

To Members of the Class of 2020 and Parents/Guardians:

It is with great joy that I write “congratulations” to each of you for reaching your senior year of high school: the culmination of your academic efforts thus far. Take a moment this summer, before your final year at Western Branch High School begins and reflect back on the journey you have been on for the past twelve years or more. Reflect on the many people: teachers, mentors, friends, and family members, who have helped you along the way. Make sure you take time this year to continue developing those relationships with the people who have been “in your corner”. And make sure you look for others who might just need a helping hand from you or an encouraging word, or even a ride to school (literally) so that they, too, can cross the stage at graduation next June.

Most of all, as you embark on this final leg of your journey, **Walk in Bruin Pride**. Be proud of your accomplishments and the accomplishments of your fellow Bruins. Celebrate those moments of victory- however small they might be. Please remember that you are not walking alone. If you should need help, ask. Class of 2020, you are on this journey together, and let’s **walk** together (all 500+ of you) throughout this year, helping one another, challenging one another, and finding ways to honor one another.

Class Sponsors:

The class sponsors, Mrs. Muncie and Ms. Diaz, and I would like to ensure you are informed and prepared for the many upcoming senior events. See the enclosed instructions about joining *WBHS Remind* and the *WBHS Senior Class Twitter* feed to receive exclusive senior class related reminders. Enclosed you will also find a list of important **senior-specific dates** for the 2018-19 school year. You should make special note of the various deadlines for ordering graduation announcements, your graduation regalia (cap and gown), and for paying your class fees. Of course, the most important date to remember is graduation on **Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:30pm, at The Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk, Virginia**. Please use the list of dates as a checklist for keeping track of receipts and other important paperwork. The contact e-mail for the Senior Class Sponsors are:

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As a member of the Senior Class, you are expected to pay class dues of \$20.00 The \$20 senior dues can be paid through the Chesapeake Public Schools website, using the *MyPaymentsPlus*, or by cash or check to Ms. Diaz in Room L-21. If the dues are paid before the Winter Break, you will receive a gift commemorating your senior year. Please also note that the class dues **MUST** be paid in order to purchase prom tickets in the spring. Here is a list of other **possible fees** for the senior year.

\$20 senior class dues

\$40 approx. cost of the basic cap & gown package with diploma cover & tassel

\$40+* basic cost for package of graduation announcements. other item available (*more details on October 17*)

\$50-60 cost of prom ticket

- \$0-** cost of graduation tickets. tickets are issued in a limited quantity, but there is no cost.
- \$20*** approximate cost for senior class sweatshirt
- \$15*** approx. cost of senior class t-shirt.
- \$25** sitting fee for senior portraits, \$20 for 2 keychains (payable at time of sitting)
- \$25*** sitting fee for senior cap & gown portraits, \$20 for 2 keychains. (cap & gown photos are optional)
- \$20*** approximate cost of official photo of the class of 2020
- \$20*** approximate cost of photo of your graduate with Dr. Whitley
- \$80*** WBHS yearbook (Information and cost of yearbook ads for seniors is included in the mailing)

**** items are optional***

In closing, I want to emphasize how much I look forward to serving you as the 12th grade administrator. The faculty and administration of Western Branch High School are looking forward to a memorable year for the senior class. With your cooperation and participation, the Class of 2020 will be honored with the dignity and respect that it deserves. Finally, please remember that as a senior you are living out the great tradition of excellence that is Western Branch High School. Therefore, do everything this year with excellence, determination, and pride. Through honor and success, be a Bruin, do you best!

Sincerely,

Mr. Close