

### GRADUATION SEATING / TICKETS

On Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> parents received an email with instructions to reserve up to four tickets online for the Commencement ceremony on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Schottenstein Center at OSU. Each graduate's reserved tickets will be seated together.

The ticket reservation portal will go live at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. You will need your student's ID number and the instructions that were emailed to you.

### SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

WKHS Auditorium / May 18

Recognition of student achievements, scholarships and special awards will be the focus of the program. Earned regalia for the graduation ceremony will be presented. This is a student-only ceremony; invited seniors will attend the ceremony, which will take place during the school day on May 18. Seniors must RSVP to Mrs. McDaniel by emailing her:

[kmcdaniel@wscloud.org](mailto:kmcdaniel@wscloud.org)

### UNPAID FEES & FINES

All fees and fines MUST be paid in full in order to receive a diploma at Commencement and for final transcripts to be processed. Please visit [MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://MyPaymentsPlus.com) for a list of any outstanding balance you may owe. Should you have questions, please contact Mrs. Focht at 614-450-6483 or email [AFocht@wscloud.org](mailto:AFocht@wscloud.org).

### CAPS, GOWNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cap and gown pick-up was April 29th and 30th in the WK Commons. **Please try on your cap and gown and hang it up to help remove wrinkles.** If you were not able to pick up your order, it is available in the Counseling Center. Students who have not yet ordered their gown should order online ASAP:

[www.buckeyescholastic.com](http://www.buckeyescholastic.com)

If you have any questions or concerns about your order, contact our representative Joe Palmieri at:

[service@buckeyescholastic.com](mailto:service@buckeyescholastic.com)



### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Friday morning, May 21 10:00 - 11:30 am  
in the WKHS Aux Gym

Attendance at rehearsal is mandatory for those who wish to participate in the Commencement ceremony. Graduation seat assignments will be posted near the entrance to the auditorium.

### BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION

Friday, May 21 at 7:30 pm

Worthington Christian Church  
8145 N. High St., Worthington

Baccalaureate registration is now at capacity. However, families may still use the Eventbrite link below to join the waitlist in case of cancellations. If you have registered but will not be able to attend the event, please use your confirmation email to manage your order and cancel your registration, opening seats for other families.

Eventbrite Link: [WKHS Baccalaureate 2021 Registration, Fri, May 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m.

at the

OSU Schottenstein Center

Graduates should report to the northeast entrance of the Schottenstein Center, the "Arena Level", by 6 pm. (They will be given instructions at rehearsal on Friday, May 21 about where to go to line up.) Attendance will be taken at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

### DIRECTIONS TO OSU Schottenstein Center

Visit the website for the OSU Schottenstein Center to access driving directions and parking information: [www.schottensteincenter.com](http://www.schottensteincenter.com). For more information about Commencement go to the WKHS website and click on the SENIORS tab:

[www.worthington.k12.oh.us/domain/9](http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/domain/9)

### HEALTH / SAFETY STATEMENT

One of the responsibilities of the school is to insure the health and safety of students. In accordance with the laws of Ohio, students are expected to remain drug and alcohol free at all senior activities. **Any graduate determined to have been using drugs or alcohol prior to the Commencement ceremony will be removed from the processional and prohibited from**

## COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS

In order to adhere to COVID restrictions and minimize disruption during the commencement ceremony, we ask that parents **not leave their seats to take pictures**. WKHS PTO has hired professional photographers to take a photo of each graduate as he/she receives the diploma. **HR Imaging** will upload these photos online via a secure link so each family can view their student's photo and, if desired, purchase it. A printed proof will also be mailed to each family.

All seniors will be photographed, but the decision to purchase is optional. This is a PTO fundraiser, and we receive a portion of the proceeds to help fund our programs and our scholarship fund. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser for our Parent-Teacher Organization.

## POST-COMMENCEMENT ISSUES

Should a problem exist with your diploma, please see Mrs. McDaniel in the Counseling Center as soon as possible, or you may email her at [kmcdaniel@wscloud.org](mailto:kmcdaniel@wscloud.org). **Please make sure your mailing address, email address and cell phone number are listed correctly in Infinite Campus.**

## COMMENCEMENT NON-PARTICIPANTS

Seniors who choose not to participate in Commencement may pick up their diplomas from Mrs. McDaniel in the Counseling Center beginning **Wednesday, May 26**, providing all financial obligations have been met. Diplomas will not be granted before Commencement.

