

# **Woodside High School Class of 2017**



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**Everything You Need to Know About Your Graduation!**

## ✓ IMPORTANT DATES ✓

### May/June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 14	15	16 Balfour Distribute Cap & Gowns	17 Balfour Distribute Cap & Gowns	18	19 Senior Trip Six Flags 7am-10pm	20
May 21	22	23 Senior Assembly 8:45am	24	25 Graduation Practice 7:30am {Gym}	26	27
May 28	29 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	30 Graduation Practice 12:30pm {Gym}	31	Jun 1 SENIOR DEBT IS TO BE PAID IN FULL	2 Faculty/Student Basketball Game {Last Block}	3
Jun 4	5 SENIOR EXAMS <u>Graduation Ticket Distribution</u> {First & Last Block} <u>Felix Awards</u> 12:30pm <u>Super Star Awards</u> 2:30pm {By Invitation} <u>Senior Awards</u> 6:00pm	6 SENIOR EXAMS <u>Graduation Ticket Distribution</u> {First & Last Block}	7 SENIOR EXAMS	8 SENIOR EXAMS  Wespy Awards 7:00pm	9 MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE  Hampton Coliseum 7:30pm  Bus Leaves Woodside @ 6:15pm	10
Jun 11 Graduation Hampton Coliseum 6:00pm Seniors must be in place by 5:00pm						

# WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Sunday, June 11, 2017

6:00 PM

Arrive By 5:00 PM

Hampton Coliseum  
1000 Coliseum Drive  
Hampton, VA 23666



## Graduation Rehearsal

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Hampton Coliseum

Begins promptly at 7:30 PM.



**All seniors must attend rehearsal!** If you need bus transportation from Woodside to Hampton Coliseum and then back to Woodside, please sign your name on the list at the main office counter. There will be a bus leaving Woodside at 6:15pm to transport students to rehearsal.

## Graduation Expectations

**Your graduation is a very important event!** Graduates are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified manner at all times—let common sense be your guide! All school rules and policies apply and will be enforced at the rehearsal and graduation ceremony.

- **NO** cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, toys/games, noisemakers of any kind, purses, candy/gum, etc. will be permitted. You must be empty-handed when you enter the coliseum floor for the ceremony.

**Any graduate that fails to display appropriate behavior will not be permitted to participate in the graduation or collect his or her diploma. Therefore, in order to obtain your diploma, an appointment must be made for the graduate and his or her parents to meet with Mr. Hochman at his convenience the following week.**

