

May 1, 2023 - Spring Junior Meeting Recap

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome to the most expensive year of your life
- b. In 402 days your son or daughter will be walking across the stage in Wildcat Stadium.
- c. Why we have this meeting so early

2. Upcoming important dates for the year

- a. Senior Check In Day August 8th, 2023
- b. Senior Paint Day (for those with a parking spot) August 7th, 2023
- c. Senior meetings throughout the year (Fall parent meeting and several class meetings for students during the school day)
- d. Use Whitney web page as a resource

3. Graduation Status (Counseling)

- a. Summer school registration forms are due Friday, May 26th.
- b. Requirements for off periods:
 - Students must be on track to graduate
 - Service Learning (formerly community service) hours are due as soon as possible, especially if you want a short schedule. 25 hours required before the start of next school year. Remember all hours must be from a non profit organization.
- c. Students who need to recover 1 or more NCs may need to attend summer school but this varies from student to student. Make an appointment with your counselor asap.
- d. No hours = no walking on stage
- e. Senior Parent Night: mid-September. Some important topics- Senior Year Timeline, College Application Process, Letters of Recommendation, Transcript Requests, Scholarships and Financial Aid, etc.

4. Yearbook – Senior tributes (Sarah Nichols)

- a. Senior tributes or “grad ads” for the Class of 2024 are on sale from June 1- December 1. Everything you need will be on the WHS website. We close the process in December due to annual print deadlines from the yearbook company. Plan ahead! It’s not a “reserve a spot” scenario - you order with all of your materials at once, which means you should start picking out photos now.
- b. Early-bird pricing goes until Sept. 1. Then it goes up each month. One way to help keep the senior year costs low is to order your senior tribute over the summer, pay the lowest rate, and then forget about it – you’re done! Ordering requires photo submission and message in addition to the form. Again, you can’t “hold a spot” with just a payment. We offer the pricing structure so we can start designing the tributes as early as possible. If you want to wait, you pay the higher price.
- c. To order, you must provide the order form, payment, photos and message.
- d. You can pay online through the portal, which is based on credit card payment, or if you prefer to visit campus and pay by check or cash, we can accommodate that if necessary.
- e. Student designers will take care of creating the tribute, and you don’t need any design or technical expertise at all!

5. Senior portraits (Sarah Nichols)

- a. All seniors must schedule an appointment with Prestige/Lifetouch to get their picture in the yearbook. You may also choose to work with another local photographer for your own photo shoot but this is our official school photographer and only their photos will be used for the yearbook. You must make an appointment and get your picture taken this summer or you will not be in the yearbook. Spots fill up and students often put off this important task, so it's essential to make an appointment and keep it!
- b. Schedule your appointment online in mid May at www.prestigeportraits.com - if you have questions or need help, call 800-736-4775.
- c. What to wear - multiple options exist in order to give each student the best experience.
- d. Slots at the start of the new school year are virtually impossible to secure, so take advantage of the flexible summer schedule. Being pictured with your classmates is one of the best ways to capture your Class of 2024 experience.

6. **Cap and gown** (Bob Sebring)

- a. Ways to order over summer and early fall (online)
- b. There will be a senior meeting in late September.
- c. All orders are due prior to Thanksgiving break
- d. Order by mid October to receive before winter break
- e. Announcements
- f. Class rings and school jackets- free cap/gown
- g. www.premiergradproducts.com

7. **Senior Trip** (USA Student Travel – Gwen Shackelford)

- a. A lot of companies, some respectful, some not
- b. Scary companies
- c. 2 other schools have used this company for over 15 years each and have had no problems
- d. NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT! Neither trip is school sponsored, this is a vendor
- e. 2 trips – Southern California trip is chaperoned but not by school personnel, must attend all parts of trip
- f. The trips are not at the same time

8. **Sober Grad Night** (Armas and Grad Nite rep Jennyfer Osecheck)

- a. Armas (or parent) tells the history of Sober Grad Night. All students should attend; parents... don't let it be an option.
- b. Sober Grad Night is an all-night celebration held the night of graduation from 10pm until 5am the next morning. It is a fabulous night of fun where the graduates can celebrate in a safe place with their friends.
- c. Registration starts in the fall for the lowest price along with the sale of our senior yard signs. This is a great way to recognize your senior and the profits go to support the event.
- d. Class of 2024 Parents Pay It Forward – Sign Up TONIGHT for donating Food, Prizes, & Volunteer for 2024 event.
- e. For more information, please visit our website <https://whitneysobergradnight.org/> or signup [here](#) to volunteer.

9. **Senior Week** (Armas)

- a. Week of memories
- b. Good grades and attendance throughout year = week off

- c. Lucky to get week off
- d. Activities include: senior breakfast, picnic, graduation practice, panoramic picture, senior awards, and much more...
- e. Be proactive

10. **Senior parking** (Armas)

- a. Lottery for 3.0 and higher- we want to reward the students who have had academic excellence for the past 3 years
- b. Cost-\$45 what it includes:
 - i. Paint and supplies
 - ii. Permit it self
 - iii. Personal spot for entire year
 - iv. Extra sleeptime ☺
 - v. A good time with snacks and music!
- c. Paint day during registration week- Monday 2-6pm
- d. General parking availability
 - i. The opportunity to purchase a general parking permit will begin in a couple of weeks. Stay tuned for information.
- e. Tables set up to check (GPA, etc)
- f. Winners will be emailed by this Thursday/Friday and also posted on our student store doors by student ID #s with instructions on how to purchase next week.