Letters should contain first and last name of recipient.
 3. Letters should not contain any money or gifts.
 4. Letters should be dropped off in the box in the front office labeled “Senior Letters” **no later than Friday, May 9th.**
- Senior Dress Up/ Week:** May 2nd, 9th, 12th-14th, 19th - If you are a secret senior, reveal yourself to your teacher by May 2nd. You can participate in the dress up days this week to show your school spirit and to celebrate your last month of high school. **All costumes must adhere to the school dress code.**
- Awards Night** **May 15th** is an invitation-only Senior awards night for students receiving a departmental award, honor graduate regalia, and/or scholarships. Seniors are challenged to “dress the best” and demonstrate their most sophisticated behavior as we honor the achievement of our classmates while welcoming parents and other guests to our school. Show that the class of **2025** has **PRIDE!!**
- Baccalaureate** Sponsored by Loganville Christian Learning Center at **First Baptist Church Loganville, 2pm on May 18th** - Inspirational service for Seniors in which participation is not required. Seniors attending should report to First Baptist Church Loganville on Sunday, May 18th, dressed in appropriate attire (see “**Dress for Graduates**”) and cap and gown by 1:30pm. **You can submit a baby picture and a senior picture to msorrow@wclc.org by May 9th to be included in the slideshow at baccalaureate.**
- Senior Walk:** We will continue the tradition of the Senior Walk the morning of May 19th. This is where we will travel to the local schools and walk the halls in cap and gown as an example to the younger students and as a celebration of your years here in Walton County. We will send home permission slips, so only those who return their slip will be able to participate.
- Senior Talent Show:** The talent show will take place after the Senior Walk. Sign ups will be posted outside C209 in April. Auditions for the talent show will be May 1st in C209 after school.
- Senior Slideshow:** After the talent show, we show a slideshow of student submitted pictures. These pictures are due by May 9th. Seniors can submit up to **THREE** group pictures via a google form. You can find the google form on our website – www.loganvillehigh.org – under Resources, Senior Information. Available March 1st.
- Senior T-shirt:** Your officers will design your senior shirt. If you have paid your senior dues before March 1st, then you will receive a shirt. This is the shirt you will wear the Monday of your picnic and the shirt that has the list of senior names on the back.

Senior Picnic:	The senior class picnic will be held at LHS on May 19 th , under the supervision of class sponsors and the administration. Lunch will be provided. Bring chairs, blankets, Frisbees, footballs, sunblock etc. You will receive your Senior letters at the picnic.	
Holds/Detention:	Seniors are expected to meet all of their obligations prior to graduation. Holds must be cleared by Tuesday, May 20th , or the right to be part of the ceremony will be forfeited . It is also mandatory that all disciplinary obligations be cleared or you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony! This includes books, equipment, Media fines, chromebooks, Senior dues, detention, etc.	
Class Cap/Gown Pic:	Seniors must bring their cap/gown/cap/tassel to graduation practice on Wed, May 21st for a group picture before we begin graduation rehearsal. You do not have to wear your formal graduation attire ; shorts, tshirt and tennis shoes are fine. The group picture will be made at the LHS Red Devil Stadium at 7:15 am (BE IN STANDS AT 7:15am) Park at LHS Red Devil Stadium. BE ON TIME or you will not be in the picture!! You may order online after graduation at cadystudios.com/events	
Graduation Rehearsal:	It is mandatory that a senior be present for the rehearsal if he or she wishes to participate in the ceremony! Roll Call is at 7:15am , and practice is not over until Mr. McDonald dismisses the group. We realize that many of you may have obligations in the afternoon, which is why it is important that you follow directions the first time that they are given and BE PROMPT!	
Graduation Night:	It is especially important that you be on time. Seniors should report to H- Hall by 6:45 pm on graduation night. Graduates who arrive after 7:00 pm will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony . You should not bring any purses or other items except your gown ensemble. Please leave all personal items in your vehicle or with your family. You may only wear the honor regalia given out at Senior Awards. No other cords or medals will be allowed. Once you have entered the building, you will not be allowed to leave OR to have visitors .	
Admittance to the Event:	<p>Attendance at the graduation ceremony is by invitation of seniors only. Each graduating senior will receive EIGHT TICKETS to graduation. Remind your guests that they will need to bring their TICKET for admittance to the ceremony: one per person, ages three (3) and older. Each senior will receive 2 parking passes for the stadium. All other guests must park at the high school and take a shuttle over. Shuttles will begin running at 6:15pm. The gates will open at 6:30 pm. The gates will be closed temporarily at 7:50 pm until the audience is seated following the invocation. This will allow the processional as well as the invocation to go uninterrupted. The administration reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone who is dressed inappropriately, who behaves inappropriately, or who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.</p> <p>Guests will be seated in the bleachers of the stadium on a first-come basis. The chairs located on the field are reserved for the Faculty, Seniors and Sponsors who present reserved seating tickets. Each senior will be given 8 tickets (can be used for home or visitor side) at the rehearsal that morning with the understanding that these do not guarantee a certain seat. We do not have extra tickets to distribute. As we have a large number of graduates, please begin talking to friends NOW who may share any of their tickets they may not need. We do have handicap seating, but it too is first come, first served. There will be faculty in the parking lot assisting elderly to the gate via golf carts.</p>	
Graduation Rain Plan:	Weather can affect our ceremony! Flexibility will be required. In the event of rain: We will try delaying the ceremony with the intent to complete the program on the planned evening. If it is impossible to do so, graduation will be moved to Thursday, 5/22 at 10am at the stadium. We cannot move our ceremony inside due to the number of graduates.	
Dress for Graduates:	<p>Proper attire will be worn under the robes or you will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.</p> <p><u>Ladies (white gown)</u> White dress, or skirt, or shorts romper* White dress shoes – Sandals / wedges No Spike High Heels No White flip-flops No Vans/ Keds or tennis shoes or boots *Nothing can extend past the bottom of gown</p>	<p><u>Gentlemen (red gown)</u> Navy or black slacks - NO khakis, NO jeans White dress shirt / Dark neck tie or red neck tie No Bow Ties Black/dark brown loafer dress shoes & socks No boots/Vans or tennis shoes, etc</p>

