



# WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL



March 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the school year comes to a close and seniors begin to set their sights toward graduation and beyond, I would like to share a few important thoughts and dates with you.

1. There will be a **mandatory** senior class meeting on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. Seniors will not have regular classes on this day and will be dismissed early. Expectations of seniors and their obligations for the remainder of the school year will be reviewed at this meeting. **Seniors will report to the Auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for Commencement rehearsal and will receive their four tickets for the Commencement ceremony.** Additional tickets for family members will be available on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (see page 2 for specific instructions). **If the tickets are lost, they will not be replaced.**
2. After the graduation rehearsal, we will be recognizing the Class of 2017 with our annual **Senior Recognition Program at 9:20 a.m.** Willowbrook High School is very excited about this event in honoring the senior class and their accomplishments. We encourage and invite all parents of seniors to attend this ceremony as we acknowledge the Class of 2017 in front of the entire student body.

We are requesting that our **Senior students dress in a manner that would be appropriate** for this fine occasion as we highlight their class and their outstanding achievements. Seniors are required to wear formal or semi-formal attire for this event (i.e., dress, suit, skirt, dress slacks, blouse, dress shirt and tie, etc.) including dress shoes or other appropriate footwear. Students not adhering to the dress policy will not be able to participate in the recognition ceremony.

After the ceremony, a brief reception with refreshments provided by our Brook Catering students will take place in the courtyard outside the Student Commons.

3. At our Commencement ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>, each participating senior must wear a Willowbrook cap and gown furnished by Jostens. The cap, gown, and tassel are keepsake products and may be retained. **Cap and gowns will be distributed during all lunch hours Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> after the Senior Recognition Program.** Those students who did not pre-order a cap and gown may purchase one for a **\$50.00 cash payment** at this time.
4. Clothing and footwear must be appropriate for the Commencement ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Seniors are required to wear formal or semi-formal attire for this event (i.e., dress, suit, skirt, dress slacks, blouse, dress shirt and tie, etc.) including dress shoes or other appropriate footwear. **Graduates dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to participate in Commencement.** Students are to report promptly to the Auditorium at **12:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.** To accommodate as much parking as possible we would ask that seniors be dropped off at Willowbrook. Doors to the Main Gym will open at 11:30 a.m.
5. The Class of 2017, administration and faculty wish this final program to be a **dignified, formal ceremony.** I ask for your support and understanding in modeling these expectations for your son or daughter. Discuss these expectations with your student in order to insure an orderly, dignified, and memorable ceremony. As always, students will have the option not to participate in our ceremony and may pick up their diplomas any time after May 21<sup>st</sup>. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and disruptive students will be escorted from the Commencement ceremony. **Please do not bring balloons or other items (i.e., airhorns, noisemakers, etc.) that will obstruct the view or disrupt and impact the experience of those individuals around you.**
6. Willowbrook High School does not sanction any "senior ditch days" and there is no school-sponsored trip as is often rumored. Any senior pranks will be dealt with in a disciplinary manner and may result in the exclusion of participating in the Commencement ceremony.
7. The date for Prom is Friday, April 21, 2017. Prom will be at the Brookfield Zoo from 7:00-11:00 p.m. If your student is attending Prom, they should arrive at Willowbrook High School by 5:00 p.m. to insure a timely departure on the provided coach buses.

The **Class of 2017** is an outstanding class, demonstrates excellence in many areas, and has achieved numerous accomplishments. We know the Commencement ceremony will recognize our seniors accordingly as they move on to be our leaders in the years to come. Thank you for your help and support of these efforts.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Cantlin  
Assistant Principal