

## **END TERM ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS – JUNE, 2020**

### **1.) THURSDAY, MAY 27 – FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020 – Special Senior Video Clip Submission**

You have the opportunity to submit a 10-second video to be shown at graduation!

Here are the details:

- Be creative!
- Videos must be school appropriate.
- Videos must be 10 seconds or less.
- Shoot videos in landscape format. Hold your device horizontally.

Perhaps share your name, a message to the class, and/or your future plans. You can even wear your cap and gown!

**Due by June 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM (noon)!**

Send your videos to [hhs2020@whsdk12.com](mailto:hhs2020@whsdk12.com)

You can upload your video to Google Drive and share it or send it via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sheldon at [lsheldon@whsdk12.com](mailto:lsheldon@whsdk12.com)

Senior video clips will be shown on the LED video wall on June 13, 2020 at approximately 12:00 PM, before the graduation ceremony

### **2.) MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 – Textbook Collection, Cap & Gown Distribution, Class Debts**

Collection of all textbooks, calculators, and other school property (**NOT including iPads**) and distribution of caps, gowns, tassels, graduation parking placards, National Honor Society stoles, Red Cords, Student Council pendants, class officer stoles, and 4-H cords will occur at the Honesdale High School gym entrance located by the girls' locker room via the service road that runs behind Wayne Highlands Middle School and Honesdale High School from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Each senior will receive one (1) parking placard. Each senior will receive a map of the graduation procedure and a handout with reminders about guidelines and expectations. **All class debts (class dues, class fundraisers, etc.) must be paid before you receive cap, gown, and parking placard. Monday, June 1, 2020 will be the final day to accept personal checks for any class or school financial obligations. After this date, cash, a money order, or a cashier's check will be accepted as payment.** Class advisers will be available to assist at this time.

Cap, gown, and stole care:

Warm iron, not hot iron

Do **NOT** place iron directly on fabric

Place a towel between the iron and the fabric

Hang the garments up as soon as you get home

Hang them in a bathroom with hot steam to remove wrinkles

### **3.) MONDAY, JUNE 1 to FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020 – Final Week of School Work, Financial**

## **Obligations**

Last week of school work for seniors. Students may complete and submit any work from March 16 through June 5, 2020 by 3:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020. Students should use their iPads to complete this work. Students receiving hard copies in the mail should complete these packets and arrange for the completed work to arrive at Honesdale High School by 3:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020. **There are no final exams this year.** Seniors should be sure they have met all academic (required courses, credits, etc.) and attendance requirements for graduation. All senior financial obligations should be resolved by Friday, June 5, 2020.

### **4.) SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 – Baccalaureate Service**

The Baccalaureate Service may be viewed online beginning at **7:00 PM**. A link to the website will be provided.

### **5.) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 – Senior Class Night/Senior Assembly**

Senior Class Night/Senior Assembly may be viewed online beginning at **6:30 PM**. A link to the website will be provided.

The purpose of Senior Class Night/Senior Assembly is to recognize individual student achievement and for the reception of monetary scholarship awards. The presentation of awards at Senior Class Night/Senior Assembly will allow the Commencement ceremony on June 13 to be a very special culminating event celebrating all graduates.

### **6.) GRADUATION DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Ladies**

- Wear dresses or skirts that are well beyond fingertip length, or dress pants and dress shoes.
- Sleeveless garments may be worn as long as all other requirements are met.
- Shoes must have at least a strap on the back.
- Wear comfortable dress shoes for walking in the parking lot, walking up and down an incline to and from the stage, and walking up and down steps.

#### **Gentlemen**

- Wear dress shirts and ties, dark dress pants, dark dress socks, and dark dress shoes.
- Please make sure the top button of the shirt is buttoned and your tie is pulled up.
- Please make sure you are clean-shaven.

#### **All Graduates**

- **Do NOT wear sneakers, flip-flops, shorts, or jeans.**
- **Caps and gowns may NOT be decorated.**
- **Please follow the Honesdale High School dress code, especially relating to piercings and hair color.**
- **All dress requirements are enforced. For this one final event, please comply with these dress guidelines to ensure your full, positive participation in this celebration of achievement for the Honesdale High School Class of 2020.**
- **Please be sure to wear your cap, gown, and tassel.**
- **Tassels should hang over the right side of your cap.**

#### **Special Dress Considerations**

- National Honor Society members will wear an NHS stole over their gowns. NHS members will receive stoles on June 1, 2020. NHS stoles are the property of the school and must be returned as you exit the parking area after graduation.
- Class officers wear a stole, which you may keep.
- Student council officers wear a pendant, which you may keep.
- Seniors enlisted in any branch of the U.S. armed services may wear the appropriate sash or cord.
- Students who have received an approved cord, such as the red cord from the American Red Cross or the green cord from 4-H, may wear the cord.

