



WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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May 3, 2022

Dear Members of the Class of 2022:

Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 p.m. at Fifth Third Arena which is located on the University of Cincinnati Campus.

The Commencement program is an important ceremony for you, your parents, and guests. Attached is a list of important instructions which must be followed by each of you. If you do not plan to participate in the Commencement program, you must notify us by completing the [Graduation Participation Survey](#) no later than Friday, May 20th. Participation is not mandatory. Only those students who attend the rehearsal will be permitted to participate in the Commencement program.

All **financial, academic and discipline** issues must be resolved in order to participate in the graduation rehearsal and Commencement program. It is your responsibility to see that these obligations are met.

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Tuesday, May 24th, at 5:30-7:00, provided you have turned in the Senior Future Plans form, school issued laptop and fulfilled all other obligations. Please meet in Blair Circle.

We need everyone's cooperation in order to make these last few days of school and the commencement program a positive experience for all. While graduation is a time for celebration, the formal ceremony at 5/3 Arena is designed to be one of dignity and respect. This goal cannot be achieved without your total cooperation. This is your moment to be honored – not embarrassed. Any student who does not cooperate during the graduation rehearsal or during the Commencement program will be removed.

JostensPIX has been contracted to photograph each of our students as their diploma is presented. This ensures every family the opportunity to have a picture of their graduate while maintaining a dignified atmosphere during the Commencement ceremony. Detailed instructions for ordering pictures will be given at the rehearsal.

Please make the best of your last few days at Walnut Hills High School. Come to school every day on time, attend every class and study hall, conduct yourselves in a responsible manner, and serve as positive role models for the other students in our school.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of Walnut Hills High School, we want to thank you, congratulate you and wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

Sursum Ad Summum!

Sincerely,

Ashley Morgan
Assistant Principal 10-12 (A-G)

Daniel Coleman
Assistant Principal 10-12 (H-O)

Kathy Restle
Assistant Principal 10-12 (P-Z)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT 2022

DRESS FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

1. Men are to wear dress shirts with a subdued tie, dark slacks or khakis and dress shoes (no jeans, sandals or gym shoes).
2. Women are to wear dressy pants or skirts with a blouse or semi-formal dresses and dress shoes. Because there is considerable walking involved, safe shoes should be worn (no jeans, flip-flops or gym shoes).
3. Sunglasses, cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted.
4. Caps must be worn level and straight. Decorated caps are not permitted. Caps are to remain on your head until after leaving the arena area.
5. Tassels should be on the left side of the cap.
6. Chewing gum is not permitted.
7. Carrying flowers, purses, or any other items in the ceremony is not permitted.
8. Only Cum Laude honor cords are permitted to be worn on the outside of the graduation gown (pins, etc. are not permitted).
9. Students must be dressed properly in order to participate in the ceremony. Participation in commencement is a privilege, not a right.
10. Students should arrive wearing caps and gowns.

REHEARSAL Thursday, May 26th 9:00-1:00 p.m. (students only)

1. Report promptly at 8:45a.m. to Fifth Third Arena. Parking is available in the Calhoun garage.
2. Specific instructions regarding the Commencement ceremony will be given during rehearsal.

PRE-COMMENCEMENT STAGING

1. Students are to report to Fifth Third Arena no later than 5:15 p.m. using the Armory Fieldhouse entrance.
2. If you are driving, Calhoun and Corry garages will be open one and a half hours prior to the start of the ceremony.
3. The Armory Fieldhouse is not a secure location; valuable items should not be left in this area, leave them with your family or in your car.
4. When given instructions for lining up, be sure to listen carefully.
5. Attendance will be taken in the line-up.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

1. Do not remove your cap during the National Anthem. You are in proper academic attire and are not required to remove your cap.
2. Adhere to all directions during the ceremony.
3. During the recessional, do not stop walking once you are out of the Auditorium, you need to keep walking because of those who are following closely behind you.