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*April 2023*

*Dear Class of 2023 Senior and Family:*

*It has been a wonderful year and now it is time for the culminating activity that represents four years of hard work. I know I speak for the staff of Wooster High School when I say the Class of 2023 will be missed! You have persevered and succeeded and now we are coming together on Friday, June 16th to celebrate your graduation. The ceremony will take place at Lawlor Events Center, located on the University of Nevada Reno campus, 1500 N Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89557 at 2:30pm.*

***Important note: receipt of this letter is not verification of official graduation.*** *Please refer to the graduation eligibility section of this letter for more information regarding eligibility.*

*Let me be the first of many to wish you my heartfelt congratulations to you and your family. I am so very proud of you. It has been a pleasure being your principal these past four years – you are memorable – and you will always be a COLT!*

*Leah Keuscher, Principal*

**GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY**

Receipt of this letter does not mean you are able to graduate. Be sure you are eligible by checking with your counselor. You must have successfully completed all graduation requirements for the Class of 2023 to participate in the ceremony.

**SENIOR PRANKS**

While senior pranks start out being innocent in nature, inevitably students tend to one-up each other resulting in property damage, vandalism, and/or students being hurt. Senior pranks are not condoned at Wooster High School. Any student participating in a senior prank will be denied the privilege of participating in our graduation ceremony. Additionally, legal steps will be taken against any student who participates in the damage or destruction of school property and/or harm to others.  We take pride in our school and our student body – please finish this year out being the amazing Colts that you are.

**RETURN OF ITEMS & FINES**

Textbooks, instruments, library books, computers, hot spots, and any item borrowed from Wooster High School must be returned during the week of finals. Outstanding AP and IB testing fees must also be paid to our school bookkeeper.

**DIPLOMAS**

During the graduation ceremony, graduates will receive an “empty” graduation cover. After the graduation ceremony, graduates are to report to the main entrance hallway in Lawlor Events Center to pick up their diploma.

**STUDENT GRADUATION SPEECHES**

Graduation speech/performance tryouts will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 a.m. Sign-ups to perform are being handled by lead counselor, Erin Danielsen. Seniors who try out must be officially graduating and must show up on time to the tryouts, anyone arriving late to tryouts will be turned away, due to the number of students who try out. We select speeches and performances based on our school-wide theme for the year. It will be explained to all students who try out that if they are selected, their speech/performance may be altered to fit the needs of the graduation event.

**PICTURES**

Commencement photos of graduates will be available online at bellphoto.com, ten days after the ceremony. Additionally, graduation will be live streamed from Lawlor Events center. <https://youtube.com/live/Vc3WvJaY3no?feature=share>

**GRADUATION PRACTICE**

This year’s graduation practice is on Wednesday, June 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the large gym. This is the last day of school after finals. Please arrive on time for practice. This is practice, so you do not need your cap and gown - we just need you.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Graduates must arrive to Lawlor Events Center at 1:30pm. The ceremony will start promptly at 2:30pm. Once you arrive, you must stay until the end of the ceremony. Be sure to come “ready to go” for graduation:

* Arrive well fed, as no food or drink will be allowed in Lawlor Events Center.
* Arrive dressed in your formal graduation attire and in your Cap & Gown.
* Wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking up and down stairs (special caution for graduates wearing heels)
* We will not be able to lock up your personal belongings during the ceremony, Lawlor Events Center and Wooster High School are not responsible for theft or lost items, so please do not bring anything of value or that you would be disappointed to lose.

**GRADUATION TICKETS & PARKING**

We will be passing out graduation tickets and parking passes on June 14th and June 15th. Each graduate will receive 3 parking passes and 10 tickets for graduation. Parking passes must be displayed in the car window when parking at Lawlor; any vehicle without a parking pass will be towed. Doors open for family/guests at 1:30pm and a ticket is required for entry (young children require a ticket for entry). The ceremony starts at 2:30pm. Seats may be saved until the start of the ceremony. At that time, any open seats may no longer be saved and are open to all. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**GRADUATION DRESS**

This ceremony will be one of the great times in your life to dress up for! Here are the requirements for graduation attire:

* Check your gown; lightly press it before wearing, using a cool iron setting.
* The tassel is worn on the cap's left at the start of the ceremony. It will be moved to the right during the tassel turning event at the end of our ceremony.
* Appropriate apparel under your gown is required. The Washoe County School District reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students are within the limits of good taste.
* No miscellaneous items are to be worn on the gown (i.e., flowers, pins, leis, flags, serapes, etc.) Only Wooster related awards may be worn, such as medals, stoles, and cords that were handed out at the senior assembly.
* No sunglasses, props, noise makers, confetti, or any other item that detracts from the ceremony.
* **Graduation Caps** Beginning with the class of 2023, graduating seniors will be able to decorate their mortarboards (or graduation cap) for their graduation ceremonies to show their pride, joy and gratitude.  The decorations must be appropriate and cannot be lewd obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony or any other form of unprotected speech, and students are expected to follow these guidelines.

**GRADUATION BEHAVIOR**

Please do not bring beach balls, balloons, or noise makers. These items are incredibly distracting to spectators, and to students who are performing and giving speeches. It’s disappointing when a family cannot hear their student’s name being called as they cross the stage because a horn was blown or laughter due to beach balls. Please do not bring congratulatory balloons to the ceremony. They will block the view of others in the audience. Anyone caught with these items will be removed from the ceremony and escorted out of Lawlor Events Center by security.

**LAWLOR HAS A NEW BAG POLICY**

Lawlor is implementing a new policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safe environment for the public and expedite entry. For more information visit <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>

**Class of 2023 - Important Dates!**

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# May 13th – Graduation Tryouts

* 8 a.m. in the Theater
* See Ms. Danielsen for info & application.

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# May 22nd – 23rd – Senior Activities

* Dress Up Days
* Seminar Activities

# May 24th – Scholarship Night

* 5:30 p.m. in the Gym
* **Invite only-** if you’re receiving a scholarship, you must fill out the Senior Survey to be invited!!

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# May 26th – Senior Day!

* 8 a.m. - Cap & Gown Distribution in the Gym
* Senior Assembly w/ scholarship, athletic and military signings!
* Grad “Walk Over”
* Field Day
* Senior Sunset

# June 2nd – Safe & Sober Senior Trip

* Contact your senior class president for more information!

# June 9th – June 14th – Finals Week!

* 6/9- Seminar, 0/7th Periods
* \*6/12- 1st and 2nd Periods
* \*6/13- 3rd and 4th Periods
* \*6/14- 5th and 6th Periods

*\*6/12-6/14 are half days\**

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# June 14th – Graduation Practice

* 1:00 p.m. in the Big Gym
* Do not wear your cap & gown.

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# June 14th – 15th – Parking Pass & Ticket Distribution for Graduation

* 8a.m.- 3p.m. in the main office both days.
* Each Grad will get **10 tickets** and **3 parking passes** for family and friends.
* Parent/Guardian must be present to pick up.

# June 16th – Graduation Day! Shape, arrow  Description automatically generated

* 2:30-4:30 p.m. @ Lawlor Events Center
* Vehicles must display parking passes in car window.
* Guests must have a ticket to enter.

***It’s Good to Be a Senior!***