

To Members of the Class of 2019 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 2019, 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.

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 12, 2019 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.

As a member of the Senior Class, you are expected to pay class fees of \$20.00 The \$20 senior fee 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 fees are paid before the Winter Break, you will receive a gift commemorating your senior year. Please also note that the class fees **MUST** be paid in order to purchase prom tickets in the spring.

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 2019 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