



White River High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of White River Seniors:

It is hard to believe we are approaching the last two months of your student's senior year. I know you are extremely proud, and speaking for the staff at White River High School, we take great pride in the Class of 2019. It has been truly rewarding working with your students these last few years.

Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at Kelley Farm between the hours of 8:00 – 11:00 pm. Early-bird tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, April 22nd and Tuesday, April 23rd @ \$45 per ticket. Beginning Wednesday, April 24th through Wednesday, May 1st, the price for tickets will be \$50. The deadline for purchasing prom tickets is Wednesday, May 1st at 2:30 pm. Students planning to bring a guest date (non-WRHS student) to the prom must complete a guest prom request, and have it turned in to the Attendance Office no later than Friday, April 26th at 3:00 pm. **Again, the deadline for submitting the Prom Guest Pass is Friday, April 26th at 3:00 pm, and there are no exceptions.**

We are rapidly approaching the June 11th graduation date. In doing so, it is necessary that we focus on a few "housekeeping" responsibilities that occur at this time. Each year, we face the task of collecting outstanding fees/fines that are owed to White River High School by students. Although it is easy to overlook these expenses, it is a policy of White River High School that any seniors owing fees/fines will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, or receive their diploma. Should there be extenuating circumstances as to why these fines have not been paid, please contact our office at 360-829-5500 so that other arrangements can be made. However, please check with your student to make sure they have no outstanding fees in order to avoid last minute anxiety.

I would also like to stress the importance of students staying on task in order to have a strong finish to their high school career. Please make sure that you diligently follow your student's progress in the remaining weeks of this school year. Graduation is a very exciting time for students and their families. However, it can be particularly upsetting for all involved when students fall short of credits, or they become involved in discipline issues that prevent them from participating in the graduation ceremony. Therefore, we ask that you partner with us in closely monitoring and encouraging your child's success as they achieve their goal of walking across the stage and receiving their diploma with their classmates.

I'm sure you have heard that due to the recent snow days, the school year has been extended, and the last day for seniors is Monday, June 10th; and for grades 9 – 11, it is now Tuesday, June 18th. However, as we approach graduation, here are some important dates to remember or note on your calendar:

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- April 5 AP test fees due
- May 4th Prom – Kelly Farm, Bonney Lake
- May 15 Reserved Box Seats for graduation go on sale in the main office starting at 8:00 am. The cost is \$50 per box, with each box seating eight. These boxes are sold on a first come, first served basis. Also, there is no limit to the number of boxes an individual may purchase.
- May 27 Memorial Day, no school
- June 11 Senior Breakfast, followed by Senior Class Meeting in the theater. Immediately following, Seniors will board buses for graduation practice at the Amphitheater. Buses will return to the high school between noon and 1:00 pm.
- June 11 GRADUATION – 7:00 pm @ White River Amphitheater. **Diplomas are not given out at graduation.**
- June 14 **Pick up diplomas between the hours of 9:00 am – noon at the entrance to the theater by the staff parking lot.** If you are unable to pick up your diploma at this time diplomas will be available for pick up beginning **June 19th through June 21st between the hours of 8:00 – 2:00 pm.**

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns regarding the remainder of your student's senior year.

Sincerely,

Cody Mothershead

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*** Reminder for Seniors ... Please do not return to campus at any time other than the time designated for you to pick up your diploma. Classes will still be in session for actively enrolled students in grades 9 – 11, and it is important that we maintain a strict learning environment until classes dismiss for Summer break.**

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