

May 13, 2021

Dear Class of 2021 Students, Parents and Families:

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the challenges of planning graduation activities. As a school, we are committed to providing you with safe opportunities to recognize and celebrate your class. While we await further guidance from FCPS, we have prepared this letter to update you with information we have as it relates to Westfield High School.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Graduation for the Class of 2021 will be on June 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Graduates MUST arrive at 12:30 p.m. The ceremony is in-person at Jiffy Lube Live, 7800 Cellar Door Dr., Bristow, VA 20136. The number of guests allowed to attend the graduation ceremony and how tickets will be distributed has not been decided by FCPS yet. All graduates will receive the same number of tickets. Graduation will be streamed for those who cannot attend.

**Reminders about Graduation:**

- Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing is expected
- All parties MUST have a ticket to enter
- All persons entering Jiffy Lube Live are subject to search (walk through and/or hand-held magnetometers or pat down search)
- All bags will be searched prior to entry. Bags larger than 12 x 6 x 12 will NOT be permitted, including camera cases. All bags larger than 4.5 x 6.5 MUST be clear
- Only water is permitted
- Guests, graduates and families will need to leave the premises promptly upon the completion of the graduation ceremony.

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Balfour is the official source for graduation announcements. [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) However, you may purchase announcements anywhere you choose.

**SENIOR DUES/OBLIGATIONS:** Senior dues will be applied to the purchase of each senior's cap, gown, diploma and diploma cover and other graduation regalia. The dues are \$50.00 and can be paid through My School Bucks or bring in cash (last date to accept checks June 1<sup>st</sup>). Fees need to be paid no later than June 4<sup>th</sup>. **An email containing your student's outstanding obligations will be sent to families and your student's fcpsschools.net account in the coming weeks.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- May 15: Promenade – Students need to sign up for a time slot. No students outside of the Westfield High School Senior Class will be admitted due to guidance from FCPS on capacity limits. Have your student look on Schoology for the flyer with more information.
- May 17: 2021 College Student Athlete Commitment Ceremony at 12:00pm in the Westfield HS Gymnasium.
- May 18: Parent Information Meeting at 6:30pm, a link will be sent to families closer to the event date.

- June 1: Pack the Pound – Senior Night at the Stadium. This is open to all WHS seniors and is totally free. There are 3 varsity games taking place beginning at 7:00pm. In addition to the free ticket, seniors will also receive a free meal at the concessions and ice cream from Peterson's Ice Cream Depot. There will be giveaways, music and games. This event replaces the traditional senior class picnic.
- June 1, 2 3: Exams. AP Exams need to be taken on school issued laptops. AP teachers will reach out to students with information about their exams.
- June 3: Last day of school for seniors and the last day of exams; however, seniors are expected to be at graduation practice on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- June 4: Laptop and Book Return 1:00pm-4:00pm. More information will be sent closer to the event. (In person learners can return after their last exam on June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- June 7: Senior Class Pictures. Seniors will have multiple chances for pictures. The class picture will look different from years past due to social distancing requirements. On June 7<sup>th</sup> all students have the option of having their picture taken after graduation practice that will be combined into a class picture. Also, at graduation, Victor O'Neill Studios will be doing photos of each graduate with their diploma.
- June 7 & 8: Graduation Rehearsal from 8:45am – 11:30am at Westfield HS Stadium. **ALL graduates are required to attend.**
- June 11: Kings Dominion Graduation trip for seniors is set for June 11th and links for buying tickets and signing the waiver are below!! The price is \$42.50 through May 17th and \$50 May 18th-28th (deadline). It includes the bus ride, park ticket, and one boxed lunch. This will be such a fun day for our seniors!!! We have lots of great raffle prizes planned! Please encourage interested students to sign up early to save money and help with planning (sign up by May 17 to get early access when picking their bus). Students with financial needs can contact their school counselor. Spring athletes who are worried they might have a game that day can sign up if they want to go and will be given their ticket to use any day this summer if they have a game that day and cannot go (June 11th).

**\*This year's event will be organized by the Westfield Athletic Boosters Club**

Ticket sales: <https://westfield-kings-dominion-trip.myshopify.com/>

Parent waiver <https://app.waiverforever.com/pending/xtqwaDc2AC1619919612>

**SENIOR AWARDS:** This program is an award ceremony honoring the outstanding students of the Class of 2021. This in-person ceremony will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Westfield HS Auditorium and will also be live streamed.

**CLASS OF 2021 SOCIAL MEDIA:** Please continue to follow our Class Board on Twitter (@westfieldhs2021) and Instagram (Westfieldhs2021) for additional information and updates. Parent Facebook page Westfield High School (Chantilly, VA) Class of 2021 Parents

Don't forget to check Schoology for our senior class group page.

**INFORMATION FROM THE WESTFIELD PTSA:** Order your Class of 2021 Yard Signs!

The PTSA is excited to offer the opportunity for you to purchase a Westfield Bulldogs Class of 2021 Graduate yard sign! All orders must be received by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Please watch your email for pickup details. You should receive an email within two weeks of placing your order.

For Credit Card or PayPal payments -

<https://wfptsa.myshopify.com/products/class-of-2021-graduate-yard-sign>

For cash or check payments -

<https://wfptsa.myshopify.com/products/class-of-2021-graduate-yard-sign-mail-in-check-payment>

We thank you for your patience and continued support. Please reach out to the class administrator or class sponsors listed below if you have any questions related to the Class of 2021.

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