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Class of 2015 Graduation	6/2
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Parents/Guardians,

As I write the final message for my time at Whitney High School, I find this exciting and sad. Although I can't imagine not being actively on campus at Whitney, I know the foundation and culture that has been established due to the hard work and dedication of all WHS stakeholders will ensure continued success of this high school. If you have never had students at other high schools, you may or may not know how special Whitney is! While we have always had typical high school problems, we also have extraordinary staff, programs, facilities, students and parents. My heart will always hold a special spot for Whitney and all it represents. I'm sure as Mr. Cutts steps into the principal role, this school will continue to thrive and reach even greater heights in academics, activities and athletics. Thank you all for sharing my educational journey as together we built Whitney High School.

Sincerely,

**Debra Hawkins**

Principal, Whitney High School

One of the most exciting events of our year, especially for Seniors, is graduation, we are looking forward to a great Graduation ceremony! Below are some facts about this year's graduation:

- ✓ Senior Picnic: 5/31/16
- ✓ Senior Brunch: 6/1/16
- ✓ All Seniors must be cleared by their administrator, Mr. Feuerbach, in order to attend the Picnic and Brunch.
- ✓ Graduation will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2016.
- ✓ Seniors are to report to the cafeteria at 6:00pm
- ✓ The Processional will start at 7:00pm and Graduation will begin at 7:30pm.
- ✓ Each student will be given two tickets for the family preferential seating (on the track). If you are sitting in the family preferential seating, you can enter through the visitor's gate starting at 5:00pm.
- ✓ No ticket is needed for general admission seating in the stadium. The gates for the stadium will open at 5:00pm.
- ✓ Parking is first come, first served and overflow parking is available at the park adjacent to the school.

If you find yourself worried about academic performance or have questions about grades or other student needs, please call or e-mail your student's teachers, grade level counselor or administrator. They will be able to answer your questions. If you would like a meeting set to discuss your student's progress, please ask a teacher or ask your counselor to set up a meeting for one, or all eight, teachers.

A goal of our site is to see as many students and parents involved as possible. So, please, attend events and volunteer. See you soon at a school event!

### Administrators

Debra Hawkins, Principal  
632-6500, ext. 6405

Sherry Mauser, Assistant Principal  
Class of 2017 & 2019 (M-Z)  
632-6500, ext. 6442

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632-6500, ext. 6408

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Class of 2018 & 2019 (A-L)  
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### Guidance Counselors

Kelly Chambers  
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Emily Greene  
Juniors

Roisin LeRoy  
Seniors

Patrick Floyd  
Freshman

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**WORK PERMITS:** Students planning to work over the summer must obtain a work permit. Work permit applications are available in the College and Career Center and on the WHS website. After school is out, students may obtain a work permit from the summer school office (located at Rocklin High School). After summer school is over, work permits may be obtained from the Rocklin Unified School District office on Granite Drive. As a reminder, all work permits expire the first week of school and students who are continuing to work after school begins will need to renew their work permits.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Summer is a great time for students to complete their 25 hours of community service to meet the graduation requirement. The community service contract and a listing of community service opportunities are available on the WHS website and in the College and Career Center. Class of 2017 community service hours must be completed by August 17, 2016.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Summer School registration forms are available in the Counseling Center. Registration forms must be returned to the Counseling Center by Friday, May 20th at 3:30 p.m. Summer School classes will be held at Rocklin High School this year from June 13th through July 8th (no school on Monday, July 4th). Classes run 5 days a week. It is imperative, that if your student did not pass a course required for graduation, that he/she register by the deadline to ensure a spot in the class. Class lists will be posted on the front windows of the Administration Building at Rocklin High School on Friday, June 10th, after 6:00 p.m. As a reminder, absences of more than two days or six hours will result in the student being dropped from the course.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS: *Attention seniors!*** College and scholarship applications may require official transcripts. To request an official transcript during summer break, please contact Mrs. Simpson, Registrar, at 632-6500, x6427, or by email. Please provide the student's name, date of birth, and name of college with its address for official transcripts to be mailed. There is a \$1 fee for each official transcript request. Mrs. Simpson will check her mail and voicemail periodically over the summer for official transcript requests.

**COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2016-2017:** This spring, each grade level counselor met with students in classrooms to assist them in choosing classes for the 2016-2017 school year based on meeting graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and course availability. All students then met one-on-one with a counselor to review and finalize their choices. Counselors have made every effort to match student needs with available classes. We encourage you to carefully review final selections with your son or daughter and have a conversation about his/her plans and goals for the future.



