This newsletter is written to keep seniors, parents, and guardians informed during this hectic final semester. Keep this newsletter for future reference.

Graduation is a very special occasion and a memorable experience. We hope everyone is looking forward to the event.

The South Whidbey High School Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at noon in the main gym. We look forward to this special day for all of our graduating seniors and their families.

The Senior Local Scholarship Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Seniors receiving scholarships will be notified in advance of the ceremony by Student Services.

We remind you that each senior must meet requirements for graduation in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. All fines and fees must be paid before a student participates in Commencement. Every effort is being made by our counselors and teachers to keep you informed of current grades and credit status. However, the ultimate responsibility for passing each class and achieving the required number of credits lies with the individual student.

Seniors enrolled in online and correspondence courses outside of SWHS must submit their final test results no later than Friday, May 15, 2015, in order to receive credit needed. If you have questions, contact your student’s counselor, specific teacher, or the principal. It is the student’s responsibility to request that the course provider mail an official document to the Registrar, Ms. Bitts, stating the grade and credit earned no later than Friday, May 29, 2015.

Seniors report to the auxiliary gym at 11:00 a.m. on the morning of graduation. Don’t forget your cap, gown and tassel! Commencement is a formal ceremony. In keeping with the dignity that your graduation ceremony deserves, we expect appropriate attire to be worn under gowns. Ladies, dress or skirt/dress, pants and blouse. (Be cautious of high heeled shoes if you aren’t accustomed to them.) Gentlemen, attire such as full-length slacks or casual pants, and shirts with a collar.

The following are some things to remember so that your graduation ceremony is a reflection of your awareness, maturity, and good taste:

a. Mortarboards (caps) were designed to be worn with the “board” (flat of the cap) PARALLEL to the floor. The points go in the front and the back. The hat may flatten your hair for a couple of hours, but the caps and gowns are a traditional design, hundreds of years old, and universally recognized as a symbol of education. Please wear them correctly. (Don’t forget bobby pins to hold them in place if your hairstyle is such that the cap may easily fall off or will not stay in place.)

b. DO NOT USE A HOT IRON when pressing your gown as the material scorches easily!

c. Please deliver flowers and/or gifts to students AFTER graduation.

d. Remember this is a FORMAL CEREMONY in which the school presents you to the community. The CELEBRATION comes afterwards.
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<td>Mar 20</td>
<td>Senior Slide Show Picture * FINAL * Deadline</td>
<td>2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Hard Copies to the ASB/Athletic Office</td>
<td>Mrs. Cavender, e-mail pictures to: <a href="mailto:Cavender.lori@gmail.com">Cavender.lori@gmail.com</a>. Please put SLIDESHOW in subject line. tel. (206) 356-2405</td>
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<td>April 24</td>
<td>Distribution of Graduation Announcements, Caps &amp; Gowns</td>
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<td>National Achiever Services tel. (800) 800 4083</td>
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<td>Musical Performance Audition Sign-Up Deadline</td>
<td>2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>ASB Office</td>
<td>Mr. Patton, ext. 5406 Mr. Harshman, ext. 5355 Mrs. Ludtke, ext. 5403</td>
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<td>May 9</td>
<td>Junior/Senior Prom</td>
<td>8:00 – 11:00</td>
<td>Useless Bay Golf &amp; Country Club</td>
<td>Mrs. Eckert &amp; Mrs. Henriot, tel. (360) 661-3578, (425) 238-1812</td>
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<td>Mr. Patton, Mrs. Huffman Pictures: Designer Portrait Studio 800-521-8282</td>
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**Ticket Distribution**
Each graduating senior will be issued seven (7) tickets on **Friday, June 5**, once seniors have paid all fines and turned in their Senior Check Out Sheet to Mrs. Hagerman. Tickets will be available in the main office from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Seniors not needing all seven tickets are asked to please return them to Mrs. Hagerman to be distributed to families who need more. For those who need extra tickets, a sign-up sheet will be available at the ASB/Athletic Office. **No phone calls will be accepted.** We will take the number of tickets that have been returned and the left over tickets, and divide them evenly among seniors requesting extras. Additional tickets will be distributed after rehearsal on **Friday, June 5**, at noon. **NOTE:** **LOST OR STOLEN TICKETS WILL NOT BE REPLACED.**

**Entrance** to graduation will be by ticket only. **Festival seating** (if seats are available) will begin at 11:45 a.m. until the main gym is at capacity as per the Island County Fire Marshall.

**Caps, Gowns, Announcements**
Students who have not ordered a cap and gown may submit a late order and must contact National Achiever Services directly at 1-800-800-4083.

A representative from National Achiever Services will be at the High School during lunch on **Friday, April 24**, to deliver caps, gowns and graduation announcements in the New Commons to seniors who ordered them on time.

If you do not pick your order, please see Mrs. Hagerman in the main office.

**Rehearsals: Graduation & Farewell Assembly**

* * * MANDATORY * * *

Rehearsals are in the main gym as follows:

- **Thursday, June 4**, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Friday, June 5**, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

All seniors and Running Start seniors are required to participate in the mandatory rehearsals in order to participate in Commencement. **Attendance will be taken.**

A GROUP PICTURE OF THE SENIOR CLASS IN CAP & GOWN WILL BE TAKEN AT THE FRIDAY, JUNE 5, REHEARSAL at 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to bring your cap and gown!

