



CLASS OF 2023

Come on in!

Take a seat.

Cell phones and laptops away please.

I will post this powerpoint to Schoology and
to the WHS Class of 2023 website today.



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Graduation is just around the corner!

June 8, 2023

Ceremony begins at 6:00pm

Students report to auditorium by 5:00 pm





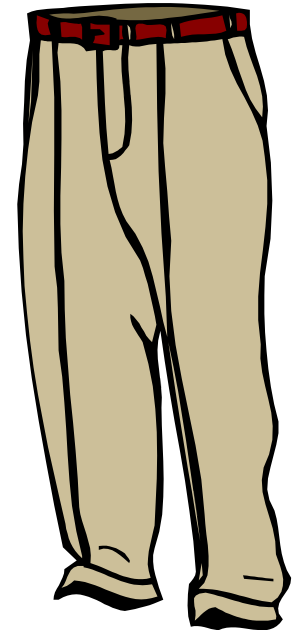
Attire: Details

- Wear a dress, skirt, or pants.
- Dress shoes or sandals with low heels or flats look the best and are easiest to walk in. NO sneakers.
- Flip-flops are not desirable, but if you have a pair that is dressy, that is permitted.



Attire: Details

- Shirt with Collar and TIE!
- Dress Pants (absolutely no shorts, sweatpants or jeans)
- Shoes (absolutely no sneakers or sandals)



Don't forget the tie!



Guidelines for All Participants



- All students must wear their gowns fully zippered with cap and tassel. **Nothing can be attached to gown.**
- You will be permitted to decorate your cap with post-secondary plans or other school appropriate themes.
- Students will be checked for appropriate dress prior to the graduation ceremony.
- Students must report to Auditorium at 5:00pm.
- **Any misbehavior will result in removal from the ceremony.**



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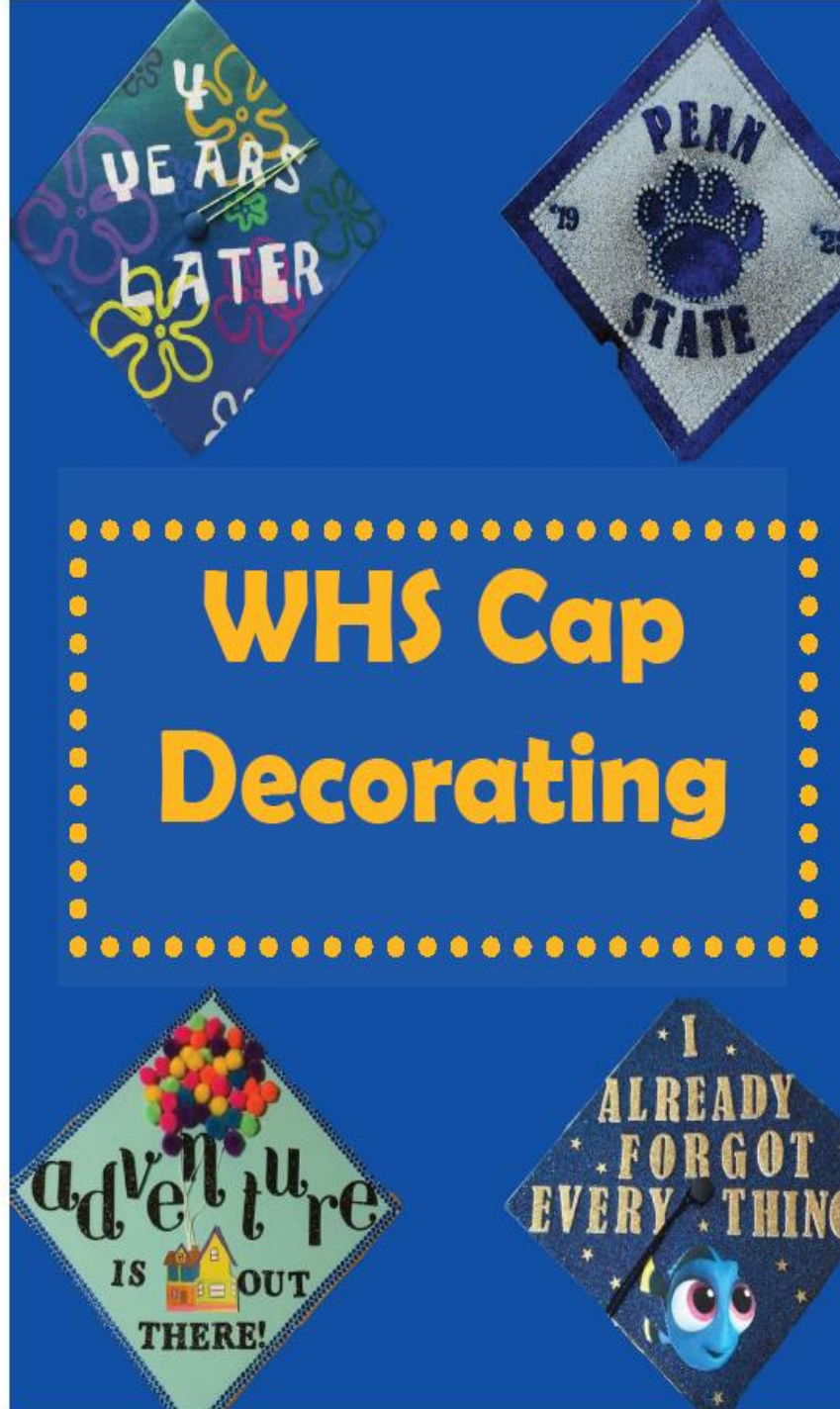
You're invited to join in our Cap Decorating Celebration!
Express yourself and share your excitement for what the future may hold for you and your classmates!

