

# Senior Parent Handbook

Dear Parent,

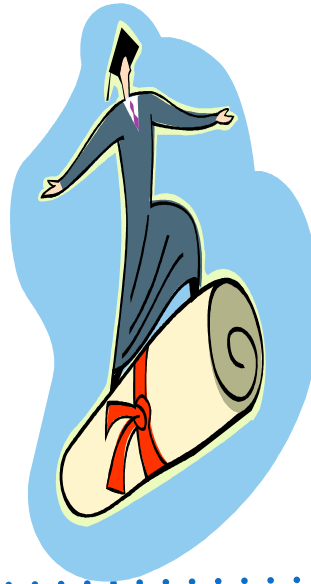
So it's finally here! Your student is a senior...and your to do list just got a lot longer! The excitement of senior year brings with it what can seem like a never ending list of details to remember. Don't panic! This handbook has been created to help inform seniors and their parents of some of the most commonly asked questions that arise throughout a student's senior year.

## Cap, Gown, & Diploma

To receive a Cap and Gown for the commencement ceremony each Senior was given a pink and green form in the registration packet mailed this summer. Pink forms were for Cap and Gown measurements, and the green forms were to designate how a student wanted their name printed on their diploma.

If you have not filled these forms out, please stop by the front office to pick up the forms.

Student's Cap and Gown cost will be included in Senior Dues which will be announced in the spring. Please do not pay for Cap and Gown in the Fall.



Warren Woods Tower

Class of 2013

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## Senior Picture and Yearbook

Yearbooks Are \$75. If you have not purchased your yearbook by November 1st, one will **not** be guaranteed to you.

**If paying by check, make it out to Warren Woods Tower.**

**NOTE TO SENIORS:**

Senior photos taken by Patrick Studios must be scheduled by October 15th in order for it to appear in the yearbook. If you do not have your photos taken at Patrick Studios, you need to submit a digital copy meeting yearbook specifications to Mrs. Cassler by November 2nd. You will

NOT be in the composite if your senior picture is not taken by Patrick Studios. Patrick Studios will take a yearbook only photo which will also appear in the composite for a minimal fee. You must schedule the photo to be taken by Dec. 1st. The yearbook only photo cost was \$25.00 last year.

**Patrick Studios Phone Number:**  
586-268-6440

### Senior Photo Specifications

- 1.5 x2 inches
- Head Size: 1 inch from top of head to bottom of chin
- Color photo with medium blue-gray background
- Due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> for yearbook
- Bring a digital copy of photo by Nov. 2 to Mrs. Cassler

## Senior Announcements and Class Rings

Class rings and Graduation announcements are available for purchase through Jostens. Please visit Jostens at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) to create and order your own ring or call Jostens for more info about announcements and class of 2013 apparel at

(810) 658-1700.

Please know that neither a class ring or announcements are a required purchase. Senior dues will cover all costs for the commencement ceremony including Cap, Gown, and Tassel.



## Anticipated costs for Seniors

Throughout this year Seniors will have different items and events that will require some costs. Here is a list of different costs that Seniors encounter.

- Prom Tickets (\$45-\$60)
- Senior t-shirt/Sweats (\$10/\$20-\$30)
- Senior Dues (\$20-\$35) *This will cover printing of Senior edition, cap, gown, tassel, and 10 commencement tickets.*

The prices listed below are based on previous years. As we make every effort to keep costs down, understand that costs will be subject to change.

- Senior All Night Party Ticket (\$25-\$30)
- Lost book fees and fines

### IMPORTANT

*Senior book fines must be paid in order to receive commencement tickets. Please make sure all fines are paid before commencement rehearsal or your student will not receive their tickets for the ceremony.*

*Any questions please contact Mr. Ohrt at 586-439-4402 or email at [johrt@waw.misd.net](mailto:johrt@waw.misd.net)*

## Senior Finals

Seniors may have earned the privilege to not have to take the first semester finals. When the individual student's MME goals have been met (meeting or exceeding expectations- level

1 or 2), the individual student will not have to take the 1st semester final exam for the corresponding class (Reading - English IV etc.) The same requirements that apply

for 2nd semester finals will also have to be met (A or B both quarters, no unexcused absences).

