



South Whidbey High School

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2020

Our Mission: In partnership with our community, we are deeply committed to provide our students with the best educational experience, preparing them to become capable, creative, caring, and responsible citizens.

Information for Seniors, Parents and Guardians . . .

This newsletter is written to keep seniors, parents, and guardians informed during this hectic final semester. Keep this newsletter for future reference.

Graduation is a very special occasion and a memorable experience. We hope everyone is looking forward to the event.

The South Whidbey High School **Commencement Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, June 6, 2020**, at noon in the main gym. We look forward to this special day for all of our graduating seniors and their families.

The **Senior Local Scholarship Awards Ceremony** will take place on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020**, in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Seniors receiving scholarships will be notified in advance of the ceremony by Student Services.

We remind you that *each senior* must meet requirements for graduation in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. All fines and fees must be paid before a student participates in Commencement. Every effort is being made by our counselors and teachers to keep you informed of current grades and credit status. However, the ultimate responsibility for passing each class and achieving the required number of credits lies with the individual student.

Seniors enrolled in **online** and **correspondence courses** outside of SWHS must submit their final test results no later than **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**, in order to receive credit needed. If you have questions, contact your student's counselor, specific teacher, or the principal. It is the student's responsibility to request that the course provider mail an **official** document to the **Registrar, Ms. Bitts**, stating the grade and credit earned no later than **Friday, May 29, 2020**.

The Commencement Ceremony . . .

Seniors report to the auxiliary gym at 11:00 a.m. on the morning of graduation. Don't forget your cap, gown and tassel! **Commencement is a formal ceremony.** In keeping with the dignity that your graduation ceremony deserves, we expect appropriate attire to be worn under gowns. *Ladies, dress or skirt/dress, pants and blouse. (Be cautious of high heeled shoes if you aren't accustomed to them.) Gentlemen, attire such as full-length slacks or casual pants, and shirts with a collar.*

The following are some things to remember so that your graduation ceremony is a reflection of your awareness, maturity, and good taste:

- Mortarboards (caps) were designed to be worn with the "board" (flat of the cap) **PARALLEL** to the floor. The points go in the front and the back. The hat may flatten your hair for a couple of hours, but the caps and gowns are a traditional design, hundreds of years old, and universally recognized as a symbol of education. Please wear them correctly. (Don't forget bobby pins to hold them in place if your hairstyle is such that the cap may easily fall off or will not stay in place.)
- DO NOT USE A HOT IRON** when pressing your gown as the material scorches easily!
- Please deliver flowers and/or gifts to students **AFTER graduation.**
- Remember this is a **FORMAL CEREMONY** in which the school presents you to the community. The **CELEBRATION** comes afterwards.



Senior Check List - 2020

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
April 16	Distribution of Graduation Announcements, Caps & Gowns	During Lunch 10:50 – 11:20 a.m.	New Commons	National Achiever Services tel. (800) 800 4083
April 25	Junior/Senior Prom	8:00-11:00 p.m.	Useless Bay GCC	Mrs. Bennett
May 1	Senior Slide Show Picture * FINAL * Deadline	2:30 p.m.	Hard Copies to the ASB/Athletic Office	Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133 Mrs. LeWarne 360-932-7996
May TBD	Musical Performance Audition Sign-Up Deadline	2:30 p.m.	ASB Office	Mr. Patton, ext. 5406 Mr. Harshman, ext. 5355 Mrs. Ludtke, ext. 5203
May TBD	Musical Auditions	TBA	Little Theatre	Mr. Patton, Mr. Harshman, and Mrs. Ludtke
May 19	Online & Correspondence Course Outside of SWHS Completion Deadline		Student Services	Ms. Bitts, ext. 5411
May 22	Walking Partners Sign-Up Deadline	2:30 p.m.	ASB Office	Mrs. Bilyeu, ext. 5423
June 1	Senior Finals	3A	Regular Classroom	
June 2	Senior Finals	3, 3B & 4	Regular Classroom	
June 2	Local Senior Scholarship Night	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium	TBD
June 2	Distribution of Senior Clearance Check Out Sheet	Period 2	Regular Classroom	Mrs. Eaton, ext. 5405
June 3	Senior Finals	1 & 2	Regular Classroom	
June 3	Senior Picnic	11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	SW Parks & Rec	Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133 -Ms. LeWarne 360-932-7996
June 4	* MANDATORY * Graduation Farewell Assembly Rehearsal • Order Form Distribution for Senior Class Photo	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Main Gym	Mr. Patton
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June 5	Senior Continental Breakfast	8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Old Commons	Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133, Mrs. Batchelor 360-544-2436
June 5	Fines Deadline/Senior Checkout: • <u>All</u> Fines Must Be Cleared • Deadline to Submit Senior Clearance Check Out Sheet • Graduation Ticket Distribution	8:45 – 9:30 a.m.		Mrs. Bilyeu, ext. 5423 Mrs. Eaton, ext. 5405 Ms. Brewer, ext. 5353 Mrs. Howe, ext. 5102 Ms. Bitts, ext. 5411
June 5	* MANDATORY * Graduation Rehearsal in order to participate in Commencement • Senior Class Group Picture (Bring your Cap & Gown) • Surplus Ticket Distribution • Senior Walk	9:30 a.m. – Noon	Main Gym	Mr. Patton, Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133 Ms. Lewarne 360-932-7996 Pictures: Designer Portrait Studio 800-521-8282
June 6	• Seniors Gather • Seating By Ticket Only • Festival Seating (No Ticket, Until Capacity Met)	• 11:00 a.m. • 11:15 a.m. • 11:45 a.m.	Auxiliary Gym	Mr. Patton, Mrs Taksony 425-275-6133 Ms. Lewarne 360-932-7996
June 6	Commencement	Noon	Main Gym	Mr. Patton, Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133-Ms. Lewarne 360-932-7996 Designer Portrait Studio
June 6	Commencement Reception Grad Night (10PM Ferry)	Immediately Following Commencement	New Commons	Mrs. Bennett Mrs. Taksony 425-275-6133

