

Class of 2020

Senior Packet



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

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 and the Senior Class Google Classroom (for students only) for reminders and additional information. Some reminders will be sent through email and text messages from the Senior Board. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Nicole Mackinson in room 122 or email at mackinsn@unit5.org or Mr. Franz in room 2007/2009 or email at franztp@unit5.org.

Google Classroom Code: kj316t0

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POST GRADUATION PLANS

The form for Post Graduation Plans will be made available soon. The Guidance Office will release the link. At that time, it will be put on Google Classroom in addition to being communicated by the Guidance Office. Please see Mr. Ostling with any questions.

FEBRUARY 7 (Friday)

SENIOR T-SHIRT ORDER DEADLINE

Follow the link (available late-January) on the NCWHS website and Senior Class Google Classroom to order the senior t-shirt. Shirts will be about \$15. No late orders will be accepted. If you have questions, please see Mr. Goeke, Mr. Franz, or Mrs. Mackinson. T-shirts will be delivered to the school and distributed by the Senior Board.

APRIL 18 (Saturday)

PROM

Please direct all questions about prom to Mrs. Wollenweber or Mrs. Martin-Boyd, as it is an event sponsored by the Junior Class.

APRIL 20 at 3:30 PM (Monday)

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@unit5.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 screenshots 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.

MAY 1 (Friday)

SENIOR DECISION 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.

MAY 8 (Friday)

WEST FEST AND SENIOR BRICKS

- You must pick up a Senior Brick form in the IMC. Listen to the announcements for when the forms will be available. You should return that form to the IMC for approval and \$5 by May 6th.
- You should bring your own paints and brushes for brick painting. Student Council has a limited supply.
- See Mrs. Nichols in IMC with questions.

MAY 13 (Wednesday)

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT (Invitation Only Event)

- Normal West Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

MAY 14 (Thursday)

SENIOR LUNCHEON

- Due to 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 the list before loading the bus. Any students not on the list will return to the building for classes.
- The attire is semi-formal.
- Once students are admitted and seated, the program will begin.
- The program will include brunch, 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..

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 14 (Thursday)

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.

AP TESTING: College Board, which is the entity that runs AP testing, begins AP testing on the first Monday of May and continues testing for two weeks. Unfortunately, since the first Monday of May is well into May this year, this causes scheduling conflicts to arise. We will work with students that are affected by these conflicts. Exceptions will be given to them in regards to transportation to the picnic and luncheon. We do apologize for the conflict, but we cannot move our events to a later date due to projected student absence due to exemptions and final exams. Dates for events are based on availability and, for the picnic, likelihood of pleasant weather; therefore, events cannot be moved to earlier dates. We do sincerely apologize for the inconvenience, and we appreciate your flexibility. We will do what we can to ensure the participation of all students.

MAY 18 (Monday)

SENIOR PICNIC AT COMLARA PARK, LAKE EVERGREEN

1. ARRIVE between 8:30-8:45. 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. All students are required to ride the bus to and from the Senior Picnic. Absolutely no cars are allowed.
5. The Senior Picnic is for WEST students only. No friends are allowed to drive out and meet you.
6. Boating will NOT be open to West seniors. Boating is not an approved activity for the day.
7. 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.
8. **Drinks and food are not provided; you must bring your own. Park grills may be used.**
9. First aid will be available in the main pavilion.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park. Violators will be subject to arrest and suspension.
11. Volleyball net and balls will be available and there is plenty of field space for ball games.
12. There will be a special bus for athletes who need to return early for school athletic contests.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. There is not a rain date for this event.
16. If you do not wish to attend this event, you must inform (by email) Mrs. Mackinson prior to the event. If you do not attend the picnic you will be required to attend regular classes. It is a legal school day.
17. Please be advised that there is no parking in the circle drive for senior events. You must still park in the student parking lot.
18. Teachers and administrators will be stationed at the first pavilion in the park. They will also be frequently walking around the park to monitor behavior.

MAY 19 (TUESDAY)

IMC MATERIALS, TEXTBOOKS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS.

- Seniors will be given a list of IMC materials, textbooks, and other school obligations on May 14th. 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. A reminder that Final Exam Exemptions are for students who have an A average for the semester. Each teacher will disclose those exemptions to you.

MAY 23 (Saturday)

COMMENCEMENT

- 2:00 p.m. at the Grossinger Motors Arena.
- LINE UP will start at 1:15. Students should be dropped off at the Pepsi Ice Center Entrance which is directly behind the Grossinger Motors Arena. 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.
- **You should wear the official tassel, not the “bling” or souvenir tassel.**
- **Jostens will be there in case of gown, cap, tassel emergency.**
- **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.**
- Tickets are not sold for this event. The doors will open at 1PM.
- **THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED SEATING FOR GRADUATION AND TICKETS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.** Tickets are first come, first serve. Handicapped seating is available and the need should be brought to the attention of the ushers.