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Dear WOHS Seniors,

In just a few months, we will celebrate the successful completion of your K-12 educational journey. I encourage you to stay focused on making all of the decisions necessary to achieve the goal of graduating on June 13, 2017 (9:00 AM). I want you to know that your teachers, counselors and administrators look forward to celebrating this important day with you and your family. There is much to accomplish prior to June and I want to take this opportunity to share some items specifically related to graduation.

GRAD PROJECTS

Students who have not completed and presented their GRAD Projects are not eligible to walk at graduation. As a reminder, dates were established and shared at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. With the mid-March deadline to submit portfolios, most seniors should have already had their portfolios cleared by Advisors. GRAD Project presentations will be made to our community judges from Mar. 27, 2017 through Apr. 4, 2017. *(Remember, seniors must also have GRAD Projects presented in order to purchase prom tickets. Tickets will be on sale the week before and after Spring Break. The prom is set for May 20, 2017, 8pm – 11pm at WOHS).*

FEES

Outstanding fees and other unmet school obligations will prevent you from participating in this important ceremony. All fees and school obligations **MUST** be cleared before the final graduation rehearsal (6/12/17- 9:00 AM). Seniors with any obligation to the school should see Mrs. Matthias in the front office.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance policy mandates that a student exceeding 10 absences in a semester is in danger of failing to receive course credit even if the final grade is passing. Be cautious not to exceed the 10 day maximum as there is no time between final grade calculation and graduation to submit notes, complete recovery programs or otherwise clear failed courses. For any absences in your final semester, I highly recommend submitting absence notes immediately upon your return to school.

FINAL EXAMS & FINAL GRADES

While AP courses follow a different schedule, a majority of our final exams will be administered on the final four days of school. 1st period (*June 6th*), 2nd period (*June 7th*), 3rd period (*June 8th*) and 4th period (*June 9th*) exams will count for 25% of the final grade for the given course. Unlike prior school years, there is no minimum assigned grade for final exams. The actual grade earned on the exam will be the grade used for final grade calculations. Final class rankings and honors will be calculated after the final day of school. *Parents interested in serving as proctors or monitors during final exams should contact Mrs. Friebel at stacie.friebel@onslow.k12.nc.us.*



GRADUATION PRACTICE

WOHS has individual academy graduation practices in the ETPAC during May. One academy at a time will report to the ETPAC. It is an opportunity for our directors to get phonetic spellings of the seniors' names and go over the details. Each academy practices twice.

- May 8 – Arts Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 9 – HAUSA Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 10 – Humanities Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 11 – STEM Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 22 – Arts Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 23 – HAUSA Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 24 – Humanities Academy graduation practice during AA
- May 25 – STEM Academy graduation practice during AA
- June 12- **ALL SENIORS**, Final Graduation Rehearsal during the Teacher Workday, 9:00 AM (*WOHS Stadium*).

Seniors should report to the stadium for the required practice on Monday, June 12th by 8:30 AM to locate their seats and begin practice on time (9:00 AM). Seats are arranged alphabetically by academy. Each student will have a chair with his/her name on a sticker. Any senior who desires to walk across the stage during graduation exercises **MUST** attend the required rehearsal. Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen, a hat, and bring water to the rehearsal. The final rehearsal will last until approximately 11:00 AM. The final rehearsal is for staff and students only.

If a senior must miss practice, a written note explaining the absence should be presented to the office by June 9th. Reporting to work is **NOT** considered an exception.

TICKETS

At the end of the final rehearsal (June 12th), each senior will receive ten guest tickets for the graduation ceremony (10 can be used if the ceremony is held outside as planned, 4 for the inclement weather ceremony inside). Extra tickets will be distributed through a drawing at the end of the final graduation rehearsal.

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sponsor a Senior Baccalaureate Ceremony on Sunday, June 11th, at 2:00 PM for all members of the Class of 2017. This ceremony will be held in the Earl Taylor Performing Arts Center at WOHS. Students should bring their caps and gowns and line up by 1:40 P.M. Students are encouraged to bring parents, family members, and guests to this event. Tickets are not required for this event.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2017 scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 will start promptly at 9:00 AM. Seniors should be on campus no later than 8:00 AM, preparing to line up and march into the stadium. Due to heavy traffic on Piney Green, please allow plenty of time for arrival and parking. After the ceremony, students will report to the gym where the counselors will have the actual diploma, final report card, and a final transcript. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate graduation plan will be announced. There will also be an air conditioned overflow area for anyone who would prefer to sit in the Earl Taylor Auditorium. There will be a live feed of the graduation ceremony in the auditorium (tickets will not be required). The graduation will also be recorded and linked on the White Oak High School webpage. Contact Mrs. Nancy Curley with questions about the streaming or recording at nancy.curley@onslow.k12.nc.us.

DRESS CODE

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege; therefore, proper dress and good conduct are requirements. Male students are expected to wear black or khaki trousers, a white shirt, dark tie, and black shoes. Female students are expected to wear a dress or black/khaki pants and a white shirt and appropriate sandals or shoes. Tennis shoes, flip flops, shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc. are not considered appropriate dress for this occasion. Caps are not to be decorated or adorned with paint, tape, glitter, etc. The point of the cap will rest on the forehead and should be remembered when styling hair for the event. Tassels will initially hang on the left side of the cap and will be turned to the right during the ceremony.

HONOR REGALIA

Many students will earn honor cords, sashes, and other items that will be worn during the graduation ceremony. These are distributed by the respective sponsors of the groups awarding the honor items. Please see the sponsor for further information. Mrs. Farney distributes stoles for the National Honor Society. National Honor Society members should see Mrs. Farney by May 15, 2017 to place an order.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

This ceremony is an extremely special event for our students. Any inappropriate behavior will result in being escorted from the stadium. Students suspended from school on or through the final days of school aren't eligible to participate.

FAMILY & GUESTS

During the graduation ceremony, movement in the audience must be minimal. At the end of the ceremony, all guests are asked to remain at their seats until the seniors exit and are dismissed to greet family and guests. Family and guests may feel free to take photos and video from their seats, but are asked not to move into the graduation line or inside any of the fenced area next to the track. We are happy to restage any photos following the ceremony. All cell phones should be silenced as the ceremony begins. Water will be available to seniors, family and guests. Sunscreen is encouraged!

PROJECT GRADUATION

The check-in time for students participating in Project Graduation is set for 8:45 – 9:30 p.m. on June 13th. Students will check in at the cafeteria and will be provided bus transportation to and from Marston Pavilion on Camp Lejeune. Students will return to school by 8:00 a.m. on June 14th. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at carla.bradshaw@onslow.k12.nc.us with questions or to volunteer to assist.

FINAL THOUGHTS

June 13th will be a momentous event at White Oak High School. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 910-455-1541 or check the website at <http://whiteoak.nc.och.schoolinsites.com> (look for "Graduation News" under the Highlights section). Congratulations Vikings!

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher Barnes, Principal
White Oak High School

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presents



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