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## Looking for Information? Check our Websites

General School Information <http://whs.rocklinusd.org/>

WHS Athletic Information <http://whitneywildcats.org/>

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# COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER — 632-6500, ext. 6418

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## Senior Award Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. Seniors must receive an invitation to attend. Invitations will be mailed during the week of May 15th and invited seniors must RSVP by May 20th. Honored seniors will be seated on stage elevated above the audience. Dress for success, you have earned it!

## Distinguished Community Service Cord Sales

Seniors will be able to purchase their Distinguished Community Service Cords during graduation practice in June.

Cords will cost \$6.

## Testing

The last test dates for this school year for the ACT and SAT are listed below with registration deadlines. Remember to take advantage of the free score reports while registering. SAT contracts with CSU Mentor (Code 3594) and can submit your score to all 23 CSU campuses using one free score while registering.

Also, the University of California will share your score reports throughout the UC system. Finally, the NCAA Code for student/athletes is 9999.

**SAT Test**      **Dates Registration**      **Deadline Late Deadline** <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

**June 4**              May 5                              May 20

**ACT Test**      **Dates Registration**      **Deadline Late Deadline** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**June 11**              May 6                              May 7-20

Oh summer. The sunshine. The warmth. The chance to sleep. Here are a few ideas to keep you occupied:

## Volunteer

Summer is a great time to volunteer in your community. Remember, it's not about gaining hours, as much as learning more about yourself and the world around you.

## Take a College Course

Community colleges offer summer classes in which high school students can enroll. Again, it's not about getting ahead or enhancing your transcript, but rather enriching your education in areas of study that aren't offered at WHS. Students interested in taking college courses must first speak to their counselor.

## Summer Enrichment Programs

Enrichment programs offer opportunities to gain college credit, travel, meet like-minded peers, learn from experts, develop projects, and much more. Focuses could include courses, travel, conferences, or hands-on experience. Be aware, these programs are often very expensive. Ms. Randazzo has a binder with opportunities.

## Get a Job

Work experience is a great way for you to gain professional skills and earn money. Many students choose to work in the retail or food industries. Summer camps are a good seasonal opportunity.

Things to Consider:

1. Begin applying in April. Many college students get out of school earlier and will get a head start.
2. Don't spend all your time online. Go to places nearby and ask about available opportunities.
3. Use your network! Where are your friends and classmates working?

## Study for the SAT/ACT

Summer is a great time to study for the SAT or ACT. See Ms. Randazzo for study options.

## Travel

Summer travel can be an exciting way to expand your awareness of other peoples and cultures and even develop language skills. In today's global economy, travel experience is becoming increasingly valuable.

## Visit Colleges

Walking around campus, sitting in on a class, eating in the cafeteria, sleeping in the dorms, and talking with students is the best way to determine if a college is a good fit for you or not. Too many students don't understand how different colleges can be from one another, and the best way to find out is to go!

## Read

The last thing many students want to do in the summer is read. But reading keeps the brain active and enhances writing skills. Writing has been named as the most important skill that employees lack today.

## Learn a New Skill

Learning a new skill is always a good choice. Take a community education course or private lessons. Or even browse the Internet where you can learn everything from computer programming to unicycling.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

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## *Wildcats — Check Us Out!*

### 24/7 Access to the WHS Library Media Center—

Click on links below, select Whitney High, choose “login” at upper right hand of screen  
Enter Student ID # and password then go to My Info tab to view student account status.

- RENEW...      Avoid the fine - [Renew books online!](#)
- RESERVE...    Need an independent reading title? [Reserve it from home!](#)
- REVIEW...     Loved the author or title? [Voice your opinion!](#)
- REMIND...     Library sends courtesy email alerts of upcoming book due dates.
- REMOTE...     Access WHS’s secure online research resources...from anywhere!  
(Remote login and password are available on [WHS library webpage](#))

**May is Textbook Return Month.** It’s not too early to start returning any novels and textbooks not needed for Finals’ week. Please review the WHS [year-end textbook return](#) policy. Library books due May 20th.  
All Senior textbook material due no later than May 26th .

Follow us! on Instagram [@whswildcat\\_library](#) for the latest books, library events and AP testing dates.

Summer is coming—keep reading! Consider these digital options: [Ebook sources:](#)

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## YEARBOOKS!

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### Yearbooks!

