

Class of 2015

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 room 129 or email at mackinsn@unit5.org. Check the NCWHS website and Class of 2015 Facebook Group for updates.

FEBRUARY 2 (Monday)**DEADLINE TO ORDER SENIOR T-SHIRTS**

- ☛ Senior T-Shirts can be ordered on or before February 2 for \$10, depending on shirt size. There is one design and several shirt colors available, which can be viewed on the web store. Orders are purchased directly through a web store at Select Screen Prints & Embroidery Inc. www.selectspiritwear.com. T-shirts will only be sold online. If you do not have access to the site, please see Ms. Utesch.
- ☛ Click the NCWHS Seniors 2015 link and follow the provided directions. <http://www.selectspiritwear.com/shop4/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=86>
- ☛ When placing orders you must pay Select Screen Prints with a credit or debit card at the end of the sale.
- ☛ Once all orders have been processed, the shirts will be delivered to NCWHS in approximately three weeks. Please check the NCWHS website and announcements for a t-shirt delivery date. If you have additional questions, please contact Select Screen Prints at 309-829-6511.
- ☛ If you have questions, see Ms. Utesch in room 129.

APRIL 18 (Saturday)**PROM****APRIL 27 – MAY 1****SENIOR LUNCHEON SIGN UP**

- ☛ SENIOR LUNCHEON Sign Up will be held 4th-6th periods in the Senior Cafeteria. The cost of the Senior Luncheon will be \$10. Checks are payable to Normal Community West High School and are due at the time of sign up. Please see Mrs. Mackinson with any general questions or inquiries about payment.

MAY 1 (Friday)

- ☛ POST GRADUATION PLANS due to guidance on this date or sooner. Form is at the end of this packet. Extra copies are in the guidance office. Please see Mrs. Rudge (Encapera) with any questions.

MAY 1 (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.

MAY 4 (Monday)

SENIOR VIDEO PICTURE DEADLINE

- ✿ This is the last day to submit pictures for the senior video. Please send the pictures to Mrs. Mackinson at mackinsn@unit5.org or on Facebook at MrsNicki Mack. Please understand that not all pictures will be used. Also, limit the amount of selfies and relatively similar pictures that you submit.

MAY 7 (Thursday)

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

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

MAY 14 (Thursday)

SENIOR PICNIC AT COMLARA PARK, LAKE EVERGREEN

1. DEPART AT 8:30 AM from the student parking lot. THIS IS A LATE START FOR SENIORS. If you come to school by 7:10 you must go to first and second hour. These students will be dismissed to the bus lanes at 8:25.
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. Soft 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 2:30 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 18 (Monday)
SENIOR LUNCHEON

- ☛ Double Tree 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.
- ☛ Dress 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.

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 18 (Monday)
SENIOR ASSEMBLY

- ☛ The assembly will begin at 1:30. 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.
- ☛ Seniors should report to the North Gym upon returning to school from the senior luncheon. Please be dressed in caps and gowns.

MAY 22 (Friday)
IMC MATERIALS, TEXTBOOKS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS.

- ☛ Seniors will be given a list of IMC materials, textbooks, and other school obligations on Friday, May 15th. If these obligations are not met by noon on Monday, May 18th, **SENIORS WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA INSERT AT GRADUATION.**
- ☛ The IMC will accept books on senior assembly day during lunch (before the assembly).

MAY (TBD)
SENIOR FINAL EXAMS: Please listen to the announcements and instructions from your teachers regarding final exams. Senior final exam days will be determined at a later date.

MAY 23 (Saturday)
COMMENCEMENT

- ☛ 6:00 p.m. at the US Cellular Coliseum.
- ☛ **LINE UP** will start at 5:15. 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 the following guidelines:

◦**MALES** should wear dress slacks, dress shoes, and socks with their gowns. A shirt and a necktie are considered the proper attire to be worn under the graduation gown.

◦**FEMALES** *please leave personal belongings with family members*. There is no area to secure personal items such as **purses or keys**. Females should wear a dress, skirt, dress slacks and a blouse. A white collar will be provided with your gown. Extras are not provided so be careful not to lose or forget them.

☛ **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 NO BE REQUIRED.** Handicapped seating is available and the need should be brought to the attention of the ushers.

POST GRADUATION PLANS: McLEAN COUNTY UNIT DISTRICT 5

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address for post-graduation contact information _____

Graduation Ceremony Participation

- I **will** participate in the commencement ceremony.
- I **will not** participate in the commencement ceremony.

After high school I plan to (choose one):

_____ **Attend a 4 year college/university** _____
(Name of institution)

_____ **Attend a 2 year college then transfer to a 4 year college/university** _____
(Name of 2 year institution) (Name of 4 year institution)-if known

_____ **Attend a 2 year college for a certificate/training program** _____
(Name of certificate/training)

_____ **Work ~ Type of work:** _____
(Name of Employer)


_____ **Join the armed forces ~ Branch:** _____

<p>Send a final transcript to:</p> <p>School name: _____</p> <p>School Address: _____</p> <p>School City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Send Record of Immunizations</p>

School Newspaper Release

In addition to using this information for Guidance Office records, your name and college or other plans may also be published in the school newspaper unless you request that your name be omitted from the list.

- Yes, my information may be published in the school newspaper.
- No, I do not wish to have my information published in the school newspaper.

 Please include any College/University scholarships, including monetary value and/or awards you have received this year outside of high school. Please identify the source of the award.

If we can be of any assistance to you after graduation, please contact us. You may use the reverse side for any comments you wish to make about your high school education. Thank you.

Due May 1, 2015