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Dear Graduating Seniors and Families,

Class of 2021, June 3rd is almost here, and we cannot wait to celebrate with you! Enclosed is the calendar of senior activities and important information. Please read the entire packet carefully, as it will answer most questions you have.

Graduation is a formal ceremony that recognizes your accomplishments. To prepare for the ceremony, it is crucial and mandatory that all participating Seniors be on time and remain until the end of each practice. Anyone who misses practice may jeopardize their right to participate and walk. All school rules apply and are enforced during practices.

You are not, however, required to participate in the graduation ceremonies. If you and your family decide that you will not participate, please write a letter to me informing me of your decision.

You are about to complete a four year journey as a Walkersville Lion. The future is bright and the possibilities are endless. We are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to spending this special time with you and your family. Please be sure to note all announcements and information released regarding Graduation. It is your responsibility to turn in all needed paperwork, materials and order forms. This is a reminder that financial obligations, chromebooks, athletic equipment, uniforms, textbooks, etc. must be turned in to receive your diploma.

Congratulations Seniors!

Dr. Stephanie Ware
Principal

CALENDAR OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

April 19 & 22	Senior Meetings (FLEX, 9:30 am) for Cohorts A and B. Virtual students can attend either meeting.
April 30	Intent to Participate in Graduation and form due for all seniors: https://forms.gle/hKPZjhdpijNpi35w7 Any senior choosing not to participate in the ceremony must meet with their counselor, an administrator, and family member.
May 17 & 21	Potential - Senior Meetings (FLEX) for Cohorts A and B. Virtual students can attend either meeting.
May 21	Deadline for any letters of acceptance in Naviance, regardless of attending the future school. Deadline for return of all library books to the Media Center. Deadline for special seating requests for the graduation ceremony. Deadline for all obligations to Mrs. Mathews (submitted by teachers)
May 26	Last day of classes for seniors/Final exams for seniors. Senior chromebooks returned.
May 27	Senior Honors and Awards Celebration (WHS Auditorium) beginning at 1:00, participants will be assigned specific times. Make-up exams for seniors (only attend if you have work you need to make up)
June 1	Practice for Graduation at WHS - 1-3 P.M.
June 2	Practice for Graduation at WHS - 8:00 A.M. to no later than 1:00 P.M.

June 3

GRADUATION! - 10:00 A.M. (WHS stadium)

Stadium gates open at 9:00 A.M. Seniors report no later than 8:45 A.M.

Safe and Sound All Night Graduation Party, 11 P.M. - 4 A.M. – Adventure Park

GRADUATION PRACTICES

ALL Practices are MANDATORY. If a student misses practice without being granted prior written permission, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the practice(s) or actual ceremonies.

- Seniors are expected to arrive at each practice on time. Students arriving more than fifteen minutes late will meet with an administrator immediately after practice to determine eligibility to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Seniors may take their regular bus in the morning of June 2 or arrange their own transportation. Transportation will not be provided at the end of practice, so students should make their own arrangements. All seniors are expected to leave school grounds no later than fifteen minutes after the conclusion of each practice.
- All practices are the same as regular school days and all school rules apply. Students may not bring guests, family members, or friends to practice. No food or beverages may be brought into the auditorium or gymnasium.

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

For graduation, all students wear their cap, gown and tassel. No decoration or jewelry attached to cap, gown or tassel. Students should wear an appropriate formal outfit for graduation and the Awards ceremony. This may include a dress, skirt, dress pants, collared shirt, tie, bowtie, etc. Please do not wear work boots, flip flops, or sneakers. Since the graduation ceremony is on the field, we do not recommend high heels. All awards, cords, stoles, etc. worn during graduation ceremonies must be based on academics and GPA requirements and have been presented by the school(s). No awards are purchased by students or their families or sports pins will be worn.

- Each senior participating in the Graduation ceremony will receive two tickets for the ceremony. Tickets will be given to students at practice, June 2nd. A ticket is not required for participating graduates.
- Anyone who requires special consideration for seating (i.e. wheelchair bound individuals, medically or physically challenged individuals, those who need interpreter services, etc.) should fill out the form [here](#) or online by going to the WHS website and going to the Senior page under the Quick links column on the left. Please submit these requests for special arrangements online no later than May 21st.
- Stadium gates open at 9:00 A.M. on June 3rd. Graduates report no later than 8:45 A.M. All those attending the Graduation Ceremony are requested to be seated at least ten minutes prior to the official beginning time of each ceremony. Guests are asked to remain seated during the entire ceremony.
- The procession will begin at 9:55 A.M. All guests are asked to be seated before the procession begins. Once the graduates begin to enter the stadium, no guests will be allowed to enter until the processional has ended. Your full cooperation is respectfully requested.
- A professional photographer will be taking photos of all students as they are awarded their diplomas. Ordering information will be available at graduation practice. For questions contact Victor O'Neill Studios at 1-800-320-2894. Persons wishing to take pictures during the Graduation ceremonies are requested to remain in their seats.
- The diploma cover handed to each student during the ceremony will NOT contain the actual diploma. Students will pick up the actual diplomas in designated areas after the ceremony. Any students involved in inappropriate behavior during the ceremony will not receive their diploma on June 3rd but at a later time mutually convenient to the parent(s) and the administrators.
- All guests are reminded that the Senior Honors and Awards Celebration and Graduation Ceremony are formal programs. All members of the Class of 2021 will be expected to set the standard for appropriate behavior. We request that families and guests also help to create a dignified climate. Please refrain from clapping, yelling, etc. as the graduates receive their diplomas. We respectfully request that you hold your applause and cheering until all graduates have been awarded diplomas. This will ensure that each student's name will be heard by the audience.