



# Woodcrest Christian High School

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Dear Parent of a Graduating Senior,

Congratulations! You are but two short months away from the culmination of 13 years of education. I know you and your student have invested a lot of time and effort into this achievement, and we want to insure that the final weeks are finished well. Toward that end, I wanted to give you an update on several important aspects of graduation.

## WCHS Senior End-of-the-Year Calendar

May 1	Graduation Music Lyrics due
May 3	Graduation Speeches due to Mrs. Clark
May 15	Tryouts for Graduation Music – 3:00 pm, Rm. 340
May 24	Graduation cap and gowns distributed-Senior cap & gown photo @ 10:10am
May 22-24	Finals – see below
May 27	Memorial Day –No school
May 28	Senior Holiday- No School
May 29	Graduation Practice – 8:30am-1:00pm, WCS Pavilion
May 30	Graduation Practice – 9:00am-1:00pm, Harvest Christian Fellowship
May 30	Graduation Ceremony 7:00pm, Harvest Christian Fellowship (Seniors arrive 6pm)
May 31	Grad Night at Disneyland (optional parent sponsored event)

## SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

NOTE: Seniors are **required to take their finals on the days and times scheduled.**

### May 22, 2019 \*All seniors meet in the Gym for Finals\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Period Final	8:25am-10:10am
Break	10:10am-10:25am (Senior cap & gown photo)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Final	10:30am-12:15pm

### May 23, 2019 \*All seniors meet in the Gym for Finals\*

4 <sup>th</sup> Period Final	8:25am-10:10am
Break	10:10am-10:25am
6 <sup>th</sup> Period Final	10:30am-12:15pm

### May 24, 2019 Classroom Locations TBA

3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Final	8:25am-10:10am
Break	10:10am-10:25am
7 <sup>th</sup> Period Final	10:30am-12:15pm
	12:15pm-1:05pm End of the year school picnic & yearbook distribution



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## May 29-30 Graduation Practices

Senior graduation practices will be held on May 29 & 30. May 29 we will have graduation practice from 8:30am-1pm at WCS. On May 30, we will have practice at Harvest Christian Fellowship at 9am-1pm. These practices are **mandatory**. Please make sure your student does not make other plans for these times.

## May 30 Graduation

WCHS Senior Graduation will be at Harvest Christian Fellowship on May 30 at 7pm. **Seniors must arrive at 6pm** and the doors will open for seating at 6pm. The ceremony will last approximately 2 hours.

## Graduation Seating

Each graduating senior will receive four reserved seating tickets at the end of graduation practice for the graduation ceremony on May 30. This entitles the bearer to a seat in the lower reserved section at Harvest Christian Fellowship. Other guests may attend the ceremony but will be seated on a first come first served basis in the rest of the sanctuary and balcony.

## Solemnity of the Graduation Ceremony

The WCHS graduation ceremony seeks to honor the Lord, our parents, and our students. As such, we work very hard to create an atmosphere that celebrates this special occasion and honors the sanctity of Harvest Christian Fellowship as well. As you prepare for this event, I am asking for your help in spreading the word to your guests that this ceremony is **held in the sanctuary of a church** and as such, air horns, beach balls, and other “celebratory devices” are inappropriate and disrespectful. We are blessed to be able to hold our graduation ceremony in such a wonderful venue, and as guests of Harvest Christian Fellowship, I want to respect the sanctity of the church and continue to hold our ceremony in this location.

## May 31 Grad Night

The day after Graduation seniors will have the optional opportunity to attend Grad Night at Disneyland. This is a **parent run-event** but will utilize WCSS buses. We will have additional details for you from the parents running the event.

I hope this information is helpful to you as we approach this momentous occasion. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

In Christ,

WCHS Principal



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## Senior Speeches 2019

Write a speech consisting of 300-500 words that would be appropriate to give at graduation. This is a persuasive speech, one that reflects your heart attitude. Your audience is your class of peers, your parents, family, and guests, the faculty and administration of WCS, and the school board.

Address one of the following or similar topics:

**How has your time at Woodcrest Christian had a positive impact on your life?**

**How has God orchestrated the events of your life or that of your classmates to impact the world for Christ?**

**What will your graduating class be remembered for and what will they accomplish?**

This speech could be written about one or two friends, teachers, or family members who have had a significant impact on you. It could be about how some extracurricular activity (athletics, clubs, etc.) has prepared you for college or entering your vocation. It could also be about any of these persons and how they had an influence on your Christian character.

**\*\*This speech is not a “shout out” speech.\*\***

If you choose to write about friends, teachers, and/or family, limit your reference to one or two people and give specific examples.

Be creative and make the speech interesting! Be exciting and creative. Use quotes or personal stories. Use Scripture or biblical truth. Use a hook. Perhaps an extended metaphor to create interest.

**This paper is due on Friday, May 3rd to Mrs. Clark (room 250)**

Please submit TWO final typed copies. Please type your name on one of them and your student ID number on the other in the upper left hand corner.



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## Graduation Musical Performance 2019

Graduation night presents an opportunity to honor the Lord in music. This opportunity is an important aspect of the entire graduation evening and one that helps set the mood and the standard for the evening. As such, musical groups being considered for a performance must meet the following criteria:

- The school has a strong preference for Christian music that is honoring to the Lord and uplifting;
- Secular music *may* be accepted if the content supports Christian values and the artist and the original intent of the song does not violate biblical truth/values;
- The words/song should be of noble character;
- The words must be understandable when sung;
- The overall quality of the performance (including singing, instrument playing, and stage presence) must be excellent. The selected group(s) must be willing to attend additional practices under the auspices of WCS staff to meet the expected performance levels.

The names of your musical performance group, the song you plan to sing and the lyrics are due to **Mrs. Sheffer in the HS office on Wednesday May 1, 2019**

The selected musical pieces must be in near polished condition for auditions scheduled for **Friday May 15, 2019 at 3pm in the Choir Room.**