Caps/gowns will be distributed at rehearsal on June 7th.
Get your materials (pens, paints, paper, etc.) and your creative juices flowing now! Designs can be painted directly on your cap or attached on a piece of thick paper.
Caps measure 9.25" x 9.25"

Share your cap decorations on the eve of graduation -
June 7th - via your Instagram and tag @Wiss.23grads
Pictures will also be shared on WSD Facebook/Twitter.

Need Some Inspiration? Go to:

<https://collegecompass.co/graduation-cap-ideas/>



Difference Makers

- You should have already completed your electronic letter to a faculty member of your choosing.
 - If you have any questions, please ask your ELA teacher.
- This is a great time to reconnect with a WSD staff member from your past and in person.

Difference Makers will:

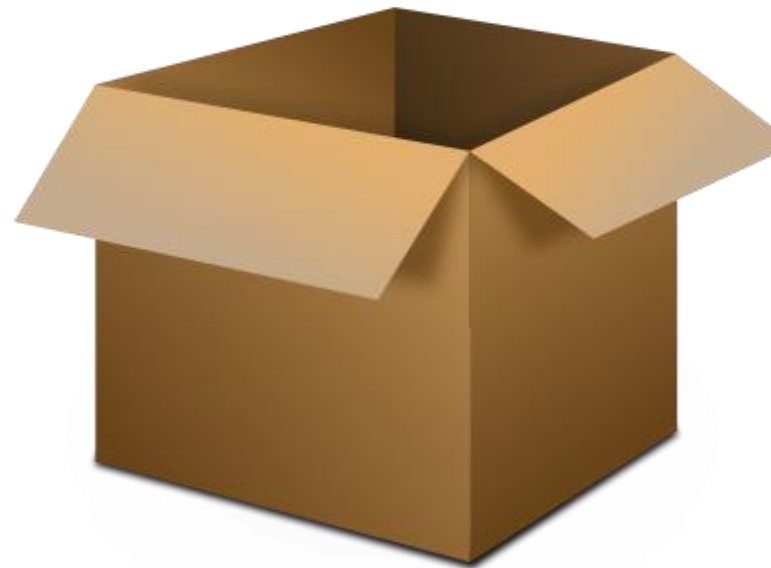
- Receive a special invitation to attend graduation, and sit in a designated Difference Maker area, to honor their accomplishments
- Receive a ribbon as a token of gratitude
- Reconnection opportunity during the victory laps.
- Be recognized on the district website for their positive impact

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”

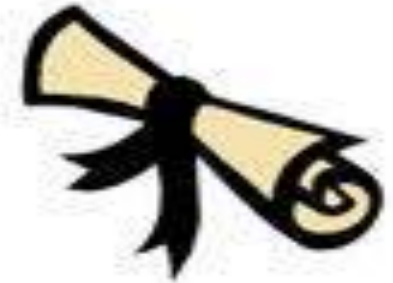
— John F. Kennedy

Gown Donations **NEEDED!**

If you are willing to leave your gown behind for a future student in need, please drop it in the box near diploma pick-up in the Natatorium immediately following graduation.