**Farewell Assembly**
The Farewell Assembly will be held on **Thursday, June 4**, immediately after graduation rehearsal at 11:50 a.m. in the main gym. **Parents are invited to attend and watch the assembly.** Please sign-in at the main office upon arrival to the high school.

**Student Conduct**
Seniors are reminded to observe all South Whidbey High School/School District Board policies regarding appropriate student conduct throughout all final week activities. Seniors who are in violation of these policies are at risk of not participating in the commencement ceremony.

**Diplomas**
The diploma cover handed out during commencement will not include a diploma. Seniors will receive their actual diploma in the **mail with their final report card and transcript in July.**

**Photographs**
At rehearsal on **Thursday, June 4**, you will receive an order form for purchasing (if you wish) a group graduation picture. The group picture will be taken at graduation practice on **Friday, June 5**. Be sure to bring your order form, money, and cap and gown on this day.

Additionally, individual pictures will be taken at the graduation ceremony and will be available for purchase.

**Senior Local Scholarship Night**
On **Tuesday, June 2**, Senior Local Scholarship Awards presentations will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Seniors receiving scholarships will be notified in advance of the evening by Student Services.
**Musical Performances**

Students interested in performing at the farewell assembly or graduation must sign-up for auditions through the ASB/Athletic Office no later than Friday, May 1. Audition date to be determined.

**Yearbooks**

Seniors, please don't graduate without your yearbook. The yearbook supply is getting very low; purchase yours now at the ASB window. Yearbooks are $50.00 each. For additional information, you may contact Mr. Greene and his yearbook class between 12:12—12:55 p.m., at 221-6808, ext. 5127.

**No Senior Skip Day**

Our school does not condone, sponsor, or approve any organized senior skip day and we will follow through with appropriate disciplinary consequences should any senior participate. Parents and guardians can assist by reinforcing with their student the importance of being in class and by not allowing students to participate in such an activity.

**Official Transcripts**

Most colleges, universities, and technical institutes require a final, official transcript from applicants sometime after completion of second semester. You must submit to the registrar, Ms. Bitts, stamped and addressed envelopes for each school where your final transcript needs to be sent. Note: official transcripts will not be mailed until all outstanding fines have been paid.

**Final Exams**

Finals for seniors will be given on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 1, 2, and 3. We will be on a regular bell schedule with exams scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, June 1:** Periods 3A
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Periods 3, 3B, and 4
- **Wednesday, June 3:** Periods 1 and 2

**Walking Partners**

Seniors need to sign-up for a walking partner for graduation no later than Friday, May 29. Please see Mrs. Bilyeu in the ASB/Athletic Office. Failure to sign-up will result in partner assignments.

**Check-Out Process**

Seniors will be given a final checkout sheet on Wednesday, June 3, during fourth period. Students need to check out of classes, the library, and ASB/Athletics (Fines). Follow instructions on the Senior Check-Out Form carefully. Please note that seniors must have all fines paid in order to complete their clearance sheet.

Seniors must complete the CHECK-OUT PROCESS by Friday, June 5, in order to receive their graduation tickets.

Running Start and off campus seniors are required to pick up and complete a Clearance Sheet by Friday, June 5. You may pick up a Clearance Sheet in the main office.

**Fines**

Seniors must have all fines paid by Friday, June 5. A "fines list" will be posted on the Student Services window and will be updated regularly. Please be sure to check for your name. Library fines will be posted and must be cleared with the librarian by Friday, June 5. All library materials must be turned in by this date.

**Senior Breakfast**

A continental breakfast will be served on Friday, June 5, in the old commons from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. This event is for seniors only and is sponsored by the Junior Class.

**Daily Bulletin**

The high school bulletin is posted daily. A hard copy of the bulletin is located in the main office, teachers have e-mail access as well as a hard copy, and it is read daily at 7:40 a.m. to students over the intercom. The daily bulletin is available on the high school website: [www.sw.wednet.edu/swhs](http://www.sw.wednet.edu/swhs).

Seniors should be checking the bulletin daily for events and schedule changes at South Whidbey High School. It is especially important at this time of the year. **Running Start & Off-Campus Seniors are Responsible for Checking Updated Senior Information.** We will not be mailing information home to these students.
Traditionally, senior class officers and interested members of the class produce a slide show to be presented at the end of the year Farewell Assembly. This year we want the slide show to be exceptional.

We have been collecting photos for two months and have received only half the pictures of the senior class!

We would greatly appreciate your help as a parent or guardian, to provide photos of your student to the slide show committee. We need at least three pictures of each senior. One baby or childhood, one adolescent, and one current. A collection box is located in the ASB/Athletic office. Digital photographs are welcome and may be e-mailed to: Cavender.lori@gmail.com. Please put “SLIDESHOW” in the subject line.

PICTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

ALL pictures should have the name or names of individuals pictured written on the back and, if needed, the name of the person to whom the picture should be returned. All items will be returned to seniors at the mandatory graduation rehearsal on Thursday, June 4.

For more information please contact Lori Cavender, at Cavender.lori@gmail.com.

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