

Class of 2018

Senior Packet



**It's A Great Day to Be
a Wildcat!**

*If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Nicole Mackinson in room 122 or email at mackinsn@myunit5.org. Check the NCWHS website for updates.

Please review the following dates and information. You are responsible for keeping up-to-date on information, and you are responsible for keeping track of the following dates and requirements. Also, please read the announcements for reminders and additional information. Some reminders will be sent through Skyward email and text messages from the Senior Board.

FEBRUARY 9 (Friday)

SENIOR T-SHIRT ORDER DEADLINE

Follow the link (available late-January) on the NCWHS website to order the senior t-shirt. Shirts will be about \$15 and hats will be about \$16. There will be a day in the Spring that Seniors will be able to wear the hats as a class. No late orders will be accepted. If you have questions, please see Ms. Utesch or Mrs. Mackinson. T-shirts and hats will be delivered to the school and distributed by the Senior Board.

APRIL 20 (Friday)

POST GRADUATION PLANS due to guidance on this date or sooner. The form is available on the NCWHS website. Extra copies are in the guidance office. Please see Mrs. Rudge with any questions.

APRIL 14 (Saturday)

PROM

Please direct all questions about prom to Mrs. Wollenweber.

APRIL 27 (Friday)

SENIOR SIGNING DAY

- Senior Signing Day outside the Auditorium during the lunch hours.
- There will be a small informal reception for seniors who will be continuing their education at a 2 year, 4 year, technical/vocational institution, or branch of the military. Tables will be set up in the hallway by the auditorium with cookies, punch, and a few activities for seniors to participate in. Seniors will also sign a page that houses the names of all other NCWHS graduates that have gone on to the same college. We hope you will show pride in your decision for your future and wear spirit wear to represent your college or university/branch of military.
- Have your school/institution listed on Post Graduation Plan form, which is due by Friday, April 28th to Guidance.

MAY 1 at 3:30 PM (Tuesday)

SENIOR VIDEO PICTURE DEADLINE

This is the last day to submit pictures for the senior video. Please send the pictures as an attachment to Mrs. Mackinson at mackinsn@myunit5.org or share them on the Google Drive. Please understand that not all pictures will be used. Also, limit the amount of selfies and relatively similar pictures that you submit. Pictures can include: baby photos, elementary school photos, junior high photos, and high school photos. Please limit the number of photos that you submit from each of those categories. They must be school appropriate, and they should represent the memories that you have of your school years. They can be

more formally taken pictures, or they can be candid photos. Also, do not send screen shots or Snapchat photos.

*Photos should focus on graduating seniors, not family or friends from other schools.

*Photos that are cut and pasted into a Word Document or a Google Doc will not be accepted.

*Yearbook photo questions should be submitted to Julie Hinman.

*Please understand that no late pictures will be accepted since several months are allotted to submit photos. Please do not wait to submit photos in case there are technical issues.

*Photos are chosen at random from the nearly 1500 that will be submitted. Priority is not given to any student or group of friends. Again, photos are randomly chosen by the creators of the video. If you do not feel that you were adequately represented in the video, that is with regret.

*If you do not submit photos (or submit very few photos) for the video, it may be that you will not be represented in the video.

*The video that is created is a free service that is provided.

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MAY 9 (Wednesday)

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

- Normal West Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- This is an invitation only event.

MAY 14 (Monday)

SENIOR PICNIC AT COMLARA PARK, LAKE EVERGREEN

1. DEPART AT 9:00 AM from the student parking lot. Wait in front of the school. Do not come into the school.
2. You may not board a bus until a sponsor has stationed himself/herself at your bus door and has checked your name off of the list. Bus assignment is alphabetical. The bus list will be posted in the Senior Cafeteria prior to the picnic date.
3. The sponsor at that time will also check all bags, cooler, etc., that you are bringing on the picnic. All beverages should be in sealed containers- thermos will not be allowed.
4. Any student not attending the picnic must attend scheduled classes. A list of those students will be distributed to all teachers. This is a legal school day and attendance is required.
5. All students are required to ride the bus to and from the Senior Picnic. Absolutely no cars are allowed.
6. The Senior Picnic is for WEST students only. No friends are allowed to drive out and meet you.