Commencement Contract



- This electronic Commencement Contract must be signed and submitted in order to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- You all must agree to the Commencement Contract. The link will be sent via Schoology today and can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/5C46uM7Wgt>
- Questions or concerns should be sent to Dr. Haney

2023 Graduation Contract

To: WHS Graduating Seniors

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND ACKNOWLEDGE AGREEMENT BELOW.

The Graduation ceremony will be conducted according to the following guidelines:

- Attire: Dress, skirt, or pants suit (no casual pants, jeans or shorts), blue gown (supplied), dress shoes or sandals with low heels (no sneakers). "Dressy" flip-flops are permissible.

Or shirt with collar and tie, dress pants, shoes (no sneakers or sandals), blue gown (supplied). No jeans or shorts.

- All students will wear a graduation gown completely zippered and a graduation cap with tassel.

Absolutely nothing may be worn on the gown. It has been approved by WHS Administration that students in the Class of 2023 may decorate their caps this year for graduation. A SnapChat page will be created and shared with students in advance of the ceremony to post pictures of the decorated caps.

- By 5:00 p.m., students will report to the Auditorium. Students will be checked for business casual dress as outlined above.

- When lining up and when sitting on the field, students are arranged in a specific order which conforms to the graduation line-up. No student should make changes to this order.


- Any student who exhibits evidence of the use or possession of any unauthorized substance or possession of any unauthorized item will be removed immediately from the ceremony.

- Any student who exhibits any other inappropriate behavior that warrants dismissal will be escorted from the ceremony. The student and parent(s) will have to make an appointment with high school administration to receive the diploma.


Electronic Signature

THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FOR THE WISSAHICKON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 IS A SERIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT TIME IN THE LIFE OF EACH GRADUATE. I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. I AGREE TO TAKE NO ACTION THAT WOULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO ME, MY PARENTS, MY FRIENDS OR MY SCHOOL. I UNDERSTAND THE GUIDELINES DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND I AGREE TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN A MANNER BEFITTING THE DIGNITY OF THE OCCASION.

Failure to sign this contract will result in loss of the privilege to participate in the graduation ceremony.

1. Student First Name * 

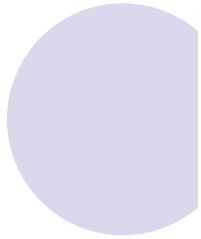
Enter your answer

2. Student Last Name * 

Enter your answer

☐ Send me an email receipt of my responses

Submit



Flowers and Graduation Teddy Bears

Beautiful Flower Bouquets and Graduation Teddy Bears Will Be Available For Purchase On-Site at the Wissahickon High School Commencement Ceremony. [Click here to pre-order](http://www.thecommcementgroup.com/wissahickon/). Pre-order website closes at 8 p.m. on June 7. All pre-orders will be set aside at a specific table to allow for pick-up in the Stadium after 3 p.m. on Commencement Day. Look for the table at the kiosk. Credit cards only. No cash.

**Graduation
Flowers**

Flowers and Graduation Teddy Bears

Pre-order at:

www.thecommcementgroup.com/wissahickon/



**White, Red, Yellow,
Pink Premium Rose
Bouquet \$39 dozen**



**Graduation Teddy
Bears \$27**



**White, Red, Yellow, Pink
Premium Rose Bouquet
\$25 Half dozen**



Victory Lap

WEDNESDAY, June 7

If you do not sign up in advance, you will not be permitted to participate.

The link to participate will be sent via Schoology today. **Deadline: May 12**

Please see Dr. Haney with any questions.

Class of 2023 Victory Lap of WSD 🧵

Class of 2023,

We would like to offer you a Victory Lap of the Wissahickon School District! In this final farewell, you will have a chance to walk through the halls of the middle school and your elementary building as students and teachers line the halls to wish you farewell.