Jewelry should be kept simple. Necklaces will be worn inside the collar. Hair should be styled in such a way that permits the graduation cap to be worn **on top of the head** – not tilted back on the rear of the head. **Graduation caps may NOT be decorated.** If you have a question about something you can wear, come by and see me in C107 or email me a picture and I'll let you know. **Anyone out of dress code will have to call someone to bring him or her the correct attire before he or she can enter the building.**

Conduct:

Graduation is the largest academic event held in the community each year. It is a dignified ceremony that will leave a lasting impression on all who attend. The students and the school itself will be judged on how “good” or “bad” the ceremony is perceived by those in attendance. Exemplary behavior and flawless execution of the ceremony itself are essential. NO individual has the right, nor will he/she be permitted to spoil a ceremony that honors so many. **All school rules will be enforced.** During the ceremony you should remain alert and courteous at all times. **No gum, cell phones, sunglasses, purses, or any other prohibited item is allowed** – Do not talk or move around in your seat. Remind your guests that they should also remain quiet and applaud at only the appropriate times. **Rude, unruly, or disruptive behavior will necessitate the removal of audience members by security personnel.**

****Important** – Graduates will not receive their actual diplomas during the commencement program. **They will report back to the assigned area of the Multi-purpose room** and receive their actual diplomas from appointed advisors **after the ceremony**. **Any graduate who exhibits inappropriate behavior prior to, during or after the ceremony will have to appeal to Mr. McDonald on Friday, May 23rd, to receive his/her diploma.**

Photography:

Cady Studios will take pictures as each senior receives his/her diploma cover. Seniors will receive information **VIA website** and may purchase from the proof taken during the ceremony. Photos may be taken from the seating areas; however, entry onto the field is not permitted until after the ceremony. **NO ONE** will be permitted to block the view of another audience member. Mr. McDonald will remain on stage after the ceremony for parents interested in making their own picture of child receiving diploma on stage. **To order senior picture: Cadystudios.com/events**

**** Video cameras will be permitted as long as the view of the ceremony is not obstructed.**

Senior Video:

A Senior video of the year's events and activities including Senior end of the year activities – Senior Walk, Senior Picnic, and Graduation – **will be available for purchase on the mypaymentsplus.com website for \$25.** More information is available on the school website under Senior Information.

Miscellaneous:

We discourage you from bringing small children to graduation for their sake. Security personnel may escort out crying or noisy children.

Scholarship recipients, prior to graduation, you must turn in a copy of your scholarship letter or email to **Mr. Gilbert by Thurs, May 1st**. You must have a copy of the letter, which confirms this award.

Students who have the last four or more years of **perfect attendance**, including this year, must see **Mrs. Janice Brock** (in the main office) by Thurs, May 1st, so that we can confirm this information to be acknowledged at the Awards Ceremony.

Any seniors who have **NOT** met their obligations prior to commencement will not only lose the right to be part of the ceremony, but will not receive their diplomas or have their transcripts released.

Go online to yearbookforever.com to order your senior's yearbook today! The current price is \$85, and it will rise to \$90 on March 1st. There is NOT a MyPaymentsPlus option to order a yearbook. Remember, the last date to order your child's yearbook is April 30th. After this date, yearbooks will be sold after distribution for \$100.

We hope this letter is helpful to you and your family. If you have any questions you may contact the school between **7:30 am and 3:00 pm (especially: Mon-Fri 1-3pm)** at **678-684-2952**. We look forward to making things run smoothly and beautifully for you with your cooperation and concern.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt McDonald
Principal

Lori Sargent, Sarah Fowler
Senior Sponsors