# Graduation Day – June 11

~~~SENIORS MUST ARRIVE AND BE LINED UP BY **5:00 PM**~~~

TRAFFIC WILL BE CRAZY!

YOU CAN'T LEAVE TOO EARLY—GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME!

Don't be the graduate running down the street in your cap and gown!

And make sure you remember...



## Processional

- Graduates will stand during processional until all graduates have entered
- Graduates will enter down the center aisle
- Line Leaders for Processional: Seat number 1 and 30
- Process in two by two; it doesn't matter who you are partnered with... just that you have a partner!
- During the processional, chorus students will keep walking past their row and proceed over to choral stands
- Your row and seat number will always remain the same.
- Your name card and a Graduation Program will be waiting in your seat for you.

## During the Ceremony

- You will stand and sit as a row.
- When you move to the stage remember to take name card with you
- Listen for what adults will be calling out the names during the ceremony. If your name has EVER been mispronounced, PLEASE speak with the individual saying your name during our practices. We are DETERMINED to pronounce your name correctly, but we need your help!
- Tape will mark the place where you should stand at the top of stairs.
- Shake Mr. Hochman's hand and take diploma cover; exit stage with dignity

### **When Do We Stand?**

- Stay standing for National Anthem
- Alma Mater
- Stand for announcement of graduation
- Stand as a whole row to move to stage for diploma

## After the Ceremony

- Remain seated as stage guests and teachers exit
- Graduates will exit down the center aisle
- Line Leaders for Recessional: Seat numbers 15 and 16
- Recess out two by two; it doesn't matter who you are partnered with... just that you have a partner!
- Only the diploma cover will be given to you on stage. Your diploma will be issued to you after the ceremony in the concession area on both band & chorus side of the coliseum.

# Attire for Graduates

**Men:** Dark dress pants  
White dress shirt  
Tie  
Dark socks  
Dark dress shoes (NO SNEAKERS)



**Women:** Any color dress or skirt  
Black dress shoes  
If hose are worn, they



must be flesh colored.

- No jewelry except class ring—small earrings are acceptable
- Only cords and sashes issued by Woodside may be worn with gown
- Mortarboard (graduation cap) must be worn flat on head at all times except during National Anthem and Alma Mater—make sure hairstyle will allow mortarboard to be worn flat
- No decorations on or throwing of mortarboard is permitted
- Tassel should be on the right—the “right” way to wear it
- Move tassel to the left because you have “left” high school



**Failure to follow the dress code is a choice that has consequences.  
The consequence is not participating in the graduation ceremony—don't let this happen to you!**



## Graduation Tickets

Seniors will receive approximately 10 Graduation tickets once you are ***in good standing***. This represents all tickets that are provided to our school—there are no additional tickets available. Check with friends who may have extra tickets if you need more.

### ***Are You In Good Standing?***



- ✓ **Academics:** you have passed all your required SOL tests, passed all your required classes, and have turned in your Post-Secondary Plan to Mrs. Hertz in Guidance
- ✓ **Discipline:** No discipline referrals during the final weeks of school
- ✓ **Finances:** Any debts are paid in full (textbooks, fees, lunch loans, library, etc.)
- ✓ **You have a “right” to your diploma—you do not have a “right” to the ceremony.**
  - ✓ **Don't miss out on your graduation—make sure you are in good standing!**

Graduation tickets will be distributed beginning first and last period of June 5 & 6.

# Important Notes for Families and Guests



We are determined to provide your graduate a memorable, dignified, and rewarding graduation experience. Please help us ensure that all family members are able to hear the announcement of their graduate's name by refraining from cheering, shouting out, or whistling.

In order to ensure the safety of all who attend the graduations at the Hampton Coliseum, the following procedures will be followed:

- All who attend graduation will be scanned by metal detectors prior to admittance to the Coliseum.
- All packages will be searched (e.g. diaper bags, camera cases).
- Balloons, wrapped packages, flowers, banners, noisemakers, etc. will not be allowed in the Coliseum. Please leave these items in the car.

## **Guests MUST follow the Dress Code:**

- Men must wear a collared shirt (a tie is not required) and dress pants
- Women must wear a dress, skirt/top, or pantsuit

T-SHIRTS, JEANS, AND SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED. *Admission will be denied to guests wearing t-shirts, shorts, or jeans. We want ALL our guests to be admitted to the ceremony. Please ensure that all family members are made aware of this NNPS expectation.*

## **NNPS-TV Cox Channel 47 / Verizon FIOS Channel 17**

Newport News Public Schools Telecommunications Center will air on NNPS-TV Cox Channel 47 and Verizon FIOS Channel 17, and online at [nnpstv.com](http://nnpstv.com).

**Woodside High School's graduation ceremony will air on Friday, June 30, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday, July 28, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.** DVD copies of the graduation ceremony will be available for purchase for \$20.00 each until June 30<sup>th</sup> and \$25.00 each after June 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to order a DVD, visit [www.nnpstv.com](http://www.nnpstv.com) or call (757) 591-4687.

# **Congratulations and Best of Luck to the Class of 2017!**



School Board of the City of Newport News

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Dear Families of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations! You are to be commended for providing the necessary support to bring your graduate to this momentous occasion. Graduation is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and commitment on the part of families, students, teachers, and administrators. In an effort to ensure that this occasion is one that all participants can remember with pride and a sense of accomplishment, the School Board has established the following guidelines:

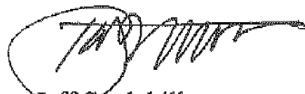
1. Seniors will be issued tickets for their guests. Only those guests with tickets will be permitted entrance to the graduation ceremony.
2. Graduating young men are encouraged to dress in dark trousers, white shirts, neckties, dark socks and dark shoes.
3. Graduating young ladies are encouraged to wear dresses and black or white shoes as required by your school.
4. All graduates will refrain from wearing distracting jewelry with their caps and gowns.

We will continue the dress code for guests attending the graduation exercises. Appropriate attire will be required for admission: *gentlemen should wear dress pant and shirts; ladies should wear dresses, suits or pantsuits*. Admission will be denied to graduation guests dressed in t-shirts and shorts.

We also expect that the behavior of guests will not distract from the dignity of the program. Guests should be respectful to those on stage and around them and refrain from yelling or unnecessary talking so that everyone may hear.

We want the 2017 commencement ceremonies of the Newport News Public Schools to be remembered with joy and pride. We are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding experience for you and your graduate. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



Jeff Stodghill  
Chairman