

WICKENBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wickenburg High School Graduates and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations! After countless hours of hard work and commitment, you are just a few short weeks from receiving your high school diploma. We look forward to celebrating this proud moment with you and your family in the coming weeks' activities, culminating in the Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony.

Graduation will take place on *Friday, May 26, 2017* at the Wrangler Stadium at 8:00 P.M., weather permitting. Please arrive early as the processional will start promptly at 8:00 P.M. There will be limited reserved seating on the field for parents/guardians of graduates and stadium seating open for all other guests and attendees. **Each senior will be given two tickets for field seating.** A limited number of extra tickets will be available to accommodate special circumstances. Extra tickets must be requested from Terri Wood in my office (or via email at: twood@wickenburg.k12.az.us) and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Mandatory graduation practice will be held at 8:00 A.M. on *May 23rd*, 8:00 A.M. on *May 24th*, 8:00 A.M. on *May 25th* and if needed, at 8:00 A.M. on *May 26th* at which time we will go through the entire ceremony: lining up, processional, appropriate times to stand and sit, receiving the diploma, and moving the tassels. Students who do not participate in scheduled practices will forfeit the privilege of participating in the commencement ceremony. Also, please note that students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from scheduled practices. Graduates are to report to their assigned locker room in the Field House on the night of the ceremony by 6:30 P.M. to line up for the processional. We ask our graduates to be mindful of the expectations set forth by the Governing Board and the WHS Administration as follows:

- Graduation is a formal event and graduates are to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the solemnity of the occasion. Beach balls, blow horns, noisemakers and other forms of excessive celebration are not allowed.
- Students may not change the appearance of their cap & gown. Young men are to wear collared shirts, dress pants, dress shoes **and a tie**. Young ladies should wear a dress or slacks and blouse. You may not wear athletic shoes, sandals, shorts, T-shirts or denim.

We appreciate your support in making this event formal and respectful for everyone involved. Clothing will be inspected prior to the ceremony. **Students who are not dressed appropriately or who have made alterations to their cap and gown may forfeit the privilege of participating in the commencement ceremony.** Once again, graduates **may NOT wear denim.**

We ask that everyone remain in their seats, or use the designated area on the field, while taking pictures during the ceremony to avoid disrupting the ceremony or blocking other spectators' views. Instead, you are encouraged to take pictures of your graduate before and after the ceremony and purchase one of the packages that will be offered by a professional photographer. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma. All graduates' photographs will be available for purchase on the photographer's website.

After the ceremony, diploma certificates will be distributed in the concession area. Students who owe textbooks, late fees, or other requirements for graduation will not be permitted to participate in graduation if their obligations have not been met prior to May 26th.

The Senior Awards Banquet is *Wednesday, May 9th*, at 6:00 P.M. in the Webb Center Atrium; participating students will be invited to the banquet if they are receiving an award. Baccalaureate is scheduled for *Monday, May 22nd* at the Del E. Webb Center for Performing Arts at 7:00 P.M. A Grad Night party hosted by parents of graduates will follow the ceremony on *May 26th* from 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM in the high school Café.

Congratulations to all of our graduates and families. We hope that this landmark occasion in your life will be enjoyed safely and remembered fondly.

Respectfully,



Derek Streeter
Principal

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