



## Wesley Chapel High School

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

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

- 1/30 FASFA/ PHSC Night in the Cafeteria
- 2/5 till 2/23 Grad Bash Tickets go on sale during lunches
- 2/9 Graduation Fees Due
- 2/16 Valentine Dance WCHS Gym 7pm-10pm
- 3/11 till 4/11 Prom tickets go on sale during lunches
- 4/12 Grad Bash- Universal Studios
- \*Students arrive to school @ 3pm bus leaves @ 4pm. Will return to school 4/13 approx. 4 am
- 4/27 Prom @ Bayanihan Arts and Events Center Tampa, FL from 7pm-11pm
- 5/3 FAST Retakes
- 5/15 Alg. 1 EOC Retakes
- 5/16 CATSBY Awards
- 5/17 All school property, uniforms, textbooks, and debts must be cleared to receive cap & gown
- 5/20 Senior Awards Night 6pm
- 5/21 Senior grades due
- 5/22 Senior Sunrise 6am @ WCHS football stadium
- 5/23 Graduation practice and Senior Cookout
- 5/24 Graduation practice, senior field day, and Cap & gown distribution
- 6/1 Graduation at Yuengling Center USF @ 5pm

### Graduation Fees

- Graduation Fees are \$100.
- The fees cover the cap and gown, medallion, graduation program, USF venue, diploma, and diploma cover.
- You can pay this now on <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>.

### Graduation Requirements

To graduate with a Standard Diploma, you must have:

- 2.0 unweighted GPA
- 24 credits in specific courses OR 18 credits in specific courses

- Passing Scores on Algebra 1 EOC and the Grade 10 ELA FSA
- Sat for the Biology EOC, Geometry EOC, and the US History EOC
- It is highly recommended that you take the SAT/ACT and complete at least 75 hours of community service so that you are eligible for the Florida Bright Futures and other scholarships

### **Class of 2024 Transcript Request**

Seniors can request final transcripts, that will be available June 15<sup>th</sup>. Transcripts are FREE for the Class of 2024. See Mrs. Garcia, the Registrar, for more information.

### **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**

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, Mr. Emperor, 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 4:30 p.m. to the Yuengling Center 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.

### **Graduation Dress Code**

Dress pants with belt

Dress or collared shirt

Skirt or dress (appropriate length)

Tie is optional

Blouse

Dress Shoes

Absolutely no jeans, sneakers, flip-flops, bulky jewelry, scarves, ribbons, bandanas, etc.... . Also, ladies, please keep in mind that you will be traveling up and down stairs on the stage and walking in a grass field... 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 wear your cap and gown to check in. 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.

### **Graduation Regalia (Cords & Stoles):**

Cords and stoles that are approved are the only cords and stoles that should be worn. Cords and stoles that are approved include: Academic honor cords, service clubs, and honor societies.

Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not being permitted to participate in the ceremony. 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 (beach balls, whistles, air horns, silly string, ect.)
- Please refrain from using electronics (watches, cell phones, ect.)
- Please turn off all cell phones during graduation
- Family and Friends should remain seated as a courtesy to other graduates and their families
- Gigante Productions (813-907-1078) will photograph each senior individually. 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. Families can view photos through the QR code located in the graduation program.
- No one other than WCHS Staff and District School board Representatives are permitted on the stage at the graduation ceremony.

### **Graduation Ceremony Parking**

Pay for parking at USF online. We will have a link for you in May. Once on the website find **Wesley Chapel HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY EVENING ON Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00p.m.** Parking will be \$8.00.

### **Seating and Tickets**

Seating is unlimited in the Yuengling Center. Tickets are not required for entry into the commencement exercises. **No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted on the floor partitioned off on the Yuengling Center.** Floor seating is only permitted for invited dignitaries, graduating seniors, band members, faculty and staff, and other invited guests. All of these people will have tickets in order to go to the floor and will be listed on pre-approved lists provided to the Yuengling Center. No one else is permitted on the floor of the Yuengling Center. Those who need handicapped seating would be advised to enter at Gate A, where there are elevators available. There is handicapped seating available throughout the Yuengling Center. There is also reserved seating for the hearing impaired. Upon entering the Yuengling Center, all people in attendance will be searched by security per Yuengling Center policy. No bags or backpacks should be brought into the stadium, except for clear bags. 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 stadium. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pick up 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.

## **Graduation Ceremony Livestream**

We will be livestreaming the ceremony. A link will be made available closer to the ceremony.

## **Diplomas**

Diplomas will be distributed alphabetically in the lobby of the gym upon processing out of the stadium.

Any student whose financial record is not cleared will not receive their diploma.

Records may be cleared by the bookkeeper, Mrs. Amanda Baumann.

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

Ms. Kiser or your assistant principal, Mr. Emperor

Sincerely,

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