



WAUBONSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2023 Senior Newsletter*

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Save the Dates

Seniors, this is a time to reflect on your last four years. Your class has contributed tremendously to the Warrior Tradition. You can be proud of your accomplishments in academics, activities, and athletics. The intent of this newsletter is to inform you of important events, dates, and times. It also reminds you of responsibilities necessary for a successful graduation.

SENIOR GRADUATION

Graduation - May 28, 2023 - 2:00 PM - Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL Graduation Commencement Ceremony will begin promptly at **2:00 PM on Sunday, May 28th**. Seniors should report to the NIU Convocation Center in DeKalb **by 1:00 PM**. Information about parking and maps will be available at graduation practice on **Thursday, May 25th**, or on WV's website in the spring.

Graduation Tickets - Each graduate will receive **ten (10) graduation tickets immediately after graduation practice on Thursday, May 25th**. There will not be a waiting list for tickets.

Graduation Practice - Graduation Practice will be held on **Thursday, May 25th**, at 8:00 AM in the WV Main Gymnasium. All seniors participating in graduation, including January graduates, are required to attend graduation practice. Please be prompt. Practice typically lasts about two (2) hours.

Graduation Attire - Business professional attire is to be worn for the commencement. Gym shoes, flip flops, and blue jeans are not allowed. Students who are not properly dressed will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Gowns must be returned at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Handicapped Parking - If you or your guests require handicapped parking and have a Handicapped Placard/License Plate, Handicapped Parking is available at NIU. NIU Security staff will direct you to the specific location.

Handicapped Seating: If you or your guests require handicapped seating, you do not need a special ticket and you do not need to reserve a seat. There are designated rows around the NIU Convocation Center for guests who require handicapped seating. **Please note:** guests who require handicapped seating, may have one family member join the guest in the handicapped seating area and the remainder of their party should sit in close proximity.

Clear Bag Policy - A clear bag policy has been instituted and is being enforced at the NIU Convocation Center.

Senior Obligations and Fines - Lockers must be emptied and all textbook/materials returned. All class, library or activity/athletic obligations and fines must be cleared by Friday, May 19th. If the graduate currently has any financial obligations, a PushCoin statement will be mailed out separately to the home address on file at the beginning of second semester. Please note, however, that some library and activity/athletic fees/fines may not be posted until later into the semester. Please be sure to check your PushCoin account at the beginning of May and periodically after that to see if there are any additional fees or fines owed. Payment may be made via PushCoin or at the building. (Please note that after May 19th, the building can only accept cash/money orders, no checks.) Those with outstanding obligations are expected to resolve their fees prior to graduation practice.

SENIOR GATHERINGS

Indian Prairie Scholar Award Ceremony - This ceremony is for seniors receiving a 3.6 cumulative GPA for the previous 7 semesters of their high school career and will receive a certificate and an I.P. Scholar Cord (which is to be worn at graduation). The I.P. Scholar Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, **February 22nd**, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Seniors will be notified by mail if they are to attend.

February 22nd

-Indian Prairie Scholar Award Ceremony/Distinguished Alum
7:00 PM - Auditorium

April 22nd - April 23rd @ 4 a.m.

-Senior Sailabration
10:00 PM Check-in on 4/22

May 10th

-Green & Gold Awards
7:00 PM - Auditorium

May 13th

-Prom: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Bolingbrook Golf Club

May 17th & 18th

-Cap & Gown Distribution
During Lunch Periods

May 17th @ 2:45 p.m.

-Senior Brunch Reservation
Deadline

May 19th

-Sr. Obligations Deadline

May 22nd

-Senior Finals

May 23rd

-Senior Finals
-Senior Obligations/Fines Deadline
-Last Day for Seniors

May 24th

-Senior Class Brunch
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM @
Two Brothers Roundhouse
-Reflections Ceremony
6:50 PM - Report to Field House
7:00 PM - Ceremony

May 25th

-Graduation Practice
8:00 AM - WV Main Gym
-Graduation Ticket Distribution

May 28th

-Graduation Ceremony
-Graduates Arrive @ 1:00 PM
-Graduation - 2:00 PM Northern
Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

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Senior Sailabration - Don't miss the boat on the biggest senior event of the year! Senior Sailabration 2023 is an overnight lock-in (10pm-4am) at WVHS designed to celebrate the senior class with a night full of activities, food, prizes & much more! It will take place on Saturday, **April 22-Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 4 a.m.** This annual event has been a highlight of senior year for previous senior classes, and we are confident the Class of 2023 will feel the same way! "Early Bird" registration (Dec. 1-Feb. 1) is \$65. After Feb.1, registration will be \$75. For additional information and to Register for Senior Sailabration 2023, go to: <https://SRSAIL2023.eventcombo.com>. **You must register online - there will be no ticket purchasing at the door.**