## Important Dates

10/5/12- Pep Rally 6:30 pm  
10/6/12- Homecoming Parade (11am), Game (1pm), Dance (7pm)  
1/8/13- Senior Parent All Night Party Meeting  
4/13- Warren Woods Scholarship Applications released, Senior Survey's & Senior Information Sheet for

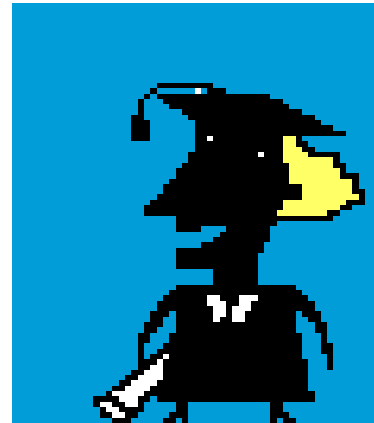
Class Night  
5/17/13- Prom (Villa Pena 7pm)  
5/30/13- Senior Class Night 6:30pm)  
6/3/13- Commencement Rehearsal (10 am @ Bethesda Church)  
6/3/13- Commencement Ceremony (7pm @ Bethesda

Church)  
6/3/13- All Night Party 9:30 pm  
As the year progresses there will be more dates and events posted in the school and on the website. If you have specific questions please call or email Mr. Ohrt 586-439-4402 or johrt@waw.misd.net

## Scholarships

Seniors are encouraged to apply for scholarships. Throughout the year the counseling office will update the scholarship binder located in the counseling office. In addition to the scholarship binder Warren Woods also has scholarships that are offered

to Warren Woods Tower Seniors. The scholarship applications will be in the counseling office some time in April. Announcements will be made when they are available. Please encourage your senior to take advantage of these scholarships.



## Commencement, Class Night, and All Night Party

Commencement Ceremony is a formal celebration of your students academic achievement. We celebrate our commencement at Bethesda Church. Food and Drink are not permitted in the Church. Also during the ceremony we ask guests to refrain from yelling, whistling, and using noise makers. Applause is welcome as your senior deserves it,

however, please don't let it interfere while other seniors are being announced.

Also, each senior will be given 10 tickets at rehearsal . Extras will not be given. Students are encouraged to ask friends for extra tickets.

Class Night is a celebration of your Student's accomplishments throughout their time at Tower. The

students wear gowns only and must have filled out the senior information sheet in order to be announced.

All Night Party is put on by a group of volunteer senior parents. This event immediately follows the commencement ceremony and goes until 5am. Please know that Seniors are required to stay the entire night.

## Countdown to College Checklist for WWT Juniors and Seniors

### In your Junior Year you should do the following.....

#### April

If needed, register to retake the ACT and/or SAT. Take an exam prep course to help you succeed. See your counselor for a fee waiver if you are in the free/reduced lunch program.

#### May

If possible, visit colleges you are interested in attending. If appropriate, apply for an interview and/or overnight stay. Visit each school's financial aid office to find out what types of financial aid are available.

Research, research, research, to find colleges that are a good fit for you!

Know the application process (writing essays, transcript request procedure, deadlines, letters of recommendations, etc.)

#### June

If needed, retake the ACT and/or the SAT.

Start researching scholarships opportunities for the schools you may be interested in.

### Countdown to College - In your Senior Year you should do the following.....

#### August

► Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you.

Visit the three to five colleges that interest you the most.

Get registration materials and test dates for the SAT and/or ACT. Remember to take such test at least six weeks before colleges' score submission deadlines.

#### September

Meet with college admissions representatives visiting your school.

Make a calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines.

Ask teachers, guidance counselors and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admission applications.

Create a Parchment/Docufile account so you can send your transcripts to colleges. The instructions for this are on the WWT Counseling website.

Review college scholarship information and apply, apply, apply!

Start applying to schools!

#### October

Take the SAT or ACT exams if necessary.

Work on admissions applications essays.

Visit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.

You should do your best to have all of your college applications completed and submitted by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### November

Retake the SAT or ACT exams if necessary

Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice. Determine the info required and due dates.

#### December

Start gathering the info needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) (Visit the WWT Counseling website for more information)

Attend Financial Aid presentation at Macomb Community College:

MCC Financial Aid Presentations:

November 14, 2012 Center Campus, University Center Assembly Hall (6pm - 8pm)

November 28, 2012 South Campus, K Building, Room 301 (6pm - 8pm)

December 12, 2012 South Campus, K Building, Room 301 (6pm - 8pm)

December 19, 2012 Center Campus, University Center Assembly Hall (6pm - 8pm)

January 9, 2013 South Campus, K Building, Room 301 (6pm - 8pm)

January 16, 2013 Center Campus, University Center Assembly Hall (6pm - 8pm)

#### January

Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. It's helpful if your parents complete their income tax returns early - schools may request the tax returns to prove eligibility for financial aid.

#### February

If requested by a college, check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.

If you are enrolled in AP classes, plan for AP exams or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

#### March

Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. If you have not received your SAR four weeks after sending in your FAFSA contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.

#### April

Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare financial aid packages.

Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline. Notify other schools that you will not be attending them.

Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete.

#### May/June

Take AP examinations

Write thank you notes to people who wrote letters of recommendation.

Celebrate your high school graduation!