## 7.) **SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 – Graduation**

**\*Please note time change: Graduation will begin at 1:00 PM. Parking will begin at 11:30 AM\***

### **11:30 AM – Parking**

- Absolutely no overnight parking will be permitted.
- All Wayne Highlands Middle School and Honesdale High School entrances and exits will be closed except for the entrance to the Honesdale High School student parking area.
- Seniors will report to the high school student parking area with their families in their vehicles.
- Please have your **parking placard** displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle.
- **Absolutely no one will be admitted to the Honesdale High School students parking area without a parking placard.**
- One vehicle per student.
- The vehicle must fit in the standard parking space.
- The number of individuals in the car must not exceed the number of seatbelts.
- No one will be allowed to walk to the ceremony, and no one will be allowed outside of vehicles.
- Please follow directions for parking.
- Parking will **not** be first-come, first-served in the front row.
- Some spaces in the front will be reserved for the vehicles of graduates participating in the ceremony – musical performances, speeches, etc.
- SUV's, vans, pick-up trucks, and other large vehicles will be parked in the back single row and in the back half of each double row to ensure that everyone will have a view of the ceremony.
- Please do not attach items to your car that will obstruct the view of others.
- There will be an 11' x 18' video wall to enhance viewing for all our guests.
- Make sure the vehicle has a working FM radio. The commencement audio will be broadcast on 107.7 FM.
- Guests must please remain in their vehicles the entire time.
- Four outdoor, portable restrooms will be available. They will be located at the rear border of the parking lot. Two of these restrooms will be handicap accessible.
- The graduation ceremony will be streamed live on YouTube. An archived version of commencement will be available on YouTube for viewing at any later date and time.
- Although the graduation ceremony will last a little over one hour, please take into account the overall time of this entire event when considering the attendance of small children.
- Due to parking limitations, we can only permit one vehicle per graduate. Parents who may be separated or divorced are asked to please compromise to ensure that their graduate's achievement is the focus of the event, and their student's accomplishment is celebrated and honored in a positive manner.

### **12:00 PM – Pre-Commencement Video**

- A video montage of senior messages and the Senior Video will be played on the LED video wall and 107.7 FM.

### **1:00 PM – Commencement Guidelines**

- Graduates should not be chewing gum
- Graduates' cell phones should not be visible, audible, or in use
- Any young men speaking or performing on stage should be sure to remove their caps.
- Graduates should walk across the stage appropriately.
- After receiving a diploma cover on stage, each graduate will come off stage and pause momentarily at a station where Mr. Langendoerfer will take a photograph.
- Graduates are not permitted to throw their caps.
- Graduates are permitted to keep their caps and gowns.

### **2:15 PM – Approximate Graduation Exit**

- A two- to three-minute farewell video will be played immediately after commencement.
- At the conclusion of the farewell video, staff will direct cars to exit from the parking lot.
- Please wait patiently to be dismissed.
- National Honor Society members should return NHS stoles in receptacles as they exit the parking lot.

### **Rain Dates**

- In the event of inclement weather, our One Call Now system, as well as our school district website and social media will be used to communicate important updates.
- 1st rain date: 1:00 PM, Sunday, June 14, 2020
- 2nd rain date: 1:00 PM, Saturday, June 20, 2020

## **8.) MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 – iPad Collection, Distribution of Diplomas and Senior Items**

Graduates may return their iPads, chargers, and cords, as well as any other remaining textbooks and school property at the Honesdale High School gym entrance located by the girls' locker room via the service road that runs behind Wayne Highlands Middle School and Honesdale High School from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Seniors may pick up their diplomas or certificates of attendance. Graduates may also retrieve their personalized yard signs with their names and pictures. Final report cards, awards, scholarships will also be available for seniors. Graduates will gain access to videos of Baccalaureate, Senior Awards Night/Senior Assembly, Senior Video, Senior Video Clips, and Graduation. Seniors may resolve any final school financial obligations. These financial obligations must be paid before the student diploma can be released. Personal checks will only be accepted up to Monday, June 1, 2020. After June 1, 2020, cash, money orders, or cashier's checks will be accepted for payment. **No payments will be handled Saturday, June 13, 2020 – the day of graduation.**

## **9.) SCHOLARSHIPS – THANK YOU NOTES**

**If you received a scholarship or award from a civic organization or family, you should send a thank you note. Be polite and considerate. Think of those who follow you. Your thank you note will show your appreciation and gratitude for the generosity of our community members, which will in turn benefit future generations of students at Honesdale High School.**

## **10.) SUMMER SCHOOL**

There are plans to conduct summer school from June 29 to July 9 through an online Google Classroom format (or a hard copy packet if necessary). **The cost is almost half the typical fee!** The price is \$115 per course. Students may only take two (2) courses. A student may take a summer course to regain credit for a class he/she failed during this school year or a previous school year. A student may also take a summer course to restore credits that are being withheld because the student exceeded the attendance policy. Courses in English, math, science, and social studies will be offered. Registration, payment, and iPad pickup will occur on Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 2020 at the Honesdale High School gym entrance located by the girls' locker room via the service road that runs behind Wayne Highlands Middle School and Honesdale High School from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## 11.) **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

A.) Flowers or gifts may be presented to a member of the graduating class at the commencement exercises within the family's vehicle after the student has received his/her diploma cover and has returned to the vehicle. All guests must stay within their vehicles during the entire ceremony.

B.) Remember your parking placard, cap, gown, and tassel.

C.) The overall time of the total graduation event can be a little lengthy, and the temperature on a June day may be warm. The patience and cooperation of you and all your guests is greatly appreciated.

### **D.) BEHAVIOR OF GRADUATES AND GUESTS:**

- **Please remind family members of our guidelines and expectations.**
- **Remain quiet and respectful throughout the entire ceremony so as not to cause embarrassment to a student.**
- **Behavior that detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will not be tolerated.**
- **Offenders will be removed by the Pennsylvania State Police, the Wayne County Sherriff's Department, or the Wayne Highlands School District Police.**
- **This event will be live streamed and recorded. Unnecessary noise will significantly detract from the experience of hundreds of friends and family viewing the graduation across the country.**
- **Please refrain from honking car horns or shouting throughout the entire ceremony. There will be an opportunity to cheer once every senior has received his/her diploma, has returned to his/her car, and the class has been pronounced graduates.**

E.) Please call the school at 570-253-2046 or email Mr. Petro at [cpietraszewski@whsdk12.com](mailto:cpietraszewski@whsdk12.com) with any questions.