

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL *CLASS OF 2020*

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KEY DATES

ASAP December 6^{th} December 31^{st} March 31^{st} May 27^{th} June 5^{th} June 5^{th} June 6^{th} June 10^{th} June 10^{th} June 12^{th} June 13^{th} 1st payment due for Grad Night Party Senior Ads 2nd Payment due for Grad Night Party 3rd Payment due for Grad Night Party Senior Awards Night Senior Tea Senior-Staff Basketball game Senior Prom Senior Recognition Assembly Inspiration Night Senior Grad Rehearsal Gradation Day

Hey, senior families, we want to thank everyone in advance for supporting our seniors, The days listed below are subject to change if we have any school days to make-up due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, June 10th – Unless a special activity is planned by a teacher, seniors who have completed all graduation requirements will be supervised in the Commons during the school day up until the Senior Recognition Assembly.

Seniors who have not completed all graduation requirements are required to continue to attend class(es) up to and including the rest of the school year to receive additional support.

SENIOR INSPIRATION NIGHT

JUNE 10

This is an opportunity for seniors to wear caps and gowns and enjoy an evening of memorable slide shows, music, and speakers with your classmates, friends, and family. Caps and gowns are treated as uniforms for the commencement ceremony and must not be decorated, BUT seniors may decorate caps and gowns with anything that is **removable** for Senior Inspiration Night!

TICKETS

Each graduating senior will receive 10 tickets which will be handed out at rehearsal (as long as all fines are paid). Sign-up sheets for more tickets will start on May 4th in the Main Office, or you can send an e-mail to our office manager at <u>salmansouri@everettsd.org</u>. We will be able to accommodate all requests up to 15 extra tickets (but please ask if you need more than this).

If you cannot distribute tickets to family members between then and the graduation ceremony, we will have a "Will Call" table at the Angel of the Winds Arena on Saturday where you can have family or friends pick up their tickets if necessary. All audience members must have a ticket to be admitted. If you need fewer tickets than you have been allotted, please return them to the Main Office so that they may be given to someone who can use them – thank you!

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

All participating seniors are expected to be on time to graduation rehearsal at 9:00 am in the JHS Gym. The Senior Barbecue will follow rehearsal at 11:30 am!

Friday, June 12th @ 9:00 a.m. in the GYM

- Rehearsal will last approximately 2 ½ hours
- Seniors will have assigned seats at graduation
- If a student can't attend graduation practice please contact Mrs. Al-Mansouri
- If a student does not plan on participating at the graduation ceremony please connect with the school counselor
- Following rehearsal seniors will enjoy a barbecue

OBLIGATIONS

In order for students to receive graduation tickets, ALL fines and obligations need to be cleared. A fine list will be updated daily outside the ASB Office starting May 11th. ALL obligations need to be cleared, in order to receive graduation tickets at rehearsal.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY REPORTING TIMES & LOCATIONS JUNE 13

All seniors enter through the FOUNTAIN entrance on Hewitt Avenue and report to the assigned dressing room <u>no later than 6:00 pm</u>. Families and other audience members enter through the main doors on the corner of Hewitt and Oakes. The graduation ceremony begins at 7:00 pm, and nearby parking can be limited if you arrive close to starting time.

TIMELINE

5:45 p.m. Band and Choir Arrive at the Fountain Entrance 6:00 p.m. STUDENTS ENTER at the Fountain Entrance 6:15 p.m. DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at NE entrance 7:00 p.m. Ceremony Begins Saturday, June 13th Angel of the Winds Arena 2000 Hewitt Ave Everett, WA 98201

JUNE 12

SEATING

Seating for the commencement ceremony at the Angel of the Winds Arena is on a first-come, first served basis. Handicapped seating is available – no reservations are necessary. ASL services will be provided and will be located in the seating area on the left side of the arena (when facing the stage).

DRESS & DECORUM

Caps and gowns will be worn by all participants. The caps should be flat on the seniors head and the tassel on the mortarboard (cap) is worn on the RIGHT side.

In the Everett Public Schools, the purpose of honor cords is to recognize academic achievement that demonstrates scholarship. This is demonstrated by students who excel in course offerings and demonstrate a commitment to challenging coursework. The only items that are allowed to be worn over the gown are the following approved honor cords and medallions:

- Valedictorian (medallion)
- Honor Society
- Seal of Biliteracy (medallion)
- AP Scholar (passing score on 3 or more AP exams)
- AP Capstone Candidate
- AVID Honor Cords
- Departmental Scholar (medallion)

Please ask for administrative approval if your senior would like to wear an item of <u>cultural</u> <u>celebratory</u> significance during the ceremony (such as an authentic flower or wooden lei) if appropriate to your custom.

Please DO NOT decorate your students cap! It is important to honor the decorum of the ceremony, and your senior needs to consider these as part of a "uniform." You may purchase an additional cap for this purpose from National Achiever or you may wait until after the ceremony to permanently decorate the cap. Seniors will not be allowed to wear a cap during the ceremony that has been decorated. Thank you for your understanding!

PICTURES & VIDEO

Cameras will be allowed in the stands at the Angel of the Winds Arena. However, parents will not be permitted in the downstairs areas, nor will seniors be permitted to step out of line for pictures. These types of pictures are permitted at Inspiration Night and the reception.

We have a contract with GradImages (<u>www.gradimages.com</u>) to purchase pictures taken at graduation as students cross the stage. A video in DVD format will be also available for purchase. Order forms are available on our website.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Graduation is both a ceremony and a celebration. It's important to remember that there is a proper time and place for both! The ceremony itself is to be taken seriously and with an attitude of respect for student accomplishments and of those who have helped our student along with this journey. The celebration takes place *after* the ceremony and is the time to have fun with family and friends.

STUDENTS: Please do not bring anything with you that would be a distraction from the ceremony. This includes – but is not limited to – beach balls or other inflatable objects, silly string, bouncy balls, or noisemakers. Also, **do not** bring purses or valuables that will not fit in your pockets as there is no secure storage area during the ceremony for such items. AUDIENCE MEMBERS: We want this to be a very special time for *your* graduate and for *all* the graduates! Please be respectful during all phases of the ceremony – a lot of work has gone into preparing the best experience possible. Air horns and artificial noisemakers can be a distraction and are not allowed at the Xfinity Arena. We hope you will give a special cheer for your graduate can hear their own name being read as well. This, of course, is an important part of the experience!

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Family members and other guests are not to be downstairs before or after graduation. After the ceremony, graduates will make their way upstairs to the east vestibule where they can meet family and guests.

For those of you who are participating in the JHS All-Night Grad Party, the buses will begin loading at 10:00 P.M.

Buses will return between 5:30-6:00 a.m. on Sunday, at Jackson High School. Please be sure your graduate has transportation home. ⁽²⁾

DIPLOMAS & TRANSCRIPTS

Diplomas will be mailed after July 1st.

ALL seniors must request **final transcripts** via Naviance by **June 19**th. In order for the transcripts to be submitted directly to a designated school by **June 24**th. Any transcript request after June 19th will need to be submitted via Naviance, and will ONLY be processed on the following days: July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August 5th. Any requests after August 10th will be processed daily as needed.

PLEASE NOTE: All financial obligations must be cleared in order to receive a diploma or an official transcript. If you have questions about this final transcript process please email <u>naviance@everettsd.org</u> and make sure to indicate that you attend Jackson High School.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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All Night Graduation Party, Inspiration Night, Senior BBQ (in conjunction with senior leadership)			
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