

Class of 2022 Parents and Seniors,

There are many activities between now and the end of the year that we hope this letter will help you keep up with and prepare for. Graduation is an important moment; it is the time when the Board of Education of Walton County, your families, teachers and friends come together to recognize the hard work put into earning your diploma. The Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies are very dignified events; therefore, it is important that participants as well as members of the audience carefully observe the rules of dress and behavior. Beautiful and well-coordinated activities will be the climaxes of a great school year and impressive transitions to adulthood. Below is a list of important dates to remember, but there are more detailed instructions about some of these events in the following pages. **Please read these instructions carefully as we have changed some directions from previous years.** As many of these events approach, I will be sending email reminders. If you have any questions about anything, feel free to email me at lsargent@walton.k12.ga.us, and I will respond in a timely manner.

Thank you,
Lori Sargent, Senior Sponsor

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sat, Feb 29** Senior Dues (cap and gown) increase - \$150 – pay at www.scholasticimages.com
- Thurs, Mar 31** Cap and Gown Delivery, Concession Area Upper Gym during All Lunches
- April 11-12** Pick up senior boards at lunch
- Tues, Apr 12** Prom fees due - \$80 per ticket – mypaymentsplus.com
- Sat, Apr 16** Prom, The Classic Center in Athens
- Wed, Apr 27** Auditions for singing at Grad Ceremony - Rm C-107
- Mon, May 2** Copy of Scholarship letter due to Mr. Gilbert
Seniors with perfect attendance for 4 or more years must see Mrs. Brock in front office
- Wed, May 11** **Senior Boards** due to LHS 4:00-6:00pm (parents come decorate) **Great time to turn in Senior Letters as well.**
- Fri, May 13** Deadline for **Senior Slideshow** pictures to Google form on website – Resources, Senior Information
Deadline for **Baccalaureate pictures** to msorrow@wccl.org (one baby pic, one senior pic)
Deadline for **Senior Letters**
- Senior Week:** **Secret Senior Reveal** – Seniors reveal to your teacher at any time this week –***Be Creative!!***
- Mon, May 16** College/Career Day
- Tues, May 17** Anything But a Bag Day
- Wed, May 18** Senior Citizen Day
- Thurs, May 19** Senior Exams
Scholarship Ceremony, Awards Ceremony, Honor Graduate reception, (by invitation) 6:00pm LHS Gym
- Fri, May 20** Senior Exams
- Sun, May 22** Baccalaureate (Loganville First Baptist Church, 2pm – **Seniors arrive at 1:30 in Cap and Gown and graduation clothes**)
- Mon, May 23** Senior Day (wear your senior tshirt)
Class of 2022 Cap and Gown Picture (7:15 AM) LHS Stadium **Park at the stadium – Do not report to the school**
Senior Walk (permission slip required)
Picnic (Baseball field) 12:30-2:30pm (permission slip required)
- Tues, May 24** Take care of any holds today. Make sure to have clothes for graduation.
ALL school textbooks, calculators, uniforms, fines, chromebooks, chargers DUE by 12pm
- Wed, May 25** **Graduation Rehearsal**
8:00am UNTIL Complete - Red Devil Stadium –Mandatory practice for ceremony
Graduation Ceremony
Graduates Park at LHS and Report to H-Hall **6:45 pm**
6:15 shuttle for guests begin from LHS to stadium
6:30 pm –gates open for guests
Graduation Ceremony begins – Red Devil Stadium 8:00pm

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ACTIVITIES INFORMATION:

