**LHHS Graduation Checklist 2023**

Congratulations Grads of 2023! Way to go Lions!! June is fast approaching, and that means many graduation events will be taking place. We would like all Grads and families to know the where, what, when and how of all events, so keep on reading. Please be aware that all Grad events are drug and alcohol free and that all school rules apply. Teachers and Administrators volunteer their time for a great couple of months of celebrations. Participation in these events is a privilege, and your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Fees & Tickets**

* **Grad Fee** of $60 is to be paid via Cashless Schools or at the Office by April 28. This fee pays for the graduation ceremony including gowns, diplomas, programs, decorations, etc.
* **Prom Tickets** cost $50 each - see Ms. Francis in A181.
* **Grad Dinner Tickets** cost $15. Purchase on Cashless Schools from April 4-19 or purchase in person April 13-20. Choose meal when ticket is purchased: meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, rice/chicken (gluten-free meal). *Students must see Ms. Benjamin April 13-20 (noon) to choose a table of 4 and to get their physical ticket. Listen to announcements for more information.*
* **Grad Bonfire Tickets** cost $5.
* **Transcripts** to be sent to post-secondary institutions may be ordered at Guidance. Fee of $1.

**Important Dates and Information**

* **Grad Dinner** - Thursday, April 27, doors open at 5:15 pm @ LHHS
  + You will be asked to sign up to sit at a table of 4 people. Table numbers will be assigned May 9-12.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT: **Ticket sales are final after April 19 on Cashless Schools and after April 20 at end of lunch.** No exceptions as we have to place the food order by 2:00 pm on April 20

* + Grads begin arriving at Gym Entrance at 5:15 pm
  + Grads lined up by table number in gym by 5:45 pm
  + Grads seated at 6:00 pm and dinner is served
  + Entertainment in main gym at 7:00 pm
  + Event completed by 9:00 pm (or before)
  + Parent Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up – contact Ms. Benjamin or main office
* **Grad Car Wash** – Saturday, May 20, 11 am-2 pm
* Sign up outside Ms. Holyoke-Walsh’s room (groups of 6-8) during the first couple weeks of May
* Groups will be assigned a location (Marysville Irving, Main St. Irving, Home Hardware, Price Auto, or Main St. Ultramar)
* Shifts are from 11:00am-12:30 pm OR 12:30-2:00 pm
* The school provides hoses, nozzles, squeegees, rags, and soap. Each location has water
* Students should dress in school colours, make signs, and bring music
* **Grad Bonfire** – Thursday, May 25, 8:00-10:00 pm @ Eastern Bible College (back parking lot 128 River St.)
  + Bring a lawn chair & blanket
  + Dress for the weather
  + May bring a guitar or other musical instruments for a singalong
* **Prom** - Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 – 11:00 pm @ LHHS
  + Photo Booth in library all evening
  + Grads may start arriving by 6:30 at Willie O’Ree
  + 7:00-8:00 Cars Parade from Willie O’Ree dropping Grads off at main doors
  + 8:00-8:20 Grand March in front of LHHS
  + 8:30 Hot Apps begin to be served
  + 10:00 Grad Photo Story
  + 11:00 Last Dance
* **Safe Grad** – Wednesday, June 21, 5:00-10:30 pm @ LHHS
  + **TOTAL FREE EVENT FOR ALL GRADS**
  + Most activities are taking place outside, so dress appropriately for the weather.
  + Students may be dropped off and picked up by a parent or guardian, or if students drive themselves, they must park at Willie O’Ree.
  + Students are to be dropped off at Willie O’Ree and walk over to school (enter the back doors of Leo).
  + Students may bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. No backpacks or bags allowed.
  + This is drug and alcohol-free event and no vaping or smoking is allowed.
  + Food and drinks will be provided for you, so you cannot bring any of your own. Vegan and Halal options will be available.
  + Once you leave the event, you are not permitted back in.
  + You must remain in the perimeters of the event and follow instructions of staff and volunteers.
  + Lots of activities, music, prizes and FUN!!
* **Graduation Diploma Ceremony** – Friday, June 23 @ LHHS
  + To avoid long lines and wait times, Grads and Guests are asked to come according to the following schedule (you do not have to come at the start and will not be here for the whole time):

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| **Last Name** | **Time Slot** | **Last Name** | **Time Slot** |
| **A-D** | 9:00-10:15 am | **M-Q** | 1:00 – 2:15 pm |
| **E-L** | 10:15-11:30 am | **R-Z** | 2:15-3:30 pm |

* + Grads will receive a gown, stole and mortar board (to keep) in homeroom starting on June 5.
  + Grads may invite up to 10 guests to come see them receive their diploma.
  + Parking is limited at the school, so please carpool as much as possible.
  + The Diploma Ceremony takes place in a transformed cafetorium.
  + Grads come in their gown ready to cross the stage.
  + Grads & Guests will line-up in front of the school and come in the main doors (The whole Grad party MUST be present and together before entering the school). Grads & Guests will proceed through a set path where Guests will be directed to a photo area in front of the stage while the Grad will proceed to the stage area (in general, once the party has entered the school the process takes 20 minutes or less).
  + Grads & Guests are standing through the whole process.
  + There will be lots of staff in place outside and inside to provide direction and clarification.
  + Once the diploma has been presented, Grads & Guests will proceed out the back exit of the school where there will be photo ops.
  + If there is inclement weather, the line-up will be inside and the photo op will be in the gym area.
* **Virtual Graduation** – Posted on LHHS Website on Friday, June 23, 9 am
  + Valedictorian Speech
  + Musical Selections by Staff & Grads
  + Congratulatory Speeches
  + Prize Recipient Slide Show