

April 28, 2022

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

The Woodson High School faculty and administration would like to congratulate all seniors for their effort and contributions during their time at Woodson! We also want to acknowledge the support and encouragement of each family over the past four years.

Enclosed you will find a list of the many important events and dates for seniors occurring during the last few weeks of school (be sure to keep up-to-date by frequently checking the school's website, ENotify and the Schoology page for seniors). Many students, staff and parents are working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that our seniors have a positive and memorable senior year, and we need your help to make this goal a reality.

Graduation is the most significant event of all and is the primary focus of this letter. Like prom, senior awards, and Cav Cruise, it is a privilege. We request that you assist us in making this ceremony reflect the honor and dignity that the occasion deserves. In order to ensure that the event is one that students will be proud to have their family and friends attend, please carefully read over the following guidelines:

1. Behavior

Cooperative, respectful, mature, and safe behavior is expected prior to and during the ceremony. Any individual who violates this standard or who is found in possession of disruptive materials **will be excluded from the ceremony.** Additionally, names will be read slowly and clearly as students come to the stage to receive their diplomas. If at any time during this part of the ceremony a disruption occurs (i.e. beach balls, etc.), the ceremony will be halted until order is restored.

2. Dress Code – This is a distinguished ceremony; therefore, the following dress code is in effect and will be enforced.

- **Gowns are dark blue**

- Students must wear either a dress, skirt, slacks or dress shirt and tie, along with appropriate dress shoes. **No purses or bags are to be brought into EagleBank Arena.** No jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes or flip flops.

- Cell Phones will not be allowed during ceremony. There is to be **NO TEXTING, TALKING ON THE PHONE or TAKING PICTURES** during the ceremony. If students are caught either texting, talking or taking pictures during the ceremony, they will be removed.

- Sunglasses are not allowed
 - Students must carry their gowns in their hands when they arrive at EagleBank Arena.
 - Students may bring one car/house key with them, kept in pocket or pinned to clothing underneath graduation gown.
 - Students may decorate their cap if it is FLAT (not raised or 3-dimensional) and respectful. If deemed inappropriate by administration on graduation day, the student will be provided a new cap.
3. Students are expected to report to EagleBank Arena by 1:00 pm. **Our graduation ceremony starts at 2:00PM on Tuesday May 31, 2022.** We encourage all graduates to carpool when possible, as parking at EagleBank Arena can be very limited.
 4. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** There is no limit on the number of guests a senior may invite and no tickets are needed for attending. However, there is no reserved seating and no seats can be held for individuals or groups. There are no exceptions to this rule. It is advisable to arrive early for the best seating, as it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

EagleBank Arena provides ample accessible seating for patrons in wheelchairs as well as those who may have difficulty with steps. Approximately 400 accessible seats are reserved via signage for our graduation. EagleBank Arena has a wheelchair that can be used to assist guests, but it must be returned after each use rather than kept for the duration of the event. The main entries are wheelchair accessible and there are no steps or elevators to negotiate. Accessible parking is available outside the South Entry and a drop-off area is available at the West Entry.

If there are guests and/or senior citizens in your group who need assistance, it is recommended that they arrive at least 45 minutes before the ceremony begins. No reservations are necessary or taken as this seating, too, is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Because of limited seating in this area, only one other family member may sit with the individual needing special accommodations.**

5. **Senior obligations** must be settled before students may purchase prom tickets or pick up their caps and gowns (i.e. senior dues, school parking tickets, class materials or fees and/or library books and fines). Your student will be able to verify if they have an obligation in the Main Office or the Activities Office at any time; if you have any questions, please call (703) 503-4600. Caps and gowns will be distributed on Tuesday, May 24th to students who have cleared all obligations. Students with remaining obligations after May 24th may see Mrs. Burke in the main office to settle their account and pick up their cap and gown.
6. Parents may not interrupt the graduation ceremony with picture taking. A professional photographer will take pictures of your graduate receiving the diploma.

A video of the graduation ceremony will also be available. You will receive information in the mail, along with your photo proofs, regarding the purchase of these items. Use of still cameras and video cameras at graduations is expected and allowed. However, attendees may only film from their seats. Standing in aisles or portals is prohibited. Use of electrical cords or tripods with video cameras is also prohibited.

We have all worked diligently these 13 years and are deserving of a graduation that reflects the enthusiasm and pride of the Class of 2022. This is our last moment together, and we want to make it a memory to cherish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlyn Floyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "C" and "F".

Carlyn Floyd

Principal

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