- Senior Dues:** Senior dues are now \$150. This includes cap and gown, so when you order, you will need to put height and weight so that the right size gown arrives. You can pay Scholastic Images online anytime at www.scholasticimages.com (\$4.99 service fee). Price increased to \$150 March 1st.
- Auditions:** Anyone interested in singing the theme song, the National Anthem or the Alma Mater must have your material ready and audition before the senior sponsors. The auditions will be Wed, April 27th in room C107, with further dates as needed. We will announce the graduation song before spring break so that you can prepare.
- Senior Boards:** Each year we distribute senior boards for parents (or friends or family members) to decorate for their senior. Boards are decorated with pictures and memories and anything to celebrate the senior. Parents come hang the board on Wed, May 11th from 4pm-6pm in the cafeteria area. **We are asking that you hang the boards on COMMAND strips or hooks.** We are asking that no tape be used this year, so PLEASE bring your own Command hooks/strips to display the boards. Staff will be available to assist you on where to place the boards. **Do not use boards larger than what we distribute to seniors.**
- Senior Letters:** We ask that family and friends write encouraging letters to the seniors, and we compile those letters in an envelope to distribute to each senior the day of the picnic. Please follow these specifications when writing these letters:
1. Letters should not be larger than an 8 ½ X 11.
 2. Letters should contain first and last name of recipient.
 3. Letters should not contain any money or gifts.
 4. Letters should be dropped off in the box in the front office labeled “Senior Letters” **no later than Friday, May 13th.**
- Senior Week:** May 16th-18th, 23rd - If you are a secret senior, reveal yourself to your teacher sometime during this week. You can participate in the dress up days this week to show your school spirit and to celebrate your last full week of high school. **All costumes must adhere to the school dress code.**
- Awards Night** **May 19th** is an invitation-only Senior awards night for students receiving a departmental award, honor graduate regalia, and/or scholarships. Seniors are challenged to “dress the best” and demonstrate their most sophisticated behavior as we honor the achievement of our classmates while welcoming parents and other guests to our school. Show that the class of **2022** has **PRIDE!!**
- Senior Slideshow:** At the senior picnic, we show a slideshow of student submitted pictures. These picture are due by May 13th. Seniors can submit up to **THREE** group pictures via a google form. You can find the google form on our website – www.loganvillehigh.org – under Resources, Senior Information.
- Senior Talent Show:** The talent show will not be in person this year. However, if you have a talent you would like to share with your class, video yourself or group performing and submit to the Senior Slideshow link.
- Senior T-shirt:** Your officers will design your senior shirt and we will start selling those after spring break. This is the shirt you will wear the Monday of your picnic and the shirt that has the list of senior names on the back.
- Senior Walk:** We will continue the tradition of the Senior Walk the morning of May 23rd. This is where we will travel to the local schools and walk the halls in cap and gown as an example to the younger students and as a celebration of your years here in Walton County. We will send home permission slips, so only those who return their slip will be able to participate.
- Cap/Gown Group Pic:** Seniors must bring their cap/gown/cap/tassel to school Monday, May 23rd, for a group picture before we attend the walk. **You do not have to wear your formal graduation attire;** shorts, tshirt and tennis shoes are fine. The group picture will be made at the LHS Red Devil Stadium at **7:15 am** (BE IN STANDS AT 7:15am) Park at LHS Red Devil Stadium. **BE ON TIME** or you will not be in the picture!! **You may order online after graduation at cadystudios.com/events**
- Senior Picnic:** The senior class picnic will be held at LHS on May 23rd, under the supervision of class sponsors and the administration. Lunch will be provided. Bring chairs, blankets, Frisbees, footballs, sunblock etc. You will receive your Senior letters at the picnic.

Baccalaureate Sponsored by Loganville Christian Learning Center at **Loganville First Baptist Church, 2pm on May 22nd** - Inspirational service for Seniors in which participation is not required. Seniors attending should report to Loganville First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 22nd, dressed in appropriate attire (see “**Dress for Graduates**”) and cap and gown by 1:30pm. **You can submit a baby picture and a senior picture to msorrow@wcccl.org by May 13th to be included in the slideshow at baccalaureate.**

Holds/Detention: Seniors are expected to meet all of their obligations prior to graduation. Holds must be cleared by **Tuesday, May 24th**, or **the right to be part of the ceremony will be forfeited.** It is also mandatory that all disciplinary obligations be cleared or you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony! This includes books, equipment, Media fines, chromebooks, Senior dues, detention, etc.

Graduation Rehearsal: It is **mandatory** that a senior be present for the rehearsal if he or she wishes to participate in the ceremony! Roll Call is at **8:00 am**, and practice is not over until Dr. Bolemon dismisses the group. We realize that many of you may have obligations in the afternoon, which is why it is important that you follow directions the first time that they are given and **BE PROMPT!**

Graduation Night: It is especially important that you be on time. Seniors should report to H- Hall by 6:45 pm on graduation night. **Graduates who arrive after 7:00 pm will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.** You should not bring any purses or other items except your gown ensemble. Please leave all personal items in your vehicle or with your family. **Once you have entered the building, you will not be allowed to leave OR to have visitors.**

Admittance to the Event: Attendance at the graduation ceremony is by invitation of seniors only. Remind your guests that they will need to bring their **TICKET** for admittance to the ceremony: one per person, **ages three (3) and older.** Each senior will receive **2 parking passes** for the stadium. All other guests must park at the high school and take a shuttle over. **Shuttles will begin running at 6:15pm. The gates will open at 6:30 pm.** Encourage your guests to dress appropriately in “Sunday” attire. The gates will be closed temporarily at 7:50 pm until the audience is seated following the invocation. This will allow the processional as well as the invocation to go uninterrupted. The administration reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone who is dressed inappropriately, who behaves inappropriately, or who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Guests will be seated in the bleachers of the stadium on a first-come basis. The chairs located on the field are reserved for the Faculty, Seniors and Sponsors who present reserved seating tickets. **Each senior will be given 8 tickets (can be used for home or visitor side) at the rehearsal that morning** with the understanding that these **do not** guarantee a **certain** seat. We do not have extra tickets to distribute. As we have a large number of graduates, please begin talking to friends NOW who may share any of their tickets they may not need.

