



Westborough High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2017:

This is an exciting time for your child and family, with senior activities and graduation just around the corner. We, too, are thrilled your son/daughter is near the completion of many years of schooling and nurturing. This momentous occasion must be matched with a high degree of maturity, dignity, and respect on the part of all students. Our students represent an enormous source of pride to our school community, and we want everyone to finish the year on a positive and healthy note. Towards that end, please be mindful of the following:

- ✓ Some seniors need to be very careful about risking failure and jeopardizing graduation requirements; sadly, we have had individuals who do not graduate with their class as a result of making irresponsible choices in the last few weeks of the school year.
- ✓ At the close of each year, senior final grades are forwarded to colleges. If a student's grades fail to reflect the achievement used for acceptance the college may rescind its offer of admittance.
- ✓ Senior obligations: Please be aware that any senior who has not taken care of their outstanding obligations, such as library fines, unreturned books/textbooks, unpaid debts, activity fee payment, or any other obligation that is due will not receive their cap and gown until they have done so.
- ✓ Everyone in our school community must be aware of our clear expectations of our seniors to dress properly and behave appropriately during all of our events. Students should be dressed semi-formally for all senior events. Alcohol, drugs, and irresponsible behavior have no place in any senior activity. There is nothing that could ruin our graduation more than an embarrassing incident or a serious accident. **Students who engage in inappropriate behavior, such as pranks or vandalism will face suspension and not participate in senior activities, including Graduation.**
- ✓ Our graduation ceremony is for the entire community, so as we celebrate this important milestone, the Graduation Day of the Class of 2017, we must represent our school and community with respect and civility at all times. Actions that detract from the reading of names, student performances, or speeches simply can't occur. The time for displaying celebratory acts such as beach balls must take place after the commencement exercises have concluded.

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Calendar of Important Events

By TUESDAY, MAY 2 at 7:30 AM- WHS Local Scholarship Application 2017

To access the WHS Local Scholarship Application, sign into your [Naviance Account](#):

1. Click on the **About Me** tab.
2. On the left hand side, you will see **Surveys to be Taken**.
3. Click **WHS Local Scholarship Application 2017** and complete the application.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to officially submit your application, you will need to click the button at the end that says "**Save and I am Finished**." Incomplete applications or applications not officially submitted will not be considered.

To qualify for **need-based scholarships** you are required to submit a copy of your FAFSA "Student Aid Report" with your EFC number (Expected Family Contribution) to the counseling office. Students who have not completed the FAFSA and/or do not submit a copy of the Student Aid Report may not be considered for need-based scholarships.

The deadline to submit your application through Naviance is **TUESDAY, MAY 2 at 7:30 AM**.

Friday, May 19 – Last day for Seniors, half day, 11:00 am dismissal.

Members of the Class of 2017 will receive yearbooks and be treated to an ice cream social during period 3

Monday, May 22 - First day of final exams for Seniors (exams will run from 5/22-5/25)
Finals are scheduled from May 22nd until May 25th. Also during this week all seniors must update their Naviance accounts, so that final transcripts can be sent to the appropriate colleges

Wednesday, May 31 -Senior Ball

Class of 2017 will be having their Senior Ball at The State Room in Boston; bus transportation to and from this event will be provided –students must ride the bus in order to attend; the buses will leave at 5pm from the back parking lot, so students should arrive by 4:30pm at the latest.

To Be Announced- (week of May 30)- R.A.D. Systems Training

Female and Male students can sign up for a training in *Rape Aggression Defense* Systems put on by the WHS P.E. Department and Westborough Police Department

Thursday, June 1- @7:00 p.m. Academic Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony is in the auditorium for all students in grades 9-12. Letters of invitation will be mailed home to those who are selected to be recognized by faculty and staff.

Friday, June 2- @ 8:30 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal (seniors only).

There will be a *mandatory* rehearsal in the gymnasium at 8:30 am for all graduates. After the rehearsal seniors will receive their caps and gowns and school records. Please hold these records for at least seven years as they contain important testing information that you may need in the future. ***Please be aware that any senior who has not taken care of their outstanding***

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(Note: there will be a light breakfast available for seniors in the cafeteria at 7:30am)

Friday, June 2- @ 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony

The Baccalaureate Ceremony is in the auditorium for seniors and family members only. An overflow seating area will be available in the gymnasium. This tradition for WHS has become a cherished event that provides a great opportunity to pause, reflect, and offer thanks before commencement.

(Note: the seniors are considering a light dinner before Baccalaureate, but have not finalized this event)

Saturday, June 3- @ 5:00 p.m. Graduation

On behalf of our entire Faculty, Staff, and Administration, we cordially invite you to attend our Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2017 on Saturday, June 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. Seniors should arrive in the high school lobby by 4:00 p.m.

Graduation is scheduled to take place on our athletic field. Seating is available for family and friends in the bleachers starting at 4pm-seats can not be reserved before this time. Handicap accessible seating is also available. Please contact Mr. Lefebvre, Assistant Principal, if a family member requires assistance. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made to either change the start time or move the ceremony indoors. If graduation is moved indoors, each graduate will receive two (2) tickets for gymnasium seating. Overflow seating areas, which will not require tickets, will be made available.

We look forward to sharing the joy and pride of our Baccalaureate Ceremony and Commencement exercises with each of you. If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact the high school at (508) 836-7720.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian M. Callaghan