TICKET DISTRIBUTION

Each graduating senior will be issued seven (7) tickets on **Friday, June 5**, once seniors have paid all fines and turned in their Senior Check Out Sheet to Mrs. Eaton. Seniors not needing all seven tickets are asked to please return them to Mrs. Eaton to be distributed to families who need more. For those who need extra tickets, a sign-up sheet will be available at the ASB/Athletic Office. **No phone calls will be accepted.** We will take the number of tickets that have been returned and the left over tickets, and divide them evenly among seniors requesting extras. Additional tickets will be distributed after rehearsal on **Friday, June 5**, at noon. **NOTE: LOST OR STOLEN TICKETS WILL NOT BE REPLACED.** Entrance to graduation will be by ticket only. Festival seating (if seats are available) will begin at 11:45 a.m. until the main gym is at capacity as per the Island County Fire Marshall

CAPS, GOWNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students who have not ordered a cap and gown may submit a late order and must contact National Achiever Services directly at 1-800-800-4083.

A representative from National Achiever Services will be at the High School during lunch on **Thursday, April 16**, to deliver caps, gowns and graduation announcements in the New Commons to seniors who ordered them on time.

If you do not pick up your order, please see Mrs. Eaton in the main office.

REHEARSALS: GRADUATION & FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

**** MANDATORY ****

Rehearsals are in the main gym as follows:

- **Thursday, June 4, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
- **Friday, June 5, 9:30 a.m. – Noon**

All seniors and Running Start seniors are required to participate in the **mandatory rehearsals** in order to participate in Commencement. Attendance will be taken.

A GROUP PICTURE OF THE SENIOR CLASS IN CAP & GOWN WILL BE TAKEN AT THE FRIDAY, JUNE 5, REHEARSAL at 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to bring your cap and gown!

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

The Farewell Assembly will be held on **Thursday, June 4**, immediately after graduation rehearsal at 11:50 a.m. in the main gym. **Parents are invited to attend and watch the assembly. Please sign-in at the main office upon arrival to the high school.**

STUDENT CONDUCT

Seniors are reminded to observe all South Whidbey High School/School District Board policies regarding appropriate student conduct throughout all final week activities. Seniors who are in violation of these policies are at risk of not participating in the commencement ceremony.

DIPLOMAS

The diploma cover handed out during commencement will not include a diploma. Seniors will receive their actual diploma in the *mail with their final report card and transcript in July.*

PHOTOGRAPHS

At rehearsal on **Thursday, June 4**, you will receive an order form for purchasing (if you wish) a group graduation picture. The group picture will be taken at graduation practice on **Friday, June 5**. Be sure to bring your order form, money, and cap and gown on this day.

Additionally, individual pictures will be taken at the graduation ceremony and will be available for purchase.

SENIOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

On **Tuesday, June 2**, Senior Local Scholarship Awards presentations will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Seniors receiving scholarships will be notified in advance of the evening by Student Services.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Students interested in performing at the farewell assembly/graduation must sign-up for auditions through the ASB/Athletic Office. Deadline and Audition dates TBD.

