



Westlake High School

2022 GRADUATION INFORMATION

Class Theme: "On The Verge of Greatness"

There are just a few short weeks of school left before graduation. We are beyond excited to be able to hold graduation and graduation activities this year. Please read through the following information and refer back to it often—things are constantly updating.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Grade make-up work must be completed by May 20th. If you have questions about this, please contact your counselor.

CAP & GOWNS

Cap and gowns will be distributed on Wednesday, April 20th at 12pm in the main gym. If you miss the date and need to pick up a cap, tassel, and/or gown, you can do so by paying the finance office \$50 for the cap, tassel and gown, \$25 for the cap and tassel, or \$16 for a tassel only. Graduates also need to pick up a stole, which will be collected after the Commencement Exercises. All graduates will be wearing the proper attire, BOYS: Navy blue cap and gown, with light blue stole, and GIRLS: Light blue cap and gown with navy blue stole. Tassels will start on the right side of the cap, and when prompted to, graduates will move them to the left side.

CORDS, MEDALS, & SASHES

- Honor Cords (gold) can be worn IF graduates paid for and received them from the Westlake Finance Office. Two cords for high honor roll (3.9-4.0), and one cord for honor roll (3.7-3.899).
- National Honors Society cords can be worn—boys wear light blue, and girls wear dark blue. Eligible recipients will receive them at the finance office.
- Sterling Scholar (silver) cords can be worn IF graduates received them at Senior Evening of Excellence. One cord for each Sterling Scholar, and 2 for Sterling Scholar State Finalists.
- Medals can be worn IF graduates received them at any one of our four awards nights—Fine Arts Gala, CTE Awards Night, Senior Evening of Excellence, or Thunder Awards.
- Sashes other than the stole (that will be given at Cap & Gown distribution) cannot be worn.

CORDS

Honor cords will be handed out during cap and gown distribution. After that, they will be handed out at the finance office window. They are \$6 each. Seniors who earn a full 28-credit diploma are eligible for honor cords. Those that have a cumulative GPA of 3.9 – 4.0 can receive two (2) gold cords, while those that have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 – 3.899 can receive one (1) gold cord. **A letter will be mailed home for those who are eligible.** An alphabetized list will also be posted on the front office window.

THUNDER SCHOLARS (Top 10%)

Thunder Scholars will receive a medal to wear at graduation. Receiving this award is a very high honor and should be awarded for their academic successes. This is calculated using a student's ACT score, GPA, and the number of AP and Concurrent classes taken. The top 10% of Thunder Scholars will be awarded and recognized at a point during graduation, while the top 5% will be

awarded and recognized by sitting on the stand throughout graduation. A luncheon will be held for the top 10% on Thursday, May 5th at 10:45am in the media center. The list of Thunder Scholars will be posted on the front office window as well as a congratulatory letter will be sent personally to each one.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

The only photo opportunity is Saturday, May 7th. The giant hammer and W, along with the big blow up Thor will be set up in the commons area from 9am-12pm. Parents and graduates are welcome to come during that time and take pictures. Please note: There will not be a photographer taking pictures—you must bring your own.

CHROMEBOOK RETURN/BUYBACKS

Seniors can begin turning in their Chromebooks to the media center on May 10th. The absolute last day is May 20th. If you are looking to buy back your Chromebook, you can do so on May 20th and May 26th. The cost is \$30. Even if you are buying it back, you must turn it in so our IT team can get it ready for you.

LUNCH MONEY ACCOUNTS

Seniors who have lunch money left in their lunch account at the end of the year can call 801-610-8037 for a refund.

RECOGNITION NIGHTS

- Senior Evening of Excellence—Tuesday, May 10th @ 7pm in the auditorium
- CTE Awards Night—Thursday, May 12th @ 7pm in the auditorium
- Fine Arts Gala—Tuesday, May 17th @ 7pm in the auditorium
- Thunder Awards—Monday, May 23rd @ 6:30pm in the auditorium

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Graduation practice will be on Friday, May 20th at 8:00am in the Main Gym. **ALL STUDENTS PLANNING ON WALKING AT GRADUATION MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING.** Instructions for graduation will be given only at this time.

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 9am at the BYU Marriott Center. There is no limit on how many spectators we can have! Here are some important things you need to know about this venue:

- The Marriott Center has a clear bag policy, meaning that ALL items brought into the venue must be in a clear bag—no exceptions.
- Confetti cannons, balloons, banners, artificial noisemakers, and fan face signs are **NOT** allowed in the Marriott Center.
- Parking is available on the south and north sides, as well as several parking lots from the football stadium to the Marriott Center.
- Parent entrance is between portals C-Q (south side)
- Graduate drop off is on the south side of the Marriott Center. Boys will enter through the east side and girls will enter through the west side.
- Graduates should arrive by 8am, dressed in appropriate clothing.
- The program will be live streamed if you have family and friends that cannot attend in person.