This Victory Lap will take place immediately following graduation practice on June 7, 2023. You will wear your cap and gown (which will be distributed at practice that morning) as you parade through the halls of the middle school and your elementary school. We will all walk to the middle school. After the Victory Lap of the middle school, you will head to your elementary school. *Those students who attended Mattison Elementary or did not attend a WSD elementary school are welcomed to participate at an elementary school of their choosing.* Buses will be provided to Stony Creek, Shady Grove and Blue Bell. Students are not permitted to drive themselves. For those of you who are Lower Gwynedd alum, we will walk to Lower Gwynedd. When the Victory Laps are complete, all seniors will return to WHS and you will be dismissed at that time. We anticipate that all groups will return to WHS by 11:15 that morning.

If you are interested in participating in the Class of 2023 Victory Lap on June 7, we need to know by Friday, May 12. It is purely optional.

We hope you will join us for this amazing opportunity!

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Practice Schedule: WEDNESDAY, June 7



Attendance is mandatory

Report no later than 7:45 a.m. -

Report to Auditorium and find your seat (name card will be on seat). You will be seated alphabetically. In the auditorium lobby, prior to this practice, there will be a seating chart posted.

This will be the indoor practice.

At this practice, you will receive your cap, gown, tassel, all tickets and your lawn sign.

All outstanding obligations must be cleared by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6/7, or you will not receive a diploma at graduation.

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If you are participating in the **Victory Lap** to the Middle School and your elementary school, you will stay following this first day of practice. We will all return to WHS by 11:15 a.m. Otherwise, you must leave when practice is over.

Practice Schedule: THURSDAY

Attendance is mandatory

Report no later than 7:45 a.m.-

Report directly to the Lower Café for the SENIOR
BREAKFAST.

This will be the outdoor practice.

Following the breakfast, you will report to the Auditorium
and find your seat. The name cards should still be there.





Tickets

Tickets will be given out with your cap/gown during the Wednesday practice. No extra tickets will be available. Please do not lose your tickets.

Tickets are required!

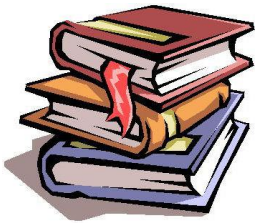
10 tickets will be given for graduation on the field.

We are hoping for an outdoor ceremony.

**Rain Date of Friday, June 9.
We will hold the ceremony on June 9, Rain or Shine.**

If the ceremony is indoors on June 9, you will receive 2 tickets for the Circle Gym.

If you need handicapped seating, there are a few tickets available for handicapped guests. Please see Ms. Duffy.



Obligations

All obligations must be cleared by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7. If not, you will not receive your diploma and will need to make arrangements to get it at a later date. Check Infinite Campus for a listing of your current obligations and start working on clearing them now!

11th Grade Physicals ARE OBLIGATIONS!

You and a guest are cordially invited to the

WHS 2023 Senior Prom A Starry Night

Friday, May 19, 2023

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Westover Country Club

401 S Schuylkill Avenue

Norristown, PA

Dinner, Dancing, and More

Formal Attire

\$85/person

Purchase your Tickets - April 27th - May 1st

D-Hall Administrative Suite

Breathalyzers will be used on every 8th student at the entrance of the prom, as well as any student who is displaying signs of having consumed alcohol.

There are two scenarios this year that students attending prom may fall into:

1. **Students taking the Literature Keystone that morning:** If your student is taking the Literature Keystone that morning, they will need to report to school at 7:35 for the testing and, with your signed permission below, may be excused from school following the testing at 11:00am.
2. **Students not taking the Literature Keystone that morning:** If your student is attending the WHS Senior Prom and not participating in the Literature Keystone on the morning of Friday, May 19, 2023, they will not be required to attend school at all on May 19 with your signed permission below.

If your WHS student is attending prom on May 19, 2023 and if you approve of one of these options above for your student, please kindly complete this form and return it to the WHS Attendance Office no later than May 12, 2023. Please understand that if your student has exceeded 10 days absent from school this school year, this absence or early dismissal will be marked as unexcused.

***The Wissahickon High School
Senior Prom will be held on:
Friday, May 19, 2023
Westover Country Club
7:00pm to 10:00pm***

Name of WHS Student: _____ Grade: _____

☐ *My student will be in school for the Literature Keystone on 5/19/23 and has my permission to be dismissed early at 11:00am*

or

☐ *My student is not taking the Literature Keystone and has my permission to NOT be in attendance on 5/19/23.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Must be signed by
a parent/guardian.
Must be turned in
to Attendance by
Friday, May 12.

