



DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, Principal
MR. JAMES CHAVIS, Assistant Principal
MRS. SHELLY MANNIS, Assistant Principal
DR. PAMELA WHITE, Assistant Principal

2550 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 · 412-244-1100·412-242-2344 (Fax)

April 30th, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It will soon be time for graduation! In order to help you and your family plan for the big day, we have highlighted some important information. Please note that this letter is for information purposes only and does not indicate a student's final graduation status. Senior grades will not be finalized until May 25th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation status, please contact Mrs. Weaver at weavtr@whsd.net. If you have any questions about the ceremony that are not addressed in this letter, please contact the Dr. Woods at woodph@whsd.net. You may also visit the Woodland Hills School District website at www.whsd.net.

Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony is planned for **Friday, May 28th, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at the Woodland Hills High School soccer stadium. Each graduate will be allotted **four** tickets (two yellow and two pink tickets). If the weather does not cooperate on Friday, the ceremony will be held indoors in the High School gymnasium. If the ceremony is moved indoors, two yellow ticket holders will be able to view the live ceremony in the gymnasium. The remaining pink ticket holders will view the ceremony via live stream in the auditorium. Graduating seniors must be in their designated classrooms no later than 5:45 p.m. to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Tickets

Each graduate will be issued a total of 4 (FOUR) tickets for the outside graduation ceremony. Tickets will be issued on the last day of graduation practice. Due to COVID restrictions we can not have our traditional field parent seating area. While on campus, graduates and guests must wear masks and adhere to CDC social distancing guidelines. Please utilize the following link to RSVP your participation in the ceremony, <https://forms.gle/fBRswHUhBP2asopAA>.

Each graduating senior will receive the following:

- Two (2)** Yellow Tickets for stadium seating (RAIN Ticket = GYM for ceremony)
- Two (2)** Pink for stadium seating (RAIN Ticket = Auditorium for live stream)



DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, Principal
MR. JAMES CHAVIS, Assistant Principal
MRS. SHELLY MANNS, Assistant Principal
DR. PAMELA WHITE, Assistant Principal

2550 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 · 412-244-1100·412-242-2344 (Fax)

Cap and Gown

Starting May 20th Seniors will receive their caps, gowns, and tassels upon returning their chromebook and resolving all financial and academic obligations. Students should check with their guidance counselor to see if they qualify for honor cords.

Student Attire

Students must dress appropriately for the graduation ceremony. Girls will be wearing white caps and gowns and boys will be wearing black caps and gowns. Girls are to wear a solid colored white or light colored dress or pants and white or light colored shoes. Boys are to wear a white button down collared shirt with a dark tie or dark bow tie, black or dark colored trousers, black or dark colored solid socks, and black or dark colored solid dress shoes. If requesting an opposite colored gown, the student must notify Dr. Woods prior to the first graduation practice.

Failure to adhere to the dress code guidelines will hinder your participation in the ceremony. If you need assistance with obtaining graduation attire, please contact your school social worker, Ms.Snyder, snydki@whsd.net. If a student has academically qualified for an honor cord, the cord will be provided by the school district at the time of the cap and gown. Students are financially responsible for the replacement of lost cords. Students will be permitted to keep their honor cords, as well as their tassel and gown. At the conclusion of the graduation ceremony, graduates must return to their respective graduation homeroom teacher in order to receive their diplomas, report cards, and health records. These items will not be mailed.

Reasons Why a Student May Not Participate in the Graduation Ceremony

Financial obligations - Students must return all Woodland Hills School District books and equipment or remit, in cash, payment, for any books or equipment lost, damaged, or destroyed. Please remind your student to clear all obligations before the seniors' finals week. Seniors must settle ALL academic and financial obligations with Ms.Scott, in the high school office by **Friday, May 14th, 2021.**

Disciplinary incidents - Please understand that the graduation ceremony is a privilege. If a student is involved in a disciplinary incident, that student may still receive a diploma but may be excluded from the ceremony. This diploma will not be mailed; it will need to be picked up in the high school office beginning the week of June 1.

Senior project - In order to graduate, every senior must complete a state required senior project. The final paper was due in January and individual presentations began in April and will be completed by May 21st. ***Any student whose project is not completed will NOT participate in the graduation ceremony.***



DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, Principal
MR. JAMES CHAVIS, Assistant Principal
MRS. SHELLY MANNIS, Assistant Principal
DR. PAMELA WHITE, Assistant Principal

2550 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 · 412-244-1100·412-242-2344 (Fax)

WITHDREW TO ATTEND PHASE 4 - Students who withdraw from the district to attend the Diploma Retrieval Program forfeit their participation in the District ceremony.

Decorum

Graduation is a formal ceremony. We ask that you provide the appropriate atmosphere for the Class of 2021 and their families. Applause should be polite and appropriate. Shouting, yelling, whistling, and cheering are inappropriate responses for this prestigious event. **Noisemakers and balloons are not permitted.**

Parking

The traffic will only run one way in and one way out of the High School entering from Greensburg Pike and exiting from Braddock Road. All family members are to park in the parking areas adjacent to the high school. Parents are urged to arrive early to ensure a parking spot and to access their seats before the graduation ceremony begins. Additional parking will also be available at St. John Fisher Catholic Church on Lewin Lane & Pace School on Greensburg Pike. Transportation will be provided from the church & Pace parking lot to the High School Stadium. Any graduate who may need a handicapped parking permit should submit a written request to Debbie Breitzkreutz, breide@whsd.net, high school secretary, before Wednesday, May 19, 2021 . Handicapped parking permits will be issued on the first day of graduation practice.

Individual ticket holders who qualify for handicapped parking will have a reserved seat on the track with one ticket holder as an escort. Student's family members who qualify for a handicapped seat on the track will be issued two blue tickets in place of their pink or yellow ticket not to exceed 4 tickets per senior.

Blue ticket holders sitting on the track will be escorted to their seats via a golf cart and are to report to the left side of the High School building heading towards the Braddock Road exit of the High School.

All other Parents/Guardians will enter the soccer stadium on the far right hand side of the High School behind the Athletic Wing.

Absolutely no parking is permitted in a construction area or Tykes Gas Station. Your vehicle will be towed at your own expense.



DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, Principal
MR. JAMES CHAVIS, Assistant Principal
MRS. SHELLY MANNS, Assistant Principal
DR. PAMELA WHITE, Assistant Principal

2550 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 · 412-244-1100·412-242-2344 (Fax)

Upcoming Important Events

- AP Exams begin Monday, May 3rd and end Monday, May 17th. See your AP teachers for specific details.
- Academic Awards, May 13th
- Athletic Awards, Tuesday, May 18th
- Final Exams begin Monday, May 18th and end Friday, May 21st.
- Cap, gown, and tassel pickup will begin Thursday, May 20th. Students must return their chromebook and resolve all obligations prior to receiving their graduation regalia.
- Prom, Friday, May 21st
- Senior Sendoff Wednesday, May 26th
- 1st Day of Graduation Practice Wednesday, May 26th, 10:00 a.m @ HS Auditorium.
- 2nd Day of Graduation Practice Thursday, May 27th, 10:00 a.m @ HS Auditorium.
- Graduation Ceremony, Friday, May 28th @ 7pm; students report to their graduation rooms by 5:30pm.
- On behalf of the Woodland Hills High School staff, we offer our sincere congratulations to all seniors!

Sincerely,

Dr. Phillip K. Woods
Woodland Hills Senior High School
Principal