

Warren G. Harding High School

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Senior Finals

Finals will be taken on May 22nd and 23rd in your respective classes. Final exams must be taken in each class in order to be eligible to receive credit in your courses. If you have an **excused** absence, arrangements to make up the exam must be made with teacher to take it no later than the morning of Friday, May 24th.

Cap & Gown Pick-Up at WGH

On Friday, May 24th cap and gown distribution will take place at the times listed below in the small gymnasium. Seniors are permitted to only enter through the **Athletic Entrance** and will not be permitted to any other parts of the building. You must provide your own transportation to and from the building.

Last name beginning with:

- **A-F 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
- **G-O 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**
- **P-Z 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Seniors: Before you can pick up your cap and gown

- Senior Dues are \$63.00 Please pay these in the book room.
- All other fees and obligations must be paid in order for a student to participate in graduation.
- CASH or MONEY ORDERS ONLY – NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Senior Day

Wednesday, May 29th 9:00am @ WGH. This time of bonding and recognition will include our Senior Breakfast Program, Graduate Walk, Graduation Ticket Pick-up, and Stadium Event hosted by the Senior Class Officers.

Graduate Walk

The class of 2019 will participate in a graduation send-off at each of our PK-8 buildings on Senior Day, Wednesday, May 29th. Seniors will be transported via bus to one of the four PK-8 buildings to participate in a special send off with our young Raiders! **SENIORS ARE TO BRING THEIR CAP AND GOWN ON THIS DAY.** This is a required event for all who will be participating in Commencement. Tickets for Graduation will also be distributed at this time.

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation Practice is Mandatory- It will take place at PMH on May 30th at 9:00 a.m. Expect to be there until 11:30. Please arrive a few minutes early for check-in. Enter PMH through the side doors nearest the museum. When you arrive please check-in and enter the auditorium and await further instructions. Any student who misses practice without **PRIOR PERMISSION** from Mr. Capers will NOT be permitted to participate in the evening ceremony.

Graduation at Packard Music Hall

Graduation will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30th. You must be at PMH by 5:45 p.m. dressed and with your cap and gown on. Please park in the lots adjacent to PMH. Please enter PMH at the side doors nearest the museum. Please, no cell phones during the ceremony.

If you are getting dropped off – you will have to be let out in the front and walk to the side entrance.

STUDENTS WEARING ADORNED CAPS AND GOWNS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. Only honor cords and stoles issued/approved by Warren City Schools will be permitted to be worn during the ceremony. THIS IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE CLASS OF 2019 AS A WHOLE, NOT AS INDIVIDUALS.

Unbecoming Conduct

Having access to a free and appropriate public education is a right. Being awarded a diploma for successfully satisfying graduation requirements is a right. Participating in graduation is not a right, but it is a privilege for those who have satisfied all state requirements **and** demonstrated the expected behavior. **Therefore, be advised that any conduct from this point forward that results in an out-of-school suspension could subject you to disqualification from the graduation ceremony on May 30, 2019.** This includes, but is not limited to, Senior Pranks, acts of aggression or violence, truancy, or a culminating pattern of continued misconduct.

THE PROM

... will be held at the St. Demetrios' Community Center on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 7:00-10:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 for a single ticket and \$45.00 per couple. **ALL FEES AND DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO PROM TICKETS BEING PURCHASED.** No children are permitted at the Prom, and any outside guest who does not attend WGH must complete a visitor's form and have it signed by the principal at his/her school. (Remember no one over the age of 20 years old will be permitted to attend the Prom and all students' guests no longer in high school must be approved by Mr. Capers and show proper ID to be permitted into the dance.) The guest form must be submitted to Mr. Capers by May 10th or your guest may not be admitted. Forms are available for pick up from Mrs. Elliott.

As an additional reminder, meeting year-long attendance expectations is a pre-requisite to be able to attend Prom. See Student/Parent Handbook for details.

- **No more than 15 absences all year (does not include Medical, Court, pre-approved, or removals)**
- **No expulsion**
- **From Mar. 18th:**
 - o **No more than 1 Out-of-school suspension**
 - o **No more than 2 In-school suspensions**
- **You can check to see if you meet the above criteria beginning Thursday in 2124**

THE PROM WALK-THROUGH will be held in the Warren G. Harding gymnasium before Prom from 5:00-6:00 pm. I am excited to share that our Seniors decided to have the King and Queen crowning at this year's Walk-Through so that this occasion can be shared with their families. Tickets for spectators for the Walk-Through are \$3.00 and can be purchased at the ticket office beginning at 4:30 pm at the athletic entrance. Walk-Through will begin promptly at 5:00 and end at 6:00 pm to allow time for travel to Prom.

