



Westlake High School

2023 Graduation Information

Class Theme: *"The Future Is Ours"*

There are just a few short weeks of school left before graduation. Below you will find all of the information about graduation and senior activities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students need to complete **ALL** graduation credits in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduation requirements must be completed by Wednesday, May 17th at 2:45pm. Please work with your counselor if you have any questions.

CAP & GOWNS

Cap and gowns will be distributed on Wednesday, April 19th 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: Navy blue cap and gown, with light blue stole, or 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). See section below.
- National Honors Society cords can be worn – light blue cord if wearing navy blue gown, and dark blue cord if wearing light blue gown. 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 students should be recognized for their academic successes. This is calculated using a student's ACT score, GPA, and the number of AP, Concurrent Enrollment and language bridge classes (successfully completed). The top 10% of Thunder Scholars will be awarded and recognized at a point during graduation, while the top 4% will be awarded and recognized by sitting on the stand throughout graduation. A luncheon will be held for the top 10% on Friday, May 12th at 12pm in the media center. The list of Thunder Scholars will be posted on the front office window as well as a congratulatory letter sent personally to each one.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

The only photo opportunities will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 9am - 12pm and Thursday, May 18th from 7-8pm. The giant hammer and W, along with the big blow up Thor will be set up in the commons area. 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 12th. If you are looking to buy back an eligible Chromebook (\$30), you can do so—more details will follow.

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

- **Fine Arts Gala:** Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm in the auditorium
- **Senior Evening of Excellence:** Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm in the auditorium
- **CTE Awards Night:** Friday, May 19th at 7pm in the auditorium
- **Thunder Awards:** Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm in the auditorium

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Graduation practice will be held on Wednesday, May 24th 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 Friday, May 26th at 12pm 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. Navy Blue gowns will enter through the east side and Light Blue gowns will enter through the west side.
- Graduates should arrive at 11am 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, in the counseling office from 8am - 12pm Monday through Thursday during the month of June. Diplomas will not be handed out at the Marriott Center – only the blank diploma covers.

GRADUATION SPEECH AUDITIONS

Any graduate interested in trying out for one of the graduation speeches, please see the flyer attached in this packet.

SENIOR END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

As we celebrate the Class of 2023, there are upcoming events that are happening that we hope all seniors will be a 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:** Wednesday, April 26th at 11am in the football stadium.
- **Senior Dinner Dance:** Friday, May 12th at Grove Station from 6 - 10pm. Food trucks will be at the venue with different options for dinner and a soda bar and dessert will be provided. Awards will start at 8:00pm. This is not a date, but is semi-formal and is for WHS seniors only. The ticket price includes dinner from one of the food trucks, unlimited soda bar, dessert, games 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 whsrclass@gmail.com by May 6th to be included in the slideshow. The cost is \$40.
- **Senior Field Day:** Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30am 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 1pm.
- **Senior Lagoon Day:** Thursday, May 18th. The total cost is \$90–bus cost is \$36 and the Lagoon ticket is \$54. 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 BEFORE THE DEADLINE. THEY WILL NOT BE SOLD ONLINE AND THE PURCHASE WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO TO COVER THE LAGOON TICKET AND BUS COSTS INDIVIDUALLY! STUDENTS MUST BE CLEARED FOR GRADUATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND LAGOON DAY! 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.
- **Senior Sunset:** On Monday, May 22nd 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. Tyson Foods will provide dinner. There will be treats and games. This event is free of charge and will go from 6 - 9pm.
- **All-Night Grad Party:** Friday, May 26th - Saturday, May 27th at Provo Beach from 11pm - 2:30am. Note: This is the day of 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 2:30am on Saturday, May 27th. **STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE VENUE – NO EXCEPTIONS!** The cost is \$40.

COST BREAKDOWN

Senior Dinner - \$40

Lagoon Day - \$90 Total \$36 (bus)/\$54 (Lagoon ticket)

All Night Grad Party - \$40

Senior Swag Crewneck - \$22

Price to Purchase Everything: \$192

****TICKETS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DATES OR UNTIL THE EVENT SELLS OUT!**

- [SENIOR DINNER DANCE- MAY 11TH @ 3 PM](#)
- [LAGOON DAY- MAY 15TH @ 3 PM \(MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE FINANCE OFFICE\)](#)
- [ALL-NIGHT GRAD- MAY 23RD @ 3 PM](#)

APRIL-MAY WHS SENIOR EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26 Senior Panoramic Picture- Football Stadium- 11 am	27	28	29 Photo Opportunity in the Commons- 9 am-12 pm
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7	8	9	10	11 Photo Opportunity in the Auditorium- 7-8pm	12 Senior Dinner Dance- Grove Station- 6-10 pm	13
14	15	16 Fine Arts Gala in the Auditorium- 7 pm	17 Senior Field Day 11:30 am Senior Evening of Excellence in the Auditorium- 7 pm	18 Lagoon Day 8 am-5 pm Photo Opportunity in the Auditorium- 7-8pm	19	20 CTE Awards Night in the Auditorium- 7pm
21	22 Senior Sunset- Football Field 6-9 pm	23 Thunder Awards in the Auditorium- 6pm	24 Graduation Practice in the Main Gym- 8am	25	26 Graduation at BYU- 12 pm All-Night Grad Party Provo Beach- 11pm- 2 am	27

Any student planning on attending Lagoon Day or the All-Night Grad party must get a permission slip signed by filling out the form linked through the QR code below:



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

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Attention all Westlake High School Seniors! You have the opportunity to represent the Class of 2023 as a speaker at graduation. If you are interested in trying out, please prepare a 2-minute speech based on this year's graduation theme:

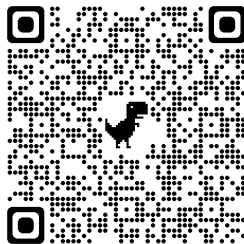
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What is the process of becoming a speaker at graduation?

- Scan the QR code below to access a digital version of this flier.
- Request an email confirmation from both your Administrator **and** Counselor that you are on track to graduate with a **28-credit** diploma. [Click here](#) for your administrator's and counselor's email address.
- Sign up for an audition by completing [this Google Form](#) no later than **April 14, 2pm**. Inside the Google Form, you will be asked to upload the following items:
 - o **Emails** from both your Administrator and Counselor stating that you are on track to graduate with a 28-credit diploma
 - o Your **typed speech**, including a title
 - o A **video** of yourself delivering the speech (2 minutes)--Please create your video using Loom. [Click here for a 5-min. tutorial on how to set up Loom.](#)

How will my speech be evaluated?

- All speeches **MUST** meet the requirements of [this rubric](#) in order to be considered, so please read it carefully! [This outline](#) may be helpful to you as well.



If you are interested in trying out, or have any questions, please contact Ms. Blakesley at Lblakesley@alpinedistrict.org.