The yearbook “last chance” sale is running May 1-10 online only. If you didn’t order your yearbook earlier in the year, this is the last chance to guarantee one! Visit [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and follow the links to Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA. The yearbook sales will close online automatically if the books sell out before May 10, so be sure to log on ASAP and reserve yours. Posters on campus list all students who already purchased a book – check in C-2, at the student store or on the doors at the library.

### And yearbook distribution – the annual Yearbook Signing Party is back!

Mark your calendars now for the 2016 Details yearbook release. The annual yearbook signing party is a chance to get your yearbook early, listen to music, sign autographs and celebrate the end of the school year. The yearbook signing party will take place **Friday, May 20** in the small amphitheater outside the C building from 2:40-4 p.m. Students will need a ticket (\$2) and their ID card in order to attend. In addition to food and music, prizes and giveaways will be awarded. A small number of extra yearbooks will be available for purchase that day on a first come, first served basis for \$85 cash only. No checks will be accepted.

Students unable to attend the Yearbook Signing Party will be able to get their yearbooks after school beginning Tuesday, May 24 from 2:45-3:30 and continuing Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (May 25-26). We do not distribute yearbooks during the regular school day in order to keep the focus on classes in session. Remember, students need their ID card in order to pick up their yearbook, and yearbooks cannot be released to other students (in other words, a student can’t pick up a yearbook for someone else).

### Big awards for journalism and publications

Please help us congratulate Whitney High Student Media for [outstanding national recognition this spring](#) for The Roar newsmagazine and Details yearbook, which both won First Place in national competition from the National Scholastic Press Association in Los Angeles. The yearbook also won its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Pacemaker, making it among the nation’s elite. Journalism students also won the First Amendment Press Freedom Award and brought home four individual student awards as well. To hear more about Whitney High Student Media and how your student can be part of this exciting college and career-prep program, contact Mrs. Nichols.



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# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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## Performing in Southern California

As of the publishing of this newsletter, the Music Department is on tour in Southern California attending the WorldStrides Heritage National Music Festival. The symphonic Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Jazz Band will all be performing before adjudicators from throughout the United States.

## Spring Concerts

Music Department Spring Concerts will be presented the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the WHS Theater. On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Band will perform. Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> will feature the Concert and Chamber Choirs. These concert begin at 7:00 pm and admission is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Seniors and Students (with any ID Card – High School, Middle School, College, etc.), and children 10 and under are Free! On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Jazz Bands from SVMS, RHS and WHS will all share the stage in concert. This is a Free concert and begins at 7:00 pm.

## Color Guard

The color guard will be holding workshops for next years team on May 3,4,10 and 11. Workshops will be held from 6 pm to 8 pm in the WHS Band Room. Color guard is open to anyone interested in performing. The color guard performs with the marching band spinning flags, props, and dancing. The color guard performs with the marching band at all home football games, community events, and travels with the band to all local, regional and state competitions.

## A Big Thank you to Allegiant Giving of Rocklin

Thanks to a generous donation from Allegiant Giving of Rocklin, the band was able to purchase a 20 foot trailer to move equipment to and from competitions and festivals. We are now looking for donations to put a wrap on the trailer with the school logo. If you own a business, your donation could include your Company logo on the trailer! If you wish to donate, please contact Mr. Harper at [kharper@rocklin.k12.ca.us](mailto:kharper@rocklin.k12.ca.us)

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# 2016 - 2017 Advanced Dance Class Auditions

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## Dance 2 Partners Auditions:

*\*This is a new class that will focus on Hip Hop dancing and partner dance styles. Dancers should have prior training in hip hop dance technique and basic jazz dance technique.*

**WEDNESDAY May 25, 3:45-4:30pm**, Whitney High School Dance Studio Please wear sneakers, black dance clothing, with your hair pulled back.

**Dance 2 Partners Possible Audition Skills:** *Ability to pick up hip hop choreography quickly, Single Pirouette Turn, Chainé Turns, Chassé, Turning six-step.*

## Dance 2 & Dance 3 Auditions:

**MONDAY May 23rd, 3:45-6:30pm**, Whitney High School Gym Please wear jazz shoes, black dance clothing, with your hair pulled back.

**Dance 2 Possible Audition Skills:** *Chainé Turns, Battements, Jetés, Single Pirouette Turn, Turning six-step.*

**Dance 3 Possible Audition Skills:** *All Dance 2 skills, Turning C-Jump, Double Stag Leap, Fan Kick, Double Pirouette, Calypso, Piqué Turns, Extensions, Turns in 2nd (1 8-count)*

**Dance 4 Auditions:** *\*This audition is by invitation only, invitations will be given at the Dance 3 auditions.*

**TUESDAY May 24th, 3:45-6:30pm**, Whitney High School Gym

Please wear jazz shoes, black dance clothing, with your hair pulled back.

