

# WOODS CROSS

## HIGH SCHOOL *Wildcats*

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Dear Graduating Senior and Parents/Guardians:

As we approach the time for graduation, the faculty and administration of Woods Cross High School congratulate those seniors who have achieved in academics, athletics, and activities while in high school. This letter is to inform you of the upcoming events during the last few weeks of school. Please read and review the following items carefully as we ask all graduating seniors to cooperate. Additionally, we ask for your help and support in allowing the school year to end as smoothly as possible. Please be aware of the following important dates and activities:

**Friday, May 10: All Make-up Packets** must be turned in by this date so that credit can be entered on transcripts to verify clearance for graduation.

**Friday, May 10: All fines and fees need to be paid by this date** in order to avoid a cap and gown or yearbook hold. You can check to see if your student owes fines/fees through the myDSD system. Payments can be made through this system or in the school's main office.

**Wednesday, May 15: List of students who are on track to graduate** will be posted by the counseling office. Students whose names are **NOT** on this list, have a graduation HOLD. Reasons for a "HOLD" could be fines, citizenship, and/or credit deficiencies. Students need to see their counselor for questions and/or to clear holds. Students may not walk at graduation and caps and gowns will **NOT** be distributed until holds are cleared.

**Wednesday, May 22: Caps and Gowns** will be distributed during Flex. Seniors **MUST** be passing all classes, be on track for graduation, have no citizenship issues, and have paid all fines in order to receive their cap and gown. Graduation tickets will be distributed at this time. *Each graduating senior will receive four (4) tickets. If you need more tickets, they can be picked up in the main office.* If you have not ordered cap, gown, and graduation materials, please contact Jostens at 1-800-JOSTENS or [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) **NOTE: Seniors will still be able to receive their cap and gown after this date only when they have cleared their "HOLD".**

**Wednesday, May 22: Scholarship/Award Night** will be held in the school auditorium at 7:00 pm. Students who should attend will be notified. Parents are invited to attend to support their students.

**Friday, May 24: SENIOR COTILLION** will be held from 6:30 to 10:00 pm at Rice Eccles Stadium. This is a dinner/dance for Seniors only. Semi-formal attire is required and **NO** dates. Tickets are \$40.00 and include a catered dinner, photo booth pictures, and dance. You can purchase your tickets on myDSD under Optional Fees, then Grade 12 Senior Cotillion. Tickets may also be purchased before or after school in the Main Office. The last day to purchase a ticket is **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

**Tuesday, May 28: Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal** in the WXHS auditorium at 12:00 pm. All graduating seniors who intend to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend graduation rehearsal.

**Tuesday, May 28: Woodstock** – Bands, games, and food. Food trucks will be available for a cost.

**Wednesday May 29: "Looking Back" Assembly** at 8:00 am in the auditorium. **YEARBOOKS** will be handed out after the "Looking Back" Assembly for all students.

**Wednesday May 29: Graduation Ceremony, at 5:00 pm, in the Dee Events Center.** In order to facilitate preparations for the ceremony, graduates need to arrive at 4:00 pm. Parents may begin seating at 4:00 pm. Seats are not assigned.

**Wednesday May 29: Woods Cross High PTSA Safe Graduation Party, at 10:00 pm.** This will be held at WXHS. This event is sponsored by the PTSA and not Woods Cross High School. More details will be sent from the school

## Graduation Ceremony Policies and Procedures

Woods Cross High School has established a tradition of having a formal and dignified ceremony. Please do not do anything that would distract from the tradition that has been established. Noisemakers of any kind are not allowed and would distract from the next students name from being heard by their family. We are requesting that students wear their best dress underneath their graduation robes. Levis, shorts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, and casual sandals are not appropriate.

The administration and senior class officers ask for your assistance with the demeanor and dress during graduation. To honor students who have earned recognition by the wearing of cords and/or medallions, and to not diminish from their achievements, no other adornment will be allowed during the ceremony. Parents wishing to honor their graduates with flower bouquets, corsages, or leis are asked to do so before or after the ceremony. Please remove all corsages or leis prior to the Graduation ceremony. The policy regarding dress at graduation is as follows:

In order to maintain dignity and decorum at high school commencements, students participating in commencement exercises are subject to the dress and grooming standards of the Davis School District Code. Graduates are to wear the prescribed cap and gown during the ceremony **\*\*without additional ornamentation or decoration.** Personal items such as clothing, accessories, or jewelry that draw undue attention or detract from the dignity and decorum of the occasion shall not be allowed. Mantles, cords, insignias, or medals signifying achievement, honor or recognition are restricted to awards issued and approved for display at graduation by Woods Cross High School.

\*\*\*"During the ceremony" refers to the entire duration of the commencement program, from opening processional to completion of the recessional.

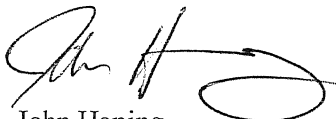
Individual photographs are professionally taken as students receive their diploma. The purchase of this service is optional and further details will be announced at graduation rehearsal. **Only ceremony participants are allowed within the ceremony area. Family members and friends are asked to stay in the seating areas. If you would like to take individual pictures, please do so before the ceremony.** Students will return gowns immediately after the ceremony. Parents are encouraged to leave young children at home.

**Please be aware that certain violations of district or school policy could prohibit your student from being able to participate in year-end activities, including the graduation ceremony. Students who do not meet graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Parents, you have been notified if your senior is not on track to graduate. Seniors should frequently check the main hall outside the counseling office to make sure that their graduation status is not in jeopardy due to credit deficiencies, citizenship issues, fines, or due to classes they are currently failing. Always check with your counselor if you have questions.

We appreciate the efforts of faculty, administration, staff, and parents to make the end of the year and the graduation ceremony very special for graduating seniors. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Todd Hammond, (801-402-4500) Assistant Principal, or Mrs. Carol Petersen, (801-402-4507) Counseling Department Chairperson. Congratulations to the seniors and parents of the graduating class of 2019.

Thank you,



John Haning  
Principal