DIPLOMA PICK-UP

Diplomas can be picked up for those graduates, who have completed the graduation requirements, the day after Graduation, May 26th from 10am-12pm in the WHS commons area. Diplomas will not be handed out at the Marriott Center—only the blank diploma covers. If you do not pick up your diploma at this time, they will be available in the counseling office in June, Monday – Friday, 8am-12pm.

SENIOR END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

As we celebrate the Class of 2022, there are upcoming events that are happening we hope all seniors will be part of. Tickets to all activities are available in the Westlake Finance Office. Tickets can also be purchased online. The activities are as follows:

- **Senior Panoramic Picture** is on Thursday, April 14th at 12pm in the football stadium
- **Senior Sunset** on Thursday, May 5th seniors will have a chance to get together to celebrate the end of the year. The senior sunset is a tradition held in the Westlake stadium. There will be treats and games. This event is free of charge and will go from 6-9pm.
- **Senior Dinner** is on Friday, May 13th at Loveland Living Planet Aquarium from 6:30-10pm. Seniors can walk around the aquarium prior to dinner. Dinner will be buffet style served at 7pm. Awards will start at 8:30pm. This is not a date but is semi-formal and is for WHS seniors only. This event includes an amazing dinner, followed by a night of awards and fun. Tickets to this event must be purchased in the finance office—no exceptions or refunds will be granted. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Parents can send baby pictures to whssrclass@gmail.com by 5/6 to be included in the slideshow. The cost is \$45.
- **Senior Field Day** on Monday, May 16th at 2:30pm on the grass field by the auxiliary gyms. This activity is full of games and fun, as well as the traditional painting of the “W”. This will last until approximately 3:30pm.
- **Senior Lagoon Day** on Thursday, May 19th. The cost is \$80. Buses will leave Westlake at 8am and return around 5pm (the park closes at 4pm). Private vehicles will not be allowed in the park—students must ride the bus to and from Lagoon. Students are required to bring their own money with them for lunch and food. **TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY AND MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE. NO EXCEPTIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.** There is a limited number of seats on the buses so don't wait to buy your ticket. **STUDENTS MUST BE CLEARED FOR GRADUATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND LAGOON DAY!**
- **All-Night Grad Party** is on Thursday, May 26th – Friday, May 27th at Provo Beach from 11pm-3am. Note: this is the day after graduation! Check-in begins at 10pm at Westlake. Buses will leave at 10:30pm. Seniors will travel by bus to Provo Beach in Provo. Activities include flowrider, bowling, arcade, laser tag and more. It also includes unlimited drinks and 1 ice cream cone. Buses will return to Westlake at approximately 3:30am on Friday, May 27th. **STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE VENUE—NO EXCEPTIONS!** The cost is \$40.

Cost Breakdown

Senior Dinner- \$45

Lagoon Day- \$80

All Night Grad Party- \$40

Senior Swag shirt- \$22

PRICE FOR ALL IF BOUGHT SEPARATELY: \$187

Package Deal #1 (with senior sweatshirt)=\$175

Must be purchased by May 4th

Package Deal #2 (without senior sweatshirt)=\$155

Must be purchased by May 4th

****With the exception of the Senior Dinner, all other events can still be purchased after May 4th, but the dinner and the package have a hard deadline of May 4th and no exceptions will be made! Lagoon and All Night Grad can be purchased up until a week before the event or until the buses are full! ****

APRIL-MAY WHS SENIOR EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			20 Cap and gown distribution 12pm Main Gym	21 Graduation speech applications due	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5 Senior Sunset 6pm on the football field	6	7 Photo opportunity in commons 9am- 12pm
8	9	10 Senior Evening of Excellence 7pm in auditorium	11	12 CTE Awards Night 7pm in auditorium	13 Senior Dinner Dance 6:30 at Loveland Aquarium	14
15	16 Senior Field Day 2:30 on grass by aux gyms	17 Fine Arts Gala 7pm in auditorium	18	19 Senior Lagoon Day 8am	20 Graduation Practice 8am in main gym	21
22	23 Thunder Awards 6:30 in auditorium	24	25 Graduation Day 9am at BYU Marriott Center	26 Diploma Pick-up from 10-12 in the WHS commons All Night Grad Party 10:30pm buses leave	27	28

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!