

# Wesley chapel high school

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Graduating Wesley Chapel High School Senior:

In an effort to keep you informed and up to date on upcoming Graduating Senior Activities, I have provided a list of events that will occur in the next few months. In addition, you will find information regarding graduation.

**Important Dates to Remember**

* March 29 Senior Fees Due ($75.00)
* April 06 Prom 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. @ Starship Yacht
* April 23 SAT/NCR Free for Seniors that did not pass the FSA Math and/or ELA
* April 24 ***aCATemy Award Scholarship Presentation 8:00am in the PAC***
* April 26 Grad Bash (Arrive WCHS @ 3:45 pm from the front of the Gym)
* April 27 ***Due date for ALL Online course work and DBAs***
* April 29Graduation Shout Outs Due
* May 4 ***Due date for ALL Online Final Exams***
* May 9 Catspy’s Appetizer’s @6:00pm Awards @ 6:30 p.m. in PAC
* May 6 – 17 AP Exams
* **Senior Exams**

**May 21(Exam Periods 1 & 4)**

**May 22 (Exam Periods 2 & 5)**

**May 23 (Exam Periods 3 & 6)**

**May 24 & 28 Makeups**

* May 28 Senior Breakfast @ 7:30-11:30 & Grad Practice 12:00 – 1:50 p.m.
* May 28 Senior Grades Due
* May 29 Senior Checkout @ 7:30-8:30 a.m. *Settle all debts before final checkout.*
* May 29 Grad Practice in Gym @ 9:00-11:16 and Field Day 11:55-1:50 pm (Cap & Gown)
* May 31 Senior Final Graduation Notifications
* **June 7 GRADUATION** @ Yuengling Center @ 8:00 PM

Seniors report by 7:00 PM. Doors open at approximately 7:15 PM

* **Senior Pranks**

Any activity that leads to the disruption of school or property damage may result in you not being able to participate in graduation activities and could lead to criminal charges.

* **Dress Codes**

Grad Bash- Universal Studios Dress Code (Check the website)

aCATemy Awards - Business Casual (no jeans or T-shirts)

Graduation Practices- School Dress Code

* **Graduation Practice**

Attendance at graduation practice is mandatory for participation in graduation ceremonies. Only students who properly checkout and attend graduation practice will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. The Assistant Principal (Mrs. Koslin), in charge of graduation must review and approve any extenuating circumstances. Students will be sent home to change if they are not in Pasco County School District dress code and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.

* **Graduation Ceremony**

**Seniors are to report no later than 7:00 PM to the Yuengling Center in Tampa in order to line up for the ceremony. Please follow the signs upon entering The Yuengling Center, as they will direct students and guests to the areas in which they should go. Students should enter at the Corral, which is to the right of Gate D.**

* **Graduation Dress Code**

**Males**  **Females**

Dress pants with belt Dress Pants (light or pastel color)

Dress or collared shirt Skirt or dress (appropriate length and light in color)

Tie is optional Blouse (light or pastel color)

Socks Dress Shoes

Dress Shoes

**Absolutely no jeans, sneakers, flip-flops,** bulky jewelry, scarves, ribbons, bandanas, etc.… are NOT permitted. Also, ladies, please keep in mind that you will be traveling up and down staircases… the height of your heel should be kept at a minimum for safety reasons Leave purses, cameras, and personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; they may not be taken in during the processional. Flowers or corsages are NOT permitted.

**Graduation Gowns:** Please carry your cap and gown into the Yuengling Center. We will not have extra gowns on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony. Gowns are to look like they did when received from the company. Nothing extra may be added to them.

**Graduation Cap:** The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. If decorated, mortarboards must not contain anything inappropriate, class year or initials would be examples of what is typical. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony.

**Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not being permitted to participate in the ceremony. Please carry your cap and gown to the Yuengling Center. Security will do a visual search of all graduates.**

* **Behavior**

Graduation is a momentous occasion not only for seniors, but also for their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy of others. **All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the occasion, including the manner in which you walk across the stage. All participants must comply with the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will result in your diploma being pulled and parents having to meet with school administration.** Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not receive his/her diploma and will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement officials.

* + Improper noises and distractions will not be permitted
  + Please refrain from using electronics (iPods, MP3 players, etc.…)
  + Please turn off all cell phones during graduation
  + Family and Friends should remain seated as a courtesy to other graduates and their families
  + Photographs- graduates will be photographed individually as they receive their diploma and congratulations from the principal. The photographer will notify graduates when the pictures are available, purchases are optional.
  + No one other than WCHS Staff and District School board Representatives are permitted on the stage at the Yuengling Center.
* **Parking**

There will be a $5 parking fee at the Yuengling Center.

* **Seating and Tickets**

Seating is unlimitied at the Yuengling Center. Tickets are not required for entry into the commencement exercises. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together. All bags brought in by guests will be searched. No backpacks will be permitted in the Yuengling Center. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car).

**Balloons, flowers, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns), or laser pointers will NOT be allowed in the Yuengling Center.** Concessions may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Stephanie Koslin, Assistant Principal, if you need this service. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pickup their diplomas following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates, and then will be able to meet at a spot immediately following this process.

* **Diplomas**

Diplomas will be distributed alphabetically upon processing out of the Yuengling Center. Students will report to the area where they checked in prior to the ceremony. Any student not meeting the behavioral requirements or whose financial record is not cleared will not receive their diploma. Records may be cleared by the bookkeeper, Mr. Phillipsen.

After receiving your diploma, please exit the Yuengling Center. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your family.

If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please contact your school counselor, Mrs. Taylor or Mrs. Koslin.

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