Green & Gold Awards - This program is for seniors receiving outstanding departmental awards and scholarships presented by Indian Prairie organizations. This event will take place on Wednesday, **May 10^h**, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Seniors will be notified by mail if they are to attend. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Senior/Junior Prom - Prom will take place on Saturday, **May 13th**, at Bolingbrook Golf Club in Bolingbrook. Prom will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at 11:00 PM. Students must arrive by 8:00 PM. If the student leaves, he/she may not return. A signed Guest Pass for non-WV students is needed at the time of ticket purchase. Photo ID is required of all attendees.

Prom Ticket Sales - Prom is May 13, 2023. Look for announcements for ticket sale dates.

Senior Class Brunch - The Senior Class Brunch will be on Wednesday, **May 24th**, at Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora, from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Ticket price for the event is \$25 per person, and tickets must be purchased online. Online ticket sales will begin Wednesday, April 26th and end on Wednesday, May 17th OR until spots are filled, whichever comes first. Dress is casual and jeans are acceptable. A WV Photo ID is required for entry. No outside guests are allowed. **THERE WILL BE NO RESERVATIONS AT THE DOOR.**

Reflections Ceremony for the Class of 2023 - An inspirational farewell address celebrating the graduating class, will take place on Wednesday, **May 24th, at 7:00 PM** in the Auditorium. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Seniors should report to the Field House by 6:50 PM. Graduation gowns are worn during this ceremony. No graduation caps are to be worn. Business professional attire should be worn under the gown. Gym shoes or flip-flops should not be worn to this formal event.

OTHER INFORMATION

Senior Finals - Senior finals will be administered on Monday, **May 22nd** and Tuesday, **May 23rd**. These days are normal school days and NOT early dismissals. Seniors should plan on being in attendance until 2:25 PM. Technology Center of DuPage ("TCD") students will attend their program classes at TCD during senior finals. Senior finals will NOT affect students' attendance at TCD.

Senior Final Transcripts - Seniors will need to complete the Final Transcript and Exit Survey that will be posted to the student splash page (WaubonsieStudent.org) in May 2023. This Google form will collect information regarding post-secondary plans, including where to send final transcripts. Seniors will also need to update their SchoolLinks account with admissions results and final attending school. Both the google survey and SchoolLinks update will need to be completed before a final transcript is sent. Final transcripts will be sent out in mid-June.

Indian Prairie Scholar Cords - Students who are Indian Prairie Scholars will receive cords to symbolize their academic accomplishments. Cords will be distributed at Indian Prairie Scholar Ceremony on Wednesday, **February 22nd**. This cord is to be worn at Graduation. If the cord is lost prior to graduation, then the student may receive a replacement cord for an additional fee.

Immunization Records - All colleges and universities require immunization records. Students will receive copies of their immunization records at graduation practice.

Selective Service - Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. A card from the government 'Reminder Mailback Card' will be sent home a few weeks before your birthday that is to be mailed back, or you may register at your local Post Office, or online at www.sss.gov. It makes you eligible for federal jobs, job training and federal student loans. So remember, within thirty (30) days of your 18th birthday, register.

PTA Yard Signs - "Waubonsie Valley Congratulations" signs will be placed in the yards of the Class of 2023 from Friday, April 28th, through Monday, May 3rd. These signs are provided to the entire Class of 2023 and are sponsored by the PTA with no cost to you. Please do not call to inquire about your sign placement prior to May 3rd. Questions - Contact: Teri Burlingame at tburlingame@sbcglobal.net.

Graduation Cap and Gown Orders - If you have not yet placed an order for your ordering can be done online at www.highschool.herffjones.com or at (815) 756-4743. Caps & Gowns will be distributed on Graduation Cap & Gown or Announcements, Wednesday, **May 17th** and Thursday, **May 18th** during lunches at WV in the Atrium.

Graduation Announcements - Delivery will be in March. Watch for announcements with delivery details. Questions - Contact: Herff Jones at www.herffjonesil.com or call (815) 756-4743.

Graduation Day Diploma Pictures - Photos will be taken as students receive their diplomas at Northern Illinois University on **May 28th**. Ordering for these pictures can be done online. Contact Information: www.gradimages.com or call (800) 261-2576.