**Dance 4 Possible Audition Skills:** *All Dance 2/3 Skills, Axle Turn, Switch Leap, Turning Disc Jump, Turns in 2nd (3 8-counts), Double Piqué Turns, Pique Turns in a box, Splits, Triple Pirouettes, Tilt, Trendy Leg Extension.*

**NOTE: Incoming freshmen are NOT to leave school early for auditions.**

**Auditions for all incoming freshmen will not begin until 4:00pm.**

For more information and questions, contact Mrs. Crandell- [hcrandell@rocklinusd.org](mailto:hcrandell@rocklinusd.org)

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# Annual Spring Advanced Dance Production

## “Live At The Grammys”

Whitney Dance 2, 3, and 4 students have been hard at work all year preparing for this year’s spring recital. The show will run on May 20 and 21 at 7pm with a matinee on May 21 at 2pm. All shows are held in the WHS Theatre. Tickets will go on sale ONLINE via the WHS website <http://whs.rocklinusd.org/> on Monday, May 2nd. The tickets will be priced as follows: \$10 General Admission and \$7 Students with ASB/Seniors/Children under 12. All matinee tickets will be discounted to \$5. These shows typically sell out, so get your tickets in advance! Any leftover seats will be sold at the door. This year’s show will feature 150 hardworking advanced dancers!



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# SOBER GRAD NIGHT

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## THE PARTY!

In a few short weeks, our seniors will close the high school chapter of their lives. It's a time for celebration and transition that brings a variety of emotions: excitement and a sense of accomplishment, mixed with nostalgia and sadness.

All Whitney graduates deserve to celebrate their journey one last time with ALL their friends, and *to come home safely*. So let's give our seniors the gift of being safe and sound on one of the most dangerous nights of their lives by having them attend the Sober Grad Night Party. The SGN Party, which is open to every graduating senior, is a special event that celebrates graduation and honors safe, healthy choices for life.



**REGISTER FOR \$65 UNTIL THE END OF MAY!** Applications for Financial Aid are available in the counselor's office and are kept confidential.

The celebration is on June 2, at the Hardwood Palace, from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. PDF registration forms are available on our [website](#). Just fill out and print. Online payments can be made via [PayPal](#). Return your completed and signed forms to the Student Store/Front Office.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!

The SGN Party is run entirely by volunteers and funded through donations. This event is a truly deserving cause! Please consider supporting SGN by donating either your time the night of the event and/or, if you are able, through a financial contribution. Every little bit helps make this night a success!

And, you don't have to be a parent of a senior to volunteer. Freshman, sophomore and junior parents can get a peek at what this night offers by helping this year. We have shifts that work for everyone, not just overnight hours! Consider volunteering for this fun night with a friend, spouse, neighbor or a sibling. Please check your email for a link coming soon from *Sign Up Genius* with more details about shifts and donations needed. Thank you in advance for your support to help keep our graduates safe!

## YARD SIGNS!

Celebrate your senior's accomplishment with a yard sign! Designs are available to view on our [website](#). Purchase them for \$25 through PayPal or download an order [form](#) and return it with your payment to the Student Store/Front Office. Proceeds go to support this and future Sober Grad Nights.

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# HEALTH OFFICE

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## Medication Pick Up:

If your student has medications in the health office, please pick them up prior to the last day of school. All medication left in the health office will be destroyed at the end of the year. Reminder letters will be going home soon. Medications may not be sent home with students – an adult or guardian must come to the health office to pick them up.

## Medication Forms:

Summer is a great time to get all of your forms filled out for your student to have medications while at school. Whether it is to carry their inhaler and/or epi-pen on campus or to have medications in the Health Office, a doctor's and parent's signature is required. No student may have ANY medication at school without a doctor's order. **These forms need to be updated annually and must be dated after June 1, 2016 to be accepted for the 2016-2017 school year.** All forms can be found on the school's website at <http://whs.rocklinusd.org/Information/Health-Office/index.html>

or you can stop by the health office and pick one up. The health aide is at the school everyday from 9:00 AM – 12:45 PM. For questions: Call Sarah Leverenz at [sleverenz@rocklin.k12.ca.us](mailto:sleverenz@rocklin.k12.ca.us).