### Senior Timeline of Events 2021

- 5/13:** **Senior Teas/Sendoffs** at the elementary schools; evites were sent to seniors.
- 5/18:** **Senior Recognition** – Auditorium (Seniors who have been recognized for outstanding achievements over the past 4 years by various groups were invited and will receive those awards. Earned regalia for the graduation ceremony will be presented.)
- 5/18:** **Last day of classes for seniors: turn in all textbooks, Chromebooks, library books, instruments and pay all fines and fees by this date.**
- 5/21:** **Commencement Rehearsal** 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the **WKHS Aux Gym**  
Seniors must have turned in all textbooks, Chromebooks, library books, instruments, paid all fines and fees, and attended the Commencement Rehearsal the morning of May 21st at WKHS in order to receive a diploma in the Commencement ceremony on May 25th at the Schottenstein Center.
- 5/21:** **Baccalaureate:** 7:30 pm at Worthington Christian Church, 8145 N. High Street, Worthington (**preregistration was required**) see details on page 1.
- 5/25:** **Commencement** at 7:00 pm, OSU Schottenstein Center.

## PROPER ATTIRE for COMMENCEMENT

Commencement is a formal occasion. Your cooperation is requested in order to maintain that atmosphere.

Please plan on wearing business or semi-formal attire under gowns that meets the following guidelines:

- Caps/gowns are royal blue for students. Staff and dignitaries will wear black gowns
- The gown has almost no collar, a V-neckline and typically reaches the calf in length. In preparing your outfit for under the gown . . . pay attention to what you wear for the top of your outfit and pay attention to how your pants, dress or skirt extend below the hemline of this outer gown.
- A dress shirt with a collar, a dress or skirt shorter than the gown's hemline or dress pants should be worn under the gown. A necktie, trousers, and shoes and socks could be worn under the gown. Sweaters, sport coats or suit jackets should be left in the care of parents or friends -- you'll be too warm if you wear them.
- Footwear: Wear low-heeled dress shoes or flat-heeled dress shoes. Tennis shoes and flip-flops are not appropriate for this ceremony and are prohibited. Stilettos are potentially hazardous while climbing the stairs up to and down from the stage.
- **Caps may not be decorated.** Caps are worn with the flat top parallel with the ceiling; instructions for placement are inside the cap. Do not tilt the cap backward or to the side. Bobby pins may be required to hold the cap in place - girls do not remove their cap at any time during the ceremony. Do not wear hair ornaments - the cap will not fit over them. During the Pledge of Allegiance and the Alma Mater, boys will remove their caps with their right hands and hold them at their right sides.
- The tassel is worn over the RIGHT temple until the end of the ceremony.

**Carry nothing in your hands during the ceremony.** Leave items such as purses, keys, cellphones, etc. with your family as there will be nowhere to lock them up.

## COMMENCEMENT DECORUM

Everyone's cooperation is needed in order to conduct an appropriate Commencement ceremony, so the WKHS Administration, Staff and Officers of the Class of 2021 respectfully make the following requests:

- That guests dress appropriately for a formal occasion.
- Please hold your applause until all diplomas have been awarded. We request that you do not applaud or cheer for individual students during the processional or the awarding of diplomas. Clapping at inappropriate times, whistling, shouting and other disruptive behaviors are not in keeping with the spirit of a formal ceremony.
- The Commencement program itself tends to last for 90-100 minutes. Depending on the time your family arrives, they could be in the building for 2 hours or more. Please use this time frame as a guide to determine if the very young children in your family should attend.
- In order to minimize disruption during the ceremony, we ask that parents and guests do not leave their seats to take pictures. A professional photographer takes photos of all graduates (see page 2).
- In order to demonstrate respect for their classmates and our guest speakers, seniors are asked not to release beach balls, balloons, silly string, etc., during the ceremony. Those types of actions call attention away from the speaker or graduate on stage and, in the noisy disruptions that often accompany them, the family of that graduate loses forever the opportunity to hear their senior introduced as a high school graduate. Please do not participate in activities that would contribute to such an unfortunate situation.