YEARBOOKS

Seniors, please don't graduate without your yearbook. The yearbook supply is getting very low; purchase yours now at the ASB window. Yearbooks are \$60.00 each. For additional information, you may contact Mr. Greene and his yearbook class between 12:12 p.m. and 12:55 p.m., at (360) 221-6808, ext. 5127.

NO SENIOR SKIP DAY

Our school does not condone, sponsor, or approve any organized senior skip day and we will follow through with appropriate disciplinary consequences should any senior participate. Parents and guardians can assist by reinforcing with their student the importance of being in class and by not allowing students to participate in such an activity.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Most colleges, universities, and technical institutes require a final, official transcript from applicants sometime after completion of second semester. **You must submit to the Registrar, Ms. Bitts, stamped and addressed envelopes for each school where your final transcript needs to be sent.** Note: official transcripts will not be mailed until all outstanding fines have been paid.

FINAL EXAMS

Finals for seniors will be given on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1, 2 and 3.** We will be on a regular bell schedule with exams scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, June 1:** Periods 3A
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Periods 3, 3B and 4
- **Wednesday, June 3:** Periods 1 and 2

WALKING PARTNERS

Seniors must sign-up for a walking partner for graduation no later than **Friday, May 22.** Please see **Mrs. Bilyeu** in the ASB/Athletic Office. Failure to sign-up will result in partner assignments.

CHECK-OUT PROCESS

Seniors will be given a final checkout sheet on **Tuesday, June 2,** during second period. Seniors need to check out of classes, the library, food service and ASB/Athletics (Fines). Follow instructions on the Senior Check-Out Form carefully. **Please note that seniors must have all fines paid in order to complete their clearance sheet.**

SENIORS MUST COMPLETE the CHECK-OUT PROCESS by Friday, June 5, in order to receive their graduation tickets. **Running Start and off campus seniors are required to pick up and complete a Clearance Sheet by Friday, June 5.** You may pick up a Clearance Sheet from Mrs. Eaton in the main office on **Tuesday, June 2.**

FINES

Seniors must have all fines paid by Friday, June 5. A "fines list" will be posted on the ASB/Athletic Office window and will be updated regularly. Please be sure to check for your name. **Library fines will be posted and must be cleared with the librarian by Friday, June 5.** All library materials must be turned in by this date.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

A continental breakfast will be served on **Friday, June 5,** in the old commons from **8:00 – 8:45 a.m.** This event is for seniors only and is sponsored by the Freshman Class.

SENIOR PICNIC

All seniors are invited to a picnic at SW Parks and Rec on the afternoon of **Wednesday, June 3,** at **11:30 a.m.** (early release day). This event is for seniors only and is sponsored by the Senior Class.

DAILY BULLETIN

The high school bulletin is posted online each Friday. A hard copy is located in the main office and it is read daily at 7:45 a.m. to students over the intercom. The bulletin is available on the high school website: www.sw.wednet.edu/swhs.

All Seniors should be checking the bulletin daily for events and schedule changes. **RUNNING START & OFF-CAMPUS SENIORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING UPDATED SENIOR INFORMATION.** We will not be mailing additional information home to these students.

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Traditionally, senior class officers and/or interested members of the class produce a slide show to be presented at the end of the year Farewell Assembly. This year we want the slide show to be exceptional.



We would greatly appreciate your help as a parent or guardian, to provide photos of your student to the slide show committee. **We need at least three pictures of each senior. One baby or childhood, one adolescent, and one current.** If you have any fun “group” photos, they will be included in the slideshow too. A collection box is located in the ASB/Athletic office.

Digital photographs are preferred and may be e-mailed to: seniorinfo2020@gmail.com
Please put “**SLIDESHOW**” in the subject line.

THE 3 PERSONAL PICTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2020
FRIEND GROUP PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2020

ALL pictures should have the name or names of individuals pictured written on the back and, if needed, the name of the person to whom the picture should be returned. All items will be returned to seniors at the mandatory graduation rehearsal on **Friday, June 5.**

For more information please contact Senior Class Advisor Ms. Karyn LeWarne by e-mail at: klewarne@sw.wednet.edu/360-932-7996 or Kim Taksony at ktaksony@gmail.com/425-275-6133.

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*The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Affirmative Action/Title IX/RCW 28A.640/RCW 28A.642 compliance officer, **Dan Poolman**, dpoolman@sw.wednet.edu, or Section 504/ADA coordinator, **Jeff Fankhauser**, jfankhauser@sw.wednet.edu, 5520 Maxwellton Road, Langley, WA 98260, (360) 221-6100.*