KNOW YOUR STATUS, You are responsible for knowing your graduation status and doing what you need to do to graduate. If you have not taken care of your business, you need to make a plan to do so in preparation for August graduation. If this is your situation, it is what it is. Don't allow it to become worse than what it already is – take care of your business.

Congratulations Class of 2019 and good luck the rest of the way!

Mr. Dante Capers

Guests Accessing Packard Music Hall (PMH) for Graduation

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Event Decorum

In order to properly recognize the milestone that the graduation ceremony represents, please share the following with your family to properly maintain the dignity of the ceremony:

- Noise makers such as air horns are not permitted to be used during the ceremony.
- Refrain from bringing balloons and other gifts that would obstruct the view of other guests.
- Crying babies should be removed to the lobby until the crying subsides.
- **Refrain from disruptive applause, shouts, and other behavior that takes away from the ceremony and would prevent other guests from hearing their graduate's name called.**

Graduation Tickets

Each senior will be given at least five (5) tickets for graduation (up to 6 tickets may be issued depending upon final seating configuration). Every person, including small children must have a ticket to enter Packard Music Hall (PMH). Students will receive their tickets at the Graduate Walk on May 29th. Due to seating limitations at PMH, additional requests for tickets will not be accepted. Any extra tickets will be distributed only to students following graduation rehearsal on May 30th.

ENTERING PMH

- Graduation will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2019. Any guests arriving after this time will be directed to the balcony for seating, if space permits. **Families should plan to be seated no later than 6:45 p.m.**
- Please be reminded the all guests will enter through the front entrance and must have a ticket to enter PMH for graduation.
- All guests, even small children, must have a ticket to enter hall.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

- Handicap parking for individuals is available in the spaces closest to the hall, however these spaces are extremely limited. Be certain to provide ample time to drop off any handicap guests at the front entrance and be prepared to park elsewhere.
- Please let Mrs. Elliott know ahead of time if there any handicap seating needs or accommodations that your family will require. A handicap seating request form can be picked up by students from Ms. Elliott or in the main office. This form is to be completed and turned in to Mrs. Elliott at any time, but no later than May 24th at Cap & Gown Pick-up.

With any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Elliott at 330-841-2316 ext. 2586.
Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

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Short Clips

Gifts for grads

Need a graduation gift for your high schooler? She might like something practical. If she's headed to college, consider a cozy blanket for her dorm room or a piece of luggage. If she's going straight to work, you could give her a new outfit to start her business wardrobe or a bus pass or gas gift card to get to her job.

The dangers of binge-drinking

Talk with your teen about the risks of binge-drinking, or consuming 4–5 alcoholic drinks in a single sitting. Explain that *any* alcohol is dangerous and illegal for him, and bingeing can be deadly. He should call 911 right away if a friend shows symptoms of alcohol poisoning (unable to stand without help, passed out).

Don't forget that!

If your child frequently forgets her keys or phone, have her take responsibility for remembering them. Suggest that she store her items in a bowl near the front door. Or she can come up with a reminder to recite before she leaves the house. *Example:* "KPW" for "keys, phone, wallet."

Worth quoting

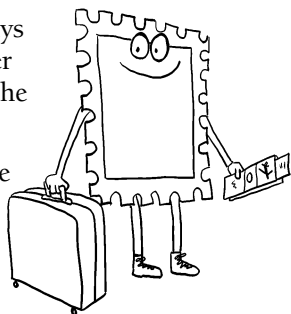
"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important."

Janet Lane

Just for fun

Q: What stays in the corner but travels the world?

A: A postage stamp.



Learning all summer long

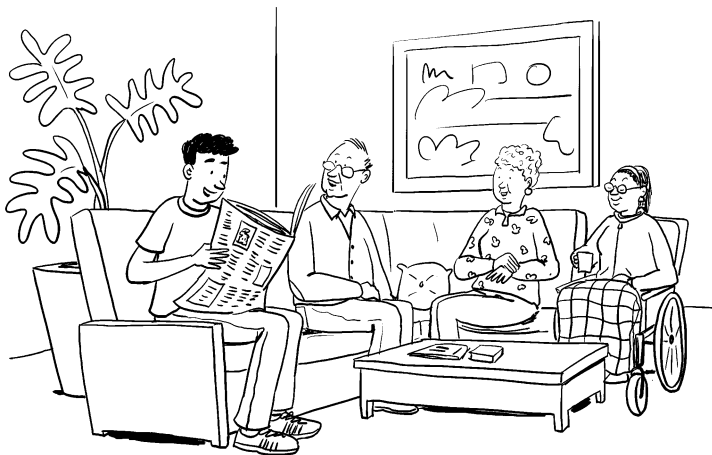
To help your teen keep his mind sharp and avoid the "summer slide," encourage him to tap into the learning opportunities all around him. Here are a few ideas.

