



WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Senior Class Members, Parents, and Guardians,

We are taking this opportunity to provide you with information concerning North High School's 66th commencement ceremony and upcoming events. Listed below are the expectations and requirements:

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for graduation, all **seniors must pass a minimum of twenty-one and one-half (21.5) credits** which includes required courses. Please keep in mind that some **students now passing may not graduate because of failures during the final grading period.** Students must meet the state requirements according to the Ohio Department of Education. All students must earn competency on their ELA 2 and Algebra 1 end-of-course exams. If they do not earn competency, they must fulfill that requirement with an alternative (contact student's counselor for more information). Seniors must also earn two seals to show readiness. All fines, textbooks, and other obligations must be fulfilled no later than **May 5, 2023. Failure to do so may result in the withholding of grades, credits and transcripts.**

FINAL EXAMS: Final exams will be given to seniors on **Monday, May 15th, Tuesday, May 16th** with make-up exams on **Wednesday, May 17th.** We expect each senior student to be present on May 15th, 16th and 17th (if needed). Seniors need to attend only for the exams. If a final exam is not taken by your student, he/she can fail that course and his/her graduation may be in jeopardy.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS: Use Naviance to request final transcripts. Log onto Naviance and request final transcripts to be sent to the college you plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact your guidance counselor. If you are a CCP student, you will need to request an official transcript from your current college to be sent to the college you plan to attend in the fall semester of 2023.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Please check either Naviance, Schoology, or visit the Guidance Department for up to date scholarship opportunities.

CAP AND GOWN: All graduates must wear a cap and gown in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. Jostens must be ***paid in full*** by April 15, 2023. The Jostens representative will be at North High to distribute caps and gowns during lunch periods from 10:20am – 12:45pm on **Friday, March 3, 2023.** Seniors who have not ordered a cap and gown can bring **\$43 cash** on 3/3 or order **immediately** at www.jostens.com or by calling **1-800-567-8367.** For the best possible appearance at commencement, your gowns should be pressed lightly or steamed. Young men should wear dress shirts with ties. Sport coats do not need to be worn under their gowns. Girls should wear dresses or skirts and blouses. **Flip-flops will not be permitted.** Caps should rest squarely on the head with no tilt, with tassels draped over the right front quarter of the cap. Tassels will be shifted to the left side when all diplomas have been received. **Decorated caps will NOT be permitted and may prevent you from walking in the commencement ceremony.**

SENIOR LETTER 2023

YEARBOOKS: Seniors still have time to order a yearbook. Books can be ordered at www.jostens.com until May 1, 2023. Books are \$77.00. Yearbooks will be delivered to North at the beginning of the Fall 2023 school year. **If you would like to highlight your senior in the yearbook through a senior recognition ad, those are due by March 18, 2023** and can also be ordered online through the Jostens website. Senior pictures were due Friday, January 20th, but if you need to submit a senior portrait, please submit it no later than **March 17, 2023** to north.yearbook@weschools.org. The senior picture spread will be at the end of the Humanities Hall after spring break, so please check that your picture is in the book and the name shown is correct. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Fryman at north.yearbook@weschools.org.

SENIOR PROM: Prom will be held on Friday, May 5th at the Croatian Hall in Eastlake. Prom tickets will be sold for 4 days only on April 18, 19, 20, and 21st, during all lunch periods. No tickets will be sold after Friday, April 21st. The prom theme is a “Masquerade Ball” and will be held at The Croatian Hall located at 34900 Lakeshore Blvd. #301, Eastlake, OH 44095. The cost for tickets will be \$50 per person. If you are bringing someone who has graduated or is from another school, a guest approval form must be filled out prior to purchasing a ticket. Forms will be available in the main office, guidance office and our school website. Payment for tickets can be made via cash or check made payable to “North High School Class of 2023”. Formal gowns (appropriate), three-piece suits, or tuxedos are the attire for the evening. Dinner and dessert will be served. A disc jockey will provide music. A professional photographer will be available for photographs.

ADMISSION TO PROM: Admission is by ticket only and all will register upon arrival. Tickets are non-transferable & non-refundable. Absolutely no drugs or alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the Prom or After Prom. All students and any accompanying guests may be subjected to a passive, non-invasive breath analysis. Refusal to submit to such analysis will automatically result in refusal of admission to the event. Should the initial test result be positive, the test will be repeated within the time limit recommended by the device manufacturer to confirm. Should a refusal occur or the positive result be confirmed, the person will be refused admission to the event and will be referred to the local police for further action. Any person who violates this policy after being admitted to the Prom or After Prom will not be permitted to stay, nor leave by him or herself for obvious reasons. Parents will be contacted. Anyone who chooses to leave prior to the end of the prom will not be permitted to re-enter.

AFTER PROM: After Prom tickets will be sold for 4 days on April 18, 19, 20, and 21st, during all lunch periods. No tickets will be sold after Friday, April 21st. The tickets will cost \$5 per person. A permission slip will need to be signed and turned in with **cash or check made payable to “NHS Class of 2023 After Prom”**. If you are not at North during a lunch period, you can pay via Venmo “@EastlakeNorthAfterProm2023”. After Prom will be held at Lost Nation Sports Park, 38630 Jet Center Place, Willoughby, Ohio 44094. There will be NO transportation provided to the After Prom event at Lost Nation Sports Park. For more information, please email nish_kristie@att.net or amanda.gargiulo@gmail.com. (After Prom is a non-school sponsored event.)

PROM DAY ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to be in classes on May 5th unless they have an excused absence. To excuse your child, we must hear from a parent/guardian any day the week of prom. Please leave a message on our automated attendance line at 440-283-2178.