7. Boating will NOT be open to West seniors. Boating is not an approved activity for the day.
8. Because of the early date of the picnic, swimming facilities will not be open. **ABSOLUTELY NO SWIMMING IS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE.** Violators will be subject to arrest by park authority and/or a \$75 fine. In addition, any students involved in throwing a fellow student or staff member into the water is subject to criminal charges and suspension from school.
9. **Drinks and food are not provided; you must bring your own. Park grills may be used.**
10. First aid will be available in the main pavilion.
11. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park. Violators will be subject to arrest and suspension.
12. Volleyball net and balls will be available and there is plenty of field space for ball games.
13. There will be a special bus for athletes who need to return early for school athletic contests.
14. Buses must be loaded and ready to leave the park at 1:30 pm. Report to your assigned bus at 1:15 pm. Before leaving your picnic area you must police the area for food, cans, etc. Place in receptacles provided by the park.
15. **STUDENTS MUST NOT ENTER THE BUILDING** upon returning to WEST. Plan on this and bring car keys or other personal items with you to the picnic. Upon returning to WEST, you must leave the school grounds. If you need to go to your locker, you may enter the building after 3:30 p.m.
16. There is not a rain date for this event.
17. If you do not wish to attend this event, you must inform Mrs. Mackinson prior to the event. If you do not attend the picnic you will be required to attend regular classes. If you choose to be absent, it will count as one of your six absences towards final exam exemption.
18. Please be advised that there is no parking in the circle drive for senior events. You must still park in the student parking lot.

MAY 15 (Tuesday)
SENIOR LUNCHEON

- Due to a donation from the Senior Class fundraising efforts, the luncheon will be free to all seniors.
- DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center
- You must be at school by 8:30. Please wait in the cafeteria.
- **You must put your cap and gown in your locker before you go to the luncheon.**
- Buses will depart promptly at 9:00 from the bus lane. You will need to have your name checked off on the list before loading the bus. Any students not on the list will return to the building for classes.
- The attire is semi-formal. Be sure to bring cameras in to take pictures of you and your friends.
- Once students are admitted and seated, the program will begin.
- The program will include brunch, a short business meeting, guest speaker, showing of the senior video, and the presentation of mock awards. **Mock Awards voting will take place in April.**
- If you do not wish to attend this event, you must inform Mrs. Mackinson prior to the event. If you do not attend the luncheon, you will be required to attend regular classes. If you choose to be absent, it will count as one of your six absences towards final exam exemption.

MENU: Caesar salad, Caprese salad, Italian pasta salad primavera, meat lasagna, chicken cacciatore, sautéed zucchini and yellow squash, herb tomato and focaccia bread, dessert, lemonade, and iced tea

MAY 15 (Tuesday)
SENIOR ASSEMBLY and GRADUATION REHEARSAL

- Seniors should report to the North Gym after returning from the luncheon (about 1PM). You may go to your locker to get your cap (including tassel) and gown, and then you should proceed to the gym.
- Graduation rehearsal will take place for about an hour.
- The assembly will begin at 2:30. Seniors are required to appear in their cap and gown. Seniors will be honored by the student body and faculty. Final instructions for graduation will be given at this time.

MAY 15 (Tuesday)

IMC MATERIALS, TEXTBOOKS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS.

- Seniors will be given a list of IMC materials, textbooks, and other school obligations on Monday, May 15th. All IMC materials and textbooks must be returned by your last day of school.
- If these obligations are not met **SENIORS WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA INSERT AT GRADUATION.**

MAY (TBD)

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS: Please listen to the announcements and instructions from your teachers regarding final exams.

MAY 26 (Saturday)

COMMENCEMENT

- 2:00 p.m. at the US Cellular Coliseum.
- Tickets are not sold for this event. The doors will open at 1PM. Seats are first come, first serve, and there is not a limit to the number of seats for a family.
- LINE UP will start at 1:15. Students should be dropped off at the Pepsi Ice Center Entrance which is directly behind the US Cellular Coliseum. The address is 201 S. Roosevelt Ave. Bloomington, Illinois 61701.
- **BE ON TIME!** High School graduation is a **FORMAL**, once in a lifetime occasion. The dignity of this occasion dictates semi-formal dress.
- **Please leave personal belongings with family members.** There is no area to secure personal items such as **purses or keys**.
- **NO WRITING, SYMBOLS, OR PICTURES OF ANY TYPE CAN BE DISPLAYED ON THE CAP OR GOWN. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE WILL BE STRICT ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE THOSE ACTING INAPPROPRIATELY OR DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. IN ADDITION, MISBEHAVIOR DURING THE CEREMONY WILL RESULT IN WITHHOLDING OF DIPLOMA UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE CONSEQUENCES HAVE BEEN SERVED.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED SEATING FOR GRADUATION AND TICKETS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.** Handicapped seating is available and the need should be brought to the attention of the ushers.