

Senior Information Booklet



MOTTO:

"We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." - Unknown

Flower:

White Rose

Colors:

Orange, Black, Silver

Dear Seniors and Senior Parents,

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, you will pass an important milestone in your young life... graduation. Although it marks the end of high school and hopefully the beginning of a bright future, it also marks a major achievement in your life.

Graduation is a ceremony of honor and recognition that links your student to the WHS graduates of generations, both past and future. Receiving a diploma is an honor bestowed upon those who have earned the rights and privileges reserved for high school graduates. We, the faculty and staff of WHS, are proud of each graduating student and offer special congratulations to all of you, for we recognize that it takes more than one to climb that first hill.

As faculty, we will do everything possible to make this year's graduation ceremony a worthy and honorable event, filled with memories you and your graduate will treasure for a lifetime.

More information about graduation, transcript requests, dates and times of events, and the final test schedule can be found in this booklet. I have attached a sheet with key information, dates and events so we are all on the same page as we approach that "special day".

Graduation practice will be held in the Williston High School Gymnasium on Friday, May 24th from 9:30am to 11:30am. **ALL seniors who are receiving a diploma at graduation are required to attend this practice.**

If you have any questions concerning graduation, please feel free to contact our senior counselor, Haley Jeannotte, at: 701.572.0967 – Ext. 1207.

Sincerely,

Jason Germundson
Principal
Williston High School

Senior Newsletter

I. Cap and Gown

- a. If you have not picked up your cap and gown, please do so as soon as possible. Please check it over and try it on. Sometimes adjustments may need to be made. See us in the office if you are having problems with your gown.
- b. **Special Note:** Take gown out of the bag and hang up before Baccalaureate/Graduation to get wrinkles out!!!
- c. **If you haven't ordered a gown, order ASAP!! jostens.com**

II. Fees

- a. All fees must be paid before graduation!
- b. Please take care of your fees early so that finals week is free of worry and hassle. If a financial problem exists we will work with you, please call Whitney Miller at 701-572-0967, ext. 1216

III. Senior Graduation Walk

- a. Seniors walk through elementary and middle school(s) to celebrate many years of being a student - encouraging younger students to "walk" when they are seniors
- b. **Friday, May 17th** - buses leave WHS at 12:45 pm by door #10
 - i. 1:00 pm - Elementary Schools
 - ii. 1:30 pm - Bakken Elementary
 - iii. 1:45 pm - Middle School
 - iv. 2:00 pm - return to WHS
- c. **MUST WEAR CAP/GOWN (tassel optional, if windy, may lose them)**

IV. Baccalaureate Service

- a. Sunday, May 19st, 7:00 pm at New Hope Church- Attendance is optional.
 - i. Students will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:45 pm.
- b. Line-up time:
 - i. We will begin lining up for the processional at 6:45 pm.
 - ii. Please meet in the large area inside the main building where Mr. Germundson and Mrs. Larson will organize the processional march
 - iii. **What to wear:**
 1. You are to wear your cap, gown, and tassel.
 2. Please wear appropriate clothing for a church service (reference above suggestions if you have questions).

V. **Coyote Foundation Awards Night**

- a. Wednesday, May 8th - 7:00 pm - WHS Theater
 - i. **If you are receiving a scholarship, you will receive an invitation from Coyote Foundation.**
 1. Must attend awards night to receive a scholarship.
 - ii. Dress appropriately
 1. For Boys: Dress pants, no tennis shoes or sandals, a collared shirt and tie if possible.
 2. For Girls: Dresses, dress pants, and school appropriate tops
No Flip-flops, please! Leather sandals are allowed.
- b. Scholarship Winners – Please send thank you notes to those organizations that have given you scholarships. If you received a scholarship through the Coyote Foundation, please contact Codi Austreim at 572-8797 or codi.austreim@willistonschools.org to make arrangements for payment to colleges.

VI. **Finals**

- a. Tests begin for those seniors that must take them on Tuesday, May 21st. (Schedule and information attached in packet)

VII. **Senior Pictures**

- a. Senior pictures used for media (Williston Herald, Minot Daily, and Bismarck Tribune) are gathered from yearbook staff - if a picture is not provided, we will use Lifetouch school pictures that were taken in September
- b. **Senior Slideshow**: Slides will be created by senior or parent by uploading a senior picture and a baby picture (or two senior pictures). A link to the slide will be emailed to parents and placed in PowerSchool Learning

VIII. **Graduation Practice**

- a. Graduation practice will be on Friday, May 24th, beginning at 9:30 am **sharp!**
- b. Where: Jon Cole Gymnasium. **This practice is mandatory if you want to walk across the stage on Sunday!**

IX. **Graduating Seniors**

- a. **All graduating seniors are to be at the high school by 1:15 pm on Sunday, May 26th. Enter the high school through main office doors (Door 1) on the east side of the building and check in with a counselor upon arrival.**
- b. Mr. Lysne, Mrs. Jeannotte, Mrs. Mock, and Mr. Olson will be on the first floor to line you up for the processional march into the field house.