Graduation Rain Plan: Weather can affect our ceremony! Flexibility will be required. In the event of rain: We will try delaying the ceremony with the intent to complete the program on the planned evening. If it is impossible to do so, graduation will be moved to Thursday, 5/26 at 10am at the stadium. We cannot move our ceremony inside due to the number of graduates.

Dress for Graduates: Proper attire will be worn under the robes or you will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Ladies (white gown)

White dress, or skirt, or shorts romper*

White dress shoes – Sandals / wedges

No Spike High Heels

No White flip-flops

No Vans/ Keds or tennis shoes or boots

***Nothing can extend past the bottom of gown**

Gentlemen (red gown)

Navy or black slacks - **NO** khakis, **NO** jeans

White dress shirt / **Dark neck tie or red neck tie**

No Bow Ties

Black loafer dress shoes & socks (dark only)

No boots/Vans or tennis shoes, etc

Jewelry should be kept simple. Necklaces will be worn inside the collar. Hair should be styled in such a way that permits the graduation cap to be worn **on top of the head** – not tilted back on the rear of the head. **Graduation caps may NOT be decorated.** If you have a question about something you can wear, come by and see me in C107 or email me a picture and I'll let you know. **Anyone out of dress code will have to call someone to bring him or her the correct attire before he or she can enter the building.**

Conduct:

Graduation is the largest academic event held in the community each year. It is a dignified ceremony that will leave a lasting impression on all who attend. The students and the school itself will be judged on how “good” or “bad” the ceremony is perceived by those in attendance. Exemplary behavior and flawless execution of the ceremony itself are essential. NO individual has the right, nor will he/she be permitted to spoil a ceremony that honors so many. **All school rules will be enforced.** During the ceremony you should remain alert and courteous at all times. **No gum, cell phones, sunglasses, purses, or any other prohibited item is allowed** – Do not talk or move around in your seat. Remind your guests that they should also remain quiet and applaud at only the appropriate times. **Rude, unruly, or disruptive behavior will necessitate the removal of audience members by security personnel.**

****Important** – Graduates will not receive their actual diplomas during the commencement program. **They will report back to the assigned area of the Multi-purpose room** and receive their actual diplomas from appointed advisors **after the ceremony.** Any graduate who exhibits inappropriate behavior prior to, during or after the ceremony will have to appeal to Dr. Bolemon on Friday, May 27th, to receive his/her diploma.

Photography:

Cady Studios will take pictures as each senior receives his/her diploma cover. Seniors will receive information **VIA website** and may purchase from the proof taken during the ceremony. Photos may be taken from the seating areas; however, entry onto the field is not permitted until after the ceremony. **NO ONE** will be permitted to block the view of another audience member. Dr. Bolemon will remain on stage after the ceremony for parents interested in making their own picture of child receiving diploma on stage. **To order senior picture: Cadystudios.com/events**

**** Video cameras will be permitted as long as the view of the ceremony is not obstructed.**

Senior Video:

A Senior video of the year’s events and activities including Senior end of the year activities – Senior Walk, Senior Picnic, and Graduation – **will be available for purchase on the mypaymentsplus.com website for \$25.** More information is available on the school website under Senior Information.

Miscellaneous:

We discourage you from bringing small children to graduation for their sake. Security personnel may escort out crying or noisy children.

Scholarship recipients, prior to graduation, you must turn in a copy of your scholarship letter or email to **Mr. Gilbert by Monday, May 2nd.** You must have a copy of the letter, which confirms this award.

Students who have the last four or more years of **perfect attendance**, including this year, must see **Mrs. Janice Brock** (in the main office) by Monday, May 2nd, so that we can confirm this information to be acknowledged at the Awards Ceremony.

Any seniors who have **NOT** met their obligations prior to commencement will not only lose the right to be part of the ceremony, but will not receive their diplomas or have their transcripts released.

Yearbook sales are over, but any additional books will be sold the day following distribution for the price of \$80, and \$90 any day after that.

We hope this letter is helpful to you and your family. If you have any questions you may contact the school between **7:30 am and 3:00 pm (especially: Mon-Fri 11:30am-1:00pm) at 678-684-2952.** We look forward to making things run smoothly and beautifully for you with your cooperation and concern.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brad Bolemon
Principal

Lori Sargent, Sarah Fowler
Senior Sponsors