For next year:

**If your student has a medical condition that the health office and staff need to be aware of, please contact the health office directly** at 632-6500 Ext 6420 or email at [sleverenz@rocklin.k12.ca.us](mailto:sleverenz@rocklin.k12.ca.us) once school has started; or you may contact the Health Services Supervisor at [RUSDNurses@rocklin.k12.ca.us](mailto:RUSDNurses@rocklin.k12.ca.us) prior to school starting in the fall.

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## Saturday School Dates

May 7  
May 21  
May 28

## Saturday School is 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

- Must arrive at 7:45 a.m.
- Meet in front of the main office doors, not the attendance side, and a teacher will escort students to class
- Students must bring homework/school reading material with them to work on during class time
- Sleeping and disruptive behavior will result in asking the student to leave and no credit will be given



## Traveling to New Heights

### Senior Ball 2016

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

Doors open @ 6pm; Dance ends at 10:30pm

\*No one is allowed in after 7:00pm

\*\* You must have a school ID card to attend

Masonic Temple, 1123 J St, Sacramento, Ca  
95814



## Class of 2017 Parent Meeting

### Attention parents of next year's SENIORS:

There is a very important informational meeting Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in the WHS gymnasium. You will receive all of the important information for your student's senior year!

# SENIORS:

Don't miss out on the memories and fun at the Senior Picnic and Senior Breakfast the final week of high school!

Come by the Student Store with your completed permission slip **May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** to purchase your Senior Activities tickets!

**All detention hours must be cleared to purchase tickets!**



## Senior Panoramic Picture, May 12<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*\*Must Bring Cap and Gown!!**



Seniors will report to their 1<sup>st</sup> block classes on May 12<sup>th</sup> **WITH THEIR CAP AND GOWN!!!** Students with their cap and gown will be released from class at 8:00am for their panoramic picture.

\*\*Students without their cap and gown will not be able to be in the picture so don't forget your cap and gown May 12<sup>th</sup>!!

\*\*Students will have already received the picture ordering form at their mandatory class meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> or you can contact Lifetouch to order online- each panoramic picture is \$18 + \$8 shipping and handling = **\$26**

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**May 20<sup>th</sup> - Last rally of the year**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> - Senior semester grades are submitted and eligibility list is Finalized**

Any senior wishing to participate in senior week activities must pass all classes required for graduation by this date or will be considered ineligible for all senior activities.

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## **2016 Senior Week – May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Seniors will be required to be in attendance each day, either with their teachers on campus, in the school cafeteria, or with the senior class at the organized senior class activities.

### Tuesday @ 7:45 am – Senior Class Check-out

During this time the seniors will go through the check out process. You must go through this process to receive your diploma. Bring your books, cash for any owed fees/fines, grad night paperwork, etc.

### Tuesday @ 9:30 am – Senior Picnic

Immediately following the check-out process all participating seniors will be transported to Discovery Park for a picnic. No personal driving is allowed. Music, food, sports, etc. will be provided.

### Wednesday @ 7:45 am – Graduation Practice #1

Mandatory graduation practice from 7:45am until 9:30am. All students will meet in the gym. During this practice you will be put in your rows, fill out your name cards, and complete your picture cards. Roll will be taken. If you do not attend practice, you will not participate in the graduation ceremony. If you are tardy, you will not be allowed to attend that day's senior activity.

### Wednesday @ 10:00 am – Senior Breakfast

The senior breakfast will take place at Lincoln Hills Orchard Creek Ballroom. You must have purchased the senior activities tickets to attend this event. This is where the senior slide show will be viewed and the spoof awards will be given.

### Thursday @ 7:45 am – Graduation Practice #2

This is the last practice before the ceremony. It will take place in Wildcat Stadium. We will practice until it is perfect and roll will be taken. If you do not attend practice, you will not participate in the graduation ceremony. If you are tardy, you will not be given your tickets for the seats on the track.

### Thursday @ 6:00 pm – Report to the cafeteria

Roll will be taken. You will get in your rows and we will take care of any last minute issues. Enjoy every last moment.

### **Thursday @ 7:00 pm – Graduation Processional**

### **Thursday @ 7:30 pm - Graduation**

### **Thursday @ 11:00 pm – Sober Grad Night\***

\*This event is operated by parents and community members, not school personnel.

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## **Other Upcoming ASB Events:**

May 13th - Spring Fling Concert performances in the WHS Amphitheater, Ticket are \$5

May 26th—Spring Finals study night “Kool-Aid and Cram”, Free admission and access to teachers from all departments to help prepare for semester finals.