Graduation Day

- c. What to where?
 - i. Dress appropriately
 - ii. dress pants, no tennis shoes, collared shirt and tie if possible for young men
 - iii. dresses, dress pants, and school appropriate tops, **No Flip-flops**, leather sandals are allowed for the girls
 - d. Honor Group wears a white sash (stole) and tassel
 - e. Graduates wear an orange and black tassel
 - f. No decoration or alterations are allowed during the ceremony on your cap/gown
 - g. Wear your cap as parallel to the ground as possible. Wear your **tassel on the RIGHT SIDE** of your cap.
 - h. Make arrangements to give cards, flowers, and gifts to a non-graduation friend before you move towards the gym.
- X. Diploma and Pictures:**
- a. Receive diploma with left hand, shake with your right
 - b. If you get the wrong diploma, please exchange for correct one after the ceremony.
 - c. Take pictures from the west side, north end of the bleachers. No pictures from in front of the stage until after the ceremony.
 - d. Please be courteous in celebrating graduates, we appreciate your applause, but please hold off until everybody has received their diploma
- XI. Miscellaneous Graduation Day Topics**
- a. Do not throw graduation caps until Mr. Germundson says, “Ladies and Gentleman, I present to you the graduated class of 2019!” Throw your caps! Yay, you are done!
 - b. If you lose your tassel, extras can be purchased in the main office for \$10/tassel after the ceremony or on Tuesday, May 28th
- XII. Operation Graduation**
- a. Details will be provided Tuesday night at the parent meeting

Class of 2019

Dates to Remember

- April 16 Senior Meeting – WHS Theater at 3rd period
Honor Group Selected and Announced at Senior Meeting during 3rd period
Senior Parent Meeting – WHS Theater @ 7:00 pm
- May 4 Prom
- May 6 AP Government Test - 8:00am – 12:00pm
- May 7 AP Physics 12:00- 3:00 pm
- May 8 AP English Lit/Comp Test - 8:00am – 12:00pm
- May 8 Coyote Foundation Awards Night – WHS Theater at 7:00pm (invitation only)
- May 9 AP Chemistry 8:00-12:00 am
- May 9 AP Psychology Test - 12:00pm - 3:00pm
- May 10 AP US History 8:00- 11:00 am
- May 11 Band Day
- May 13 Elk's Youth Day
- May 13 AP Biology 8:00-11:00 am
- May 15 Honor Group Banquet – First Lutheran Church 6:00pm (invitation ONLY)
- May 17 **Senior Graduation Walk** (8:30 in the gym, wear cap and gown all day, go to elem, Bakken and Middle School.)
- May 19 Baccalaureate – 7:00pm – New Hope Wesleyan Church
- May 19 Senior Campout – Details will be provided at the Senior Meeting on May 15th
- May 20 Honor Group/Rotary Luncheon - The Williston @ 12:00pm
- May 24 **All Seniors must attend Graduation practice - 9:30am -11:30am in the gym**
- May 26 All Seniors must attend Graduation at the WHS Jon Cole Gymnasium @ 2:00pm.
Seniors must be at High school @ 1:15pm for the line up.
- May 26 Operation Graduation - Registration @ WHS 8:30pm. Attendance is optional.
- June 7 ND Academic and CTE Scholarship DEADLINE

2019 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

All students regardless of attendance are required to take one final exam.

Freshmen --	Algebra (Geometry if not Algebra)
Sophomores --	Biology, Honors Biology (Chemistry if sophomore is not in Biology)
Juniors --	U.S. History
Seniors --	English

Tuesday, May 21st, Wednesday, May 22nd, Thursday, May 23rd final exams will be administered in compliance with the required annual testing. Students who have not qualified for the "*Attendance Exemption Award*" will also be taking their finals at this time. Students who have qualified for the "*Good Attendance Award*" in a class, *besides* the required testing are not required to report for final testing in that class.

NOTE:

1. There will not be finals in the following classes: physical education, choir, and band.
2. No changes or exemptions to the final test schedule are to be made without prior approval from Mr. Germundson.
3. Students who would normally be exempt from taking a final exam, but wish to take the exam in an effort to raise their grade, may do so without jeopardizing their grade if they happen to do poorly on the final.
4. All students must spend a minimum of 60 minutes on each exam.
5. Mr. Germundson's computerized attendance record is the official count. Students are to check with their teacher concerning their attendance. If they have questions regarding the number of absences recorded, please check with Pam Langager.
6. Faculty members are to turn in a list to Mr. Germundson citing the students who did not take the final, but were required to do to the number of absences they had incurred.

<u>Tuesday, May 21st</u>	Last regular school day
Period 1	8:00 am-8:30 am
Period 2	8:34 am-9:04 am
Period 3	9:08 am-9:38 pm
Period 4	9:42 am-10:12 am
Period 5	10:16 am-10:46 am
Period 6	10:50 am-11:20 am
Period 7	11:24 am-11:54 am
	*Period 7 Final 12:40 pm-2:40 pm

Wednesday, May 22nd

Period 1	8:00 am-10:00 am
Period 2	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Period 3	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Thursday, May 23rd

Period 4	8:00 am-10:00 am
Period 5	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Period 6	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Friday, May 24th -

Make-Up Exams	8:34am - 2:34pm
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WHS Transcript Request Form

Please send my final transcript to the following post-secondary school:

Student's name: _____

Post-secondary School: _____

Post-secondary School Address: _____

DUE DATE: MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 2019

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE MAIN OFFICE

For Office Use Only

Date Transcript Sent: _____

Initial: _____