

2021 Commencement Rehearsal

WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE COMMENCEMENT

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Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 pm

OSU Schottenstein Center / 555 Borror Drive / Columbus 43210
(Graduates should be dropped off by 6 p.m. at the **NORTHEAST** corner of the facility. **Follow signs to "Arena Level" and report to your line's teacher monitor no later than 6:15 p.m. to line up in alphabetical order**)

PROPER ATTIRE for COMMENCEMENT

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. Items such as purses, keys, cellphones, etc. should be left with family.

COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **ARRIVAL & PARKING: Plan to arrive and park at the Schottenstein Center no later than 6:00 p.m.** Each graduate received one ticket to park free in the Center's parking lot. **Additional cars will park for \$5 (credit card, no cash).**
- **GRADUATE DROP-OFF: Graduates may be dropped off at the Northeast corner of the facility and follow signs.** Report to your line's teacher monitor by 6:15 wearing your cap and ironed gown. **Everyone must wear a mask.** Seniors with inappropriate attire will be removed from the line. Attendance will be taken. Diplomas of those not accounted for at this time will be pulled.

PROCESSIONAL: Class officers, and graduates with highest honors will lead the Processional into the Arena. Spacing between graduates should be double arm's length (about 4 feet apart). *Walk slowly* -- the entry is not a race.

When you get to your assigned seat in the arena, REMAIN STANDING until after the Pledge of Allegiance and the Alma Mater. Boys should remove their caps with their right hands for the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and the Alma Mater and hold them at their right sides. Girls do NOT remove their caps.

Please remain quiet, courteous, and respectful during all parts of the ceremony.

AWARDING of DIPLOMAS: After the Board of Education has "accepted" the Class of 2021 from Mr. Thomas, the first row should stand at the direction of Ms. Hopkins and Dr. Kochheiser, Senior Class Advisors. Graduates will approach the stage from the side ramps. Wait until your name is called to walk onstage. Accept your diploma with your LEFT hand. Before leaving the stage, remember to pause for a moment on the "X" taped to the floor for the professional photographer to snap your picture. Exit the stage down the side steps, and return to your seat from the side aisle.

ROW LEADERS: The students assigned to side-aisle seats will be considered Row Leaders for the Processional. When the second to last person in the row in front of you has reached the side steps, a Class Advisor will signal you to stand, and you will lead your row to the stage from the side.

After all graduates have received their diplomas, **Brady Cloyd, Tomas Hudec** and the officers on stage will lead the class in the tassel ceremony. When signaled, students will move the tassel from the right side to the left side with your left hand.

RECESSIONAL: The stage personnel (led by all flag bearers) will descend the stage as soon as the music starts for the recessional and lead the Class of 2021 out of the hall. Ms. Hopkins and Dr. Kochheiser, the senior class advisors, will direct each row beginning with the front row, following the stage personnel. Recessional Row Leaders will follow the row in front of them and lead their rows down the side aisle. Please be patient and file out of the Arena in the same good order that you filed in, **to exit the building.** Graduates should arrange to meet their family members outside following the ceremony.

***** Meeting Your Family after the Ceremony *****

Graduates will be exiting the arena through the backstage area. Make plans with your family to meet **outside the facility after the ceremony.**

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COMMENCEMENT DECORUM

• Everyone's cooperation is needed to maintain the tradition of a dignified ceremony. Make your commencement a memory of which you will always be proud. Inappropriate disruptive behaviors are not in keeping with the spirit of this formal ceremony.

• 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.

• **Professional photographers will be on the floor in the most advantageous spots to take quality pictures of each graduate receiving his/her diploma.** Proofs will be sent to all families, along with options for ordering.

LIVE STREAM OF CEREMONY

Family members who are not able to attend the ceremony will be able to watch live-streaming via WOSU-TV. The link to the stream will be provided before the ceremony: look for it on our school and District websites. You may access the Worthington Schools website at:

www.worthington.k12.oh.us

PARENT-SPONSORED EVENT

BACCALAUREATE

Friday, May 21, 7:30 pm

Worthington Christian Church
8145 N. High Street

This optional, inspirational service is sponsored by the WKHS Activity Club. Preregistration was required this year

2021 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

7:00 pm

Processional*WKHS Orchestra
Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar Mrs. Lori Wright, Director

Pledge of Allegiance* Ella Brown
Please remain standing Vice President, Class of 2021

The National Anthem*Ella Brown, Soloist
The Star-Spangled Banner, F.S. Key
Please remain standing

WKHS Alma Mater*Kilbourne Singers
Please remain standing` Ms. Holly Lewis, Director

WelcomeMr. Aric Thomas, Principal

The Class of 2021, A New Chapter.....Tomas Hudec, Senior Class President

A History Making Class.....Brady Cloyd, Student Body President

Living Our Mantra.....Mr. Aric Thomas, Principal

Found/Tonight.....Kilbourne Singers

From the musicals Dear Evan Hanson / Hamilton.....Ms. Holly Lewis
Words/music by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Justin Paul, Benj Pasek, Arr. Jacob Naverud
Soloists: Noah Estevez-Curtis, Ella Brown, Andrew Harvey and Abigail Jump

WKHS Hall of Fame Presentations Mr. Aric Thomas

Advice to the Class of 2021.....Dr. Trent Bowers
Improvise, Adapt and Overcome Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of the Class of 2021 Mr. Aric Thomas

Acceptance of the Class of 2021..... Mrs. Jennifer Best
..... Board President, Worthington Schools

Awarding of Diplomas...Mrs. Erica Backhurst and Mr. Zachary Peterson
Assistant Principals

(So that all family members and friends can enjoy the individual recognition of each graduate, **please hold your applause and celebration until the entire class has received their diplomas.**)

Tassel Ceremony.....Ella Brown, Brady Cloyd and Tomas Hudec

Recessional.....WKHS Orchestra
Fanfare and March, from Iolanthe..... Mrs. Lori Wright

(Please remain seated until after the Recessional)

**Please stand*

Parents: please plan to meet your graduates outside the facility as there will not be a common meeting place within the building. Graduates will go directly outside following the ceremony.