



WALDWICK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Seniors:

As parents/guardians of a prospective Waldwick graduate, you will soon experience that special feeling and share that proud moment with us when the fifty-first commencement exercises are held on Friday, June 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. on our campus.

I have enclosed a copy of the senior activities and graduation bulletin for you to read. A copy of the Final Exam Schedule has been posted on the High School Website.

In closing, please remember the Waldwick commencement is traditionally a dignified occasion. Along with members of the Board of Education and faculty leading our graduates, I, too, am looking forward to sharing this very special time for you, your family, and friends. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (201)652-9000.

Sincerely,

Kevin Carroll
Principal

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Attachment

Senior Activities and Graduation Bulletin

This packet will review what is expected of you and what your responsibilities are as you complete your senior year.

Items to be aware of:

- A. Plan wisely for the time and preparation you will need for final exams. Final examinations constitute 10% of your final course grade. Seniors must complete required final examinations in courses in order to graduate. Failure to take a final examination in a course will result in a grade of "0".
- B. Complete all class assignments in a timely manner.
- C. Monitor your attendance carefully to avoid losing course credit and possibly jeopardizing your graduation status.
- D. Resolve school responsibilities with teachers before the last minute.
- E. All final school obligations (such as library books, textbooks, fines, detentions, etc.) must be satisfied by Thursday, June 16. You are strongly urged to satisfy your obligations prior to that date to avoid last minute problems. Senior obligations will be read at the start of each practice.
- F. Chromebooks will be collected on Wednesday, June 8, during your senior English class. Chromebook needs to be returned in good working condition with your charger and school issued bag.

Senior Activities

Tuesday, June 9 - Yearbook Distribution	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Cafeteria
Monday, June 13 - Pool Party/BBQ Pool	12:30pm – 3:00pm	Waldwick

GRADUATION DATE AND TIME: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016– 7:00 PM

Graduation Conduct

First of all, conducting yourself with dignity and respect is expected throughout the entire Commencement Exercises. Second, students causing any disruption prior to, during, or after the Commencement Exercises will be removed from further participation in the ceremony and will not be issued a diploma pending a parental conference and/or other administrative action. Third, as courtesy and adult behavior would dictate, your individual attention is expected toward all program speakers. Side conversations are distracting, annoying and rude. Your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, and other family and friends are there to show their pride in you on your special day. Do not disappoint them and embarrass yourself by acting in a manner that will result in your removal from the Commencement Exercises.

Guest Decorum

Guests are reminded to dress appropriately for the Commencement Exercises. Tank tops, cut-offs, etc. are not appropriate. Admission will be refused to anyone dressed in this manner.

Disruptions of any kind will not be permitted during the Commencement Exercises. Guests are reminded that the Commencement Exercises are a solemn occasion where air horns, shouting and sudden outbursts are inappropriate behaviors.

If any member of your family is handicapped and needs reserved seating, please notify Mr. Carroll by Wednesday, June 15.

Graduation Dress

Graduation tickets, caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, June 16, at graduation practice.

Seniors with present and prior year outstanding obligations will not be issued graduation tickets or a cap and gown until school fines and obligations are satisfied.

Ladies

White graduation gown
Dress shoes
(No spiked heels, gym sneakers/shoes
or sandals)
Light weight dress without a high neckline

Gentlemen

Blue graduation gown
Dress shoes and socks
(No sandals, sneakers, or boots)
White or light-colored collared shirt
Dark slacks
Dark tie

Graduation Ticket Invitations

Four tickets for the indoor ceremony will be distributed to each prospective graduate provided all school obligations have been met. Admission to the outdoor ceremony is open to all who would like to attend. Admission to an indoor ceremony, in case of inclement weather, will be by ticket only.

Graduation Rehearsals

Your promptness in arriving at rehearsals and your individual attention at the rehearsals will result in shorter and more efficient rehearsals.

Wednesday, June 15 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Rehearsal in the WMS Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, June 16 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Rehearsal in the WMS Multi-Purpose Room Rehearsal on Field Distribute caps/gowns/tickets
Friday, June 17 – 8:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Rehearsal on Field

To participate in the commencement exercises, you must attend all rehearsals. If emergencies arise, prior permission **must be approved by Mr. Carroll**. Failure to attend or to receive prior permission to miss any rehearsal because of an emergency will result in withdrawing you from the commencement exercises.

NOTE: Depending upon the cooperation, attitude, etc., of the senior class, seniors may be dismissed from graduation rehearsal earlier than the actual dismissal time. This will be at Mr. Carroll's discretion.

Graduation Night

Report to the Senior Wing (Room number to be determined) by 6:00 PM. Do not toss your cap into the air after the ceremony as you may cause injury to someone.

NOTE: You receive your diploma with your left hand and shake with your right. Tassel is worn on the left and shifted to the right at the appropriate moment.

Graduation Ball

Parents are again sponsoring the Graduation Ball. The festivities will begin immediately after the Graduation Ceremony.