Be a volunteer

Suggest that your child pursue volunteer work. He'll practice academic skills while helping others. At a senior center, he could read the newspaper to residents—he will keep up with current events and learn new vocabulary. In a food pantry, he might build real-world math and technology skills by creating a spreadsheet to keep track of inventory.

Hang out at the library

The public library is full of ways to learn while keeping cool. Have your high schooler check the website or visit your local branch. Then, let him choose activities to try, on his own or with a



friend. Maybe he'll join a book club, attend a poetry slam, or take a robotics or video production course. *Bonus:* He can check out new books each time he's there.

Start a business

Encourage your teen to think of a business he'd like to start, such as tutoring younger kids, portrait photography, cake decorating, or birthday party entertaining. He could create a business plan, then design a website to promote his services. He might use an app to keep track of appointments or gigs. 👍

Year-end checklist

The last day of school is approaching fast. Give your child this checklist to help her take care of end-of-year details:

- ✓ Write thank-you notes to teachers or staff, perhaps a school counselor who helped you with a problem, or a drama teacher who stayed after rehearsal to go over your lines together.
- ✓ Take bags to empty your locker. Doing a little each day during the final week will make the last day of school easier.
- ✓ Return textbooks to teachers and library books to the media center.
- ✓ Wash and return gym and sports uniforms, and turn in equipment. 👍



Responsible with technology

How can you help your child stay safe and make good decisions in the digital age? Consider these suggestions.

- 1. Launch a conversation.** Mention that you read an article about cyberbullying and sexting, and ask your high schooler what she's heard. *Note:* Cyberbullying includes spreading rumors and sending mean or threatening messages. Sexting involves sharing inappropriate photos or texts.
- 2. Explain risks.** Point out that kids who are targets of cyberbullying may become depressed and even harm themselves. People who cyberbully could be banned from sites or



apps. And sexting is illegal and can ruin reputations.

- 3. Use privacy settings.** Have your teen show you how the controls work on social media sites and apps. Encourage her to select settings that allow only trusted friends to contact her and see her posts.

- 4. Discuss photo sharing.**

Before your teenager sends a photo, she should ask herself whether she'd be okay with it appearing on every classmate's phone. If not, she shouldn't share it—because that's the kind of thing that can happen. And if she receives a questionable photo, it's important to delete it right away. 👍



Everyday science

Spark your high schooler's interest in science by letting him see how it relates to his life. Try these tips.

Experiment at home

Suggest that your teen browse library books or search online for science experiments. He could investigate density by discovering if bowling balls float or learn about air pressure by collapsing a soda can in boiling water.

Watch the weather

Have your child observe clouds and read forecasts in the newspaper for a week. Can he predict the weather? *Example:* "The clear sky tonight probably means cooler temperatures in the morning. In the afternoon, temperatures will rise, and the barometric pressure will drop, so there's a chance of evening thunderstorms."

Solve "mysteries"

Encourage your teen to keep a log of questions he thinks of and look up answers when he has time. Maybe he'll do research to learn how GPS works or why roller coasters rely on gravity. 👍



Q & A The last report card

Q My son struggled in a couple of subjects this quarter. How should I handle his final report card?

A When your child's final report card comes, use it as a tool to celebrate his progress—and plan for improvement.



First, look for areas to praise. Did any grades go up? Did he do well on exams? Did he get high marks for effort? Also, check attendance and tardy records, along with teacher comments. Did your teen attend class regularly, arrive on time, and complete assignments by their due dates?

Finally, review the report card together, and have him list ways he can improve in the fall. *Examples:* Ask teachers for help when needed. Avoid leaving assignments until the last minute. 👍

Parent to Parent Family time

Jill, our 15-year-old, groaned every time we asked her to go somewhere with us, like her sister's dance recital or a neighborhood cookout. I wanted her to participate in our family outings, but I didn't want her to be miserable or spoil our time together.

I talked to a friend who has raised a couple of teenagers, and she suggested that we pick and choose what Jill had to do. We decided that supporting siblings at their

events is a must, but Jill could sometimes skip "fun" family activities like the park or a museum. My friend also said family time might be more appealing if we let Jill think of places to go or take along a friend.

My daughter still complains sometimes about family outings. But all of us—Jill included—enjoyed the ideas she has come up with, such as driving go-karts at a local track or watching a play at our community center. 👍



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