GRADUATION TICKETS: Each graduate can receive 8 free tickets upon request and can purchase 2 additional tickets at \$5 each. Seating is General Admission. Graduates do not need a ticket. Please see the attached *graduation ticket request form*, and have it **returned to the guidance office by Monday, May 1st**. Tickets will be given to each senior during commencement rehearsal.

SENIOR LETTER 2023

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: The commencement rehearsal will be on Tuesday, May 23rd (rain date Thursday, May 25th). **All seniors** are to report to North High School and are to be seated in the gym by **9am**. When you arrive in the gym you will be seated alphabetically. Find your name on one of the lists posted on the gym wall to find your assigned seat. After a brief presentation, buses will transport everyone to the Lake County Captains Stadium. We will rehearse until we are comfortable with the process. Buses will return the students to North High School. **Students may NOT drive themselves to and from the stadium.**

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: We will host graduation at the **Lake County Captains Stadium (Classic Park)**, 35300 Vine St., Eastlake, on Tuesday, May 23rd. Our rain date, if needed, will be May 25th due to inclement weather. Graduates must arrive by 6:15pm and be in place by 6:30pm. The ceremony starts promptly at 7:00pm. Parking is available at the Captains Stadium, the Board of Education lot, or the west lot across the street from the stadium. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase at the concession stand during the ceremony. NO balloons will be permitted in the Stadium. *****Please silence your cell phone*****

We ask that all guests be considerate of all graduates and make graduation an event that each participant will remember with pride. We sincerely hope that we are not forced to stop the ceremony or dismiss anyone from the commencement exercise for any undesirable actions.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHS: Inter-State Studio will be our official commencement photographer. Photos can be viewed and purchased through the following link:
<http://interstatesvidikainterstatec.shootproof.com>.

Select: North High School Graduation 2023
Click on: Open Gallery
Type in your email address
Password: North23 (capital 'N' no spaces)

Commencement will be livestreamed on the Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools Facebook page.

Please refer to North High's website under the Guidance tab & Senior Information for detailed graduation/commencement information: www.weschools.org/northhighschool/home.aspx.

Please feel free to contact North for any further information. You can reach Mrs. Ungar at 440-975-3675 or Mr. Hertrick at 440-975-3668.

Sincerely,



Eric Fret
Principal



Stephen Hertrick
Assistant Principal



Teri Pecon
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

March 3	10:21am - 12:40pm	Cap & Gown Distribution - outside the Guidance office
March 17		Senior Portraits due
March 18		Senior Recognition Ads due

APRIL

April 15		Final Cap & Gown payment due online @ www.jostens.com
April 18, 19, 20, 21 st	10:21am - 12:40pm	Prom Ticket sales (\$50 per person)
April 18, 19, 20, 21 st	10:21am - 12:40pm	After Prom Ticket sales (\$5 per person)

MAY

May 1		2022-2023 Yearbook Order deadline @ www.jostens.com
May 1		Graduation Ticket Request form due in Guidance office
May 5-6	7:00pm - 11:00pm 11:30pm - 3:30am	Senior Prom @ The Croatian Hall, Eastlake After Prom @ Lost Nation Sports Park, Willoughby
May 9	6:00pm	Senior Honors Award Program - Recipients will be notified
May 12		Senior Last Day of School
May 15	11:09am - 2:20pm	Senior Final Exams 5° thru 8° (must arrive by 5°) - Must Be Present
May 16	7:45am - 11:04am	Senior Final Exams 1° thru 4° (may leave after 4°) - Must Be Present
May 16	11:05am 6:30pm	Senior Picnic (North Courtyard) Senior Parade - Details to follow
May 17		Senior Make-Up Exams (<i>students will contact their individual teachers</i>)
May 23	9:00am - 12:00pm	Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal
May 23	7:00pm	Commencement - Lake County Captains Stadium (Classic Park)
May 25	7:00pm	Commencement - Rain date, if needed, due to inclement weather

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED!!!

2023 GRADUATION TICKET REQUEST FORM

All graduating Seniors must return this form to Guidance by Monday, May 1st, 2023

The Lake County Captains Stadium (Classic Park) requires each person (all ages) to have a ticket upon entering. No tickets will be issued at the door/gate. This request form **MUST** be turned in to get graduation tickets. Each graduate can receive 8 free tickets upon request and can purchase 2 additional tickets @ \$5.00 each. Seating is **General Admission**, spectators must find their own seats in the designated seating areas of the stadium.

Please Note: There are areas available for persons using wheelchairs, walkers, etc. Please note on this ticket request form if you will need a handicapped ticket.

Students not walking/participating: Please sign the bottom portion of the form and return it to the main office by Monday, May 1st, 2023.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS IS LIMITED TO 10 (ten), 8 FREE AND 2 @ \$5.00 EACH.

	Tickets	Quantity
Students Last Name:	Up to 8 tickets (no Charge)	Please circle the number of tickets requested 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Students First Name:	Additional tickets (up to 2 @ \$5.00 each)	Please circle the number of add'l tickets requested 1 2
Phone Number:	Wheelchair seats and children seats should be included in your total order	# of Wheelchair seats
Submit \$5.00 for each additional ticket (up to 2) with this form.		Total Tickets Needed:

Cash (exact amount) or Check (made payable to North High School)

(Please reference student's name on memo line of your check)

I DO **NOT** WISH TO PARTICIPATE (WALK) IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Student's Printed Name & Signature

Parent Signature (if not 18)

Date

Graduates **not** participating/walking in the commencement exercises may obtain their diplomas in the main office at North High School on/after Friday, May 26th, 2023.

For questions, call Mr. Hertrick 975-3668 or Mrs. Ungar 975-3675