Upcoming Events:

Senior Spirit Days

April 30 – Senior Parking Spot Decorating: Decorate your parking spot with your future plans from 2 to 4 PM. Bring your own chalk.

May 1 - Decision Monday: College/Career T-Shirt Day

Senior Prom

Friday, May 19 at 7:00-10:00 PM at the Westover Country Club

Senior Yearbook Signing Event

Tuesday, May 30 from 3:00-4:30 PM on the Auditorium grass

Senior Spirit Week

May 30 – Futures Day: Wear gear supporting your college, career, future plans

May 31 – Aloha! Hawaiian Day: Wear your Hawaiian shirt to say good-bye to high school and hello to your future

June 1 – Senior T-shirt Day: Make a lasting impression on your teachers and classmates as the Class of 2023 and wear your 2023 Class t-shirts

Upcoming Events:

Scholarship Night: June 1 at 7:00pm in
WHS Auditorium

Senior Exams: June 2 & June 5

Senior Awards: June 5 at 7:00pm in
WHS Audion

Senior Class Trip: June 6



Senior Class Trip:

Where: Six Flags Great Adventure

When: June 6

Cost: \$75.00/person (in good standing
– no obligations)

Meals are not provided.

Tickets on Sale: April 20 -

What to bring: extra money for
food/drink and any souvenirs
you may want to purchase.



Upcoming Events:

June 7

Graduation Practice at 7:45 a.m.

Victory Laps

June 8

Senior Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.

Graduation Practice

GRADUATION at 6:00

Arrive by 5:00



Listing Scholarships in the Graduation Program

- Each year at graduation we publish the names of scholarships earned by students in the senior class. If you would like your name and the scholarship(s) that you have received to be included in the program at graduation, please complete the online form (link sent out by Ms. Anderson) by May 9th. *The following types of scholarships can be included:*
 - Any scholarships from the college/university that you **WILL** attend. Please include the name of the college/university and the name of the scholarship (e.g. University of Delaware President's Scholarship, Drexel University AJ Drexel Scholarship). **DO NOT INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM COLLEGES THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING.**
 - Any outside scholarship awards that you have received to date from a private/community organization (e.g. parent's employer, local club, etc.)



Ms. Perrotta – Senior Reminders

- **Enrollment/Housing Deposits:**

Pay by May 1 for 4YR college-bound students. If you plan to accept financial aid award offers, you should also follow any required steps given to you by your university.

- **Waitlists:**

Even if you have chosen to stay on a waitlist, you should deposit elsewhere by May 1. Waitlist offers are likely to come later in May or June.

Ms. Perrotta – Senior Reminders

- **Senior Futures Day:**

May 1st at all senior lunches! Wear the gear that represents your next steps. We will have a photo area set-up and the HSA will be giving out cookies.

- **Senior Spotlights:**

Remember to stop by the Counseling Office to add your name and check out the senior map. You can also submit your plans and a photo to the Senior Spotlight Form available on the Class of 2023 Instagram page (Wiss23Grads). This will highlight you on the WSD Social Media pages and the Class of 2023 Instagram page.

Ms. Perrotta – Senior Reminders

- **Update Your Outcomes in Scoir:**

Before the end of the year, you should be entering all of your admissions decisions in Scoir and marking which school will be the one where you plan to enroll. Colleges must be moved to the Applied tab before you can note outcomes. This also helps future Wiss students look at data.

- **Final Transcripts:**

Final transcripts are automatically sent to the college that you indicate in Scoir immediately after graduation. This should be the school that you plan to enroll at in the Fall 2023 semester. You do NOT need to request this transcript.



Ms. Perrotta – Senior Reminders

Military Students

- If you have not yet already done so, please notify Ms. Anderson ASAP if your plan is to enlist in the military, have received an ROTC scholarship, plan to join the National Guard, or plan to attend a federal service academy or military college.

AP Tester Exam Reminders

- Email sent
- Exam window May 1-12



Ms. Perrotta-

Class of 2023 Senior Exit Survey

https://www.takemyschoolsurvey.com/exit/PA_Wissahickon2023.htm

To access the survey, enter your 6-digit WHS ID number. Survey will be open through June 13th.

This is an anonymous survey and the data is gathered by an outside organization and shared with WHS in the fall.

We will see you on
Wednesday, June 7th at
7:45 a.m. in the auditorium
for your first graduation
practice.





That's all Folks!