
Graduation Info

The end of the year is upon us, and graduation is quickly approaching!

There are many things that need to be addressed before that wonderful date. Please take note of all dates and times. Each event is extremely important, and you need to be aware of everything that is happening between now and the end of the year. It is very important that you share this information with your parent/guardian.

This is a very special time. The faculty and staff at Westside High School are very proud of each and every graduate and want to help make this a memorable occasion for every student's family and friends. Please make sure that those who are attending the ceremony understand that horns, whistles, noisemakers, etc. are not allowed. They will be escorted out before and/or during the ceremony if caught with these items.

HONORS DAY

Honors Day will be in the Westside Gym Tuesday, April 21 at 9:00 am. Seniors will be called from class and need to be in their graduation gown at 8:30 am. (No caps for this ceremony). This is an excellent time to do a rehearsal for graduation. We would like every senior to attend in accordance with the dress code for graduation.

This is a day to honor all graduates and can be a very special time. A group picture will be taken at this time. Please make plans to attend. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, please call Jostens.

FROM GUIDANCE

Honors Day Recognitions-- Deadline for College Acceptances and Scholarships to Guidance – Friday, April 3. You may submit copies of original letters, e-mails, or college account information.

Graduation Rehearsal -- Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Tenpenny will make all final telephone calls after final exams and final grades have been submitted by the teachers by Friday, May 15th. Students receiving this telephone call will be unable to participate in the graduation rehearsal or ceremony. Please be mindful of your grades and attendance; each day is important.

Graduation Day Recognitions -- Deadline for Scholarships to Guidance – Thursday, May 21. You may submit copies of original letters, e-mails, or college account information.

Final Transcript Request --- Students are responsible for completing their FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST with Mrs. Frazier, the Guidance Secretary. Request will be taken April 24 - May 21. Students must also PAY \$1.00 to have their FINAL TRANSCRIPT request processed.

Decision Day Recognitions-- Deadline for College Acceptances and Scholarships to Guidance, **Wednesday, May 8 May 10**. You may submit copies of original letters, e-mails, or college account information. **Decision Day will be held on Monday, May 13**. Only students that have submitted their documentation will be invited.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will be **Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.** and last until we get it right! This is extremely important and will be the only rehearsal; therefore, it is **MANDATORY!** This means you should not schedule a beach trip, picnics at the lake, etc.

Of course, emergencies may come up and if that happens, call Mr. Smith immediately.

This will be the only time to practice what will happen the day of graduation. If one person is not in attendance it will throw every line and every other student into a different seat, space, etc. We will practice in the gym. Do not be late. We will stay as long as necessary to get things done in an appropriate manner, so the earlier we start, the earlier we finish. Once again, **MANDATORY!**

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation is Wednesday, May 27 at the James Brown Arena. Every graduate needs to be dressed in cap and gown by **5:30p.m.** The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30p.m. Please remember you will be driving downtown in traffic with the possibility of being stopped by a train. Please leave your house accordingly. There are no tardies at graduation. If you are late, you will not walk the stage.

If you owe money for lost textbooks, library books, uniforms, or anything else, you MUST pay all fines, before graduation!

DRESS CODE FOR GRADUATION

Young Ladies-

- Dress should not fall below the hem of the gown.
- Black dress shoes. Shoes that are not acceptable: flip flops, clogs, shower shoes, tennis shoes.
- Absolutely no facial jewelry/piercings. (This means no nose, lip, cheek, or eyebrow piercings.)
- No "big" hair. The cap needs to fit tightly on the **top** of the head.
- No big earrings-small studs only. You may change as soon as graduation is over.

Young Men-

- Black or navy pants
- Black dress shoes. Shoes that are not acceptable: flip flops, sandals, clogs, boots, tennis shoes.
- White dress shirt with a navy or black tie should be worn.
- Absolutely no earrings or facial jewelry/piercings. (This means no nose, lip, cheek, or eyebrow piercings.)

Everyone-

Please take note of all of these requirements. People have been pulled out of line before the ceremony for not being dressed appropriately. Do not take a chance on this happening.

Also, no glitter, paint, etc. on the cap or gown.

If you are not sure or have any questions, please see Ms. Norwood or Mr. Grant.

RCSS Graduate Reminders for the Class of 2020:

- ✓ Graduates will enter through the security entrance on the 8th street side of the arena
- ✓ Dresses/skirts should not be longer than the graduation gown.
- ✓ Caps should be placed squarely on top of heads. No writing/added decoration will be allowed on the caps.
- ✓ Caps will not be thrown at the end of the ceremony.
- ✓ Cell phones are to be in the off position. We prefer that cell phones are not on the stage at all.
- ✓ No attention seeking behaviors while walking across stage to receive diploma covers.
- ✓ Please remember that students will receive diploma covers **ONLY** as they walk across the stage. Upon the completion of a successful graduation, students will be eligible to go downstairs to pick up diplomas before leaving JBA.
- ✓ The JBA does not allow balloons or noise makers such as air horns and bells in the arena area.
- ✓ Male students will remove caps before presentation of colors and will return caps to head after the pledge and the color guard has exited the arena.
- ✓ Graduates will not chew gum or eat candy while on the arena floor or while on stage.