Greetings, Families of the Class of 2023,

We are excited to share important end of the year happenings for the Class of 2023. Please read though this entire communication. While some information may not be of interest to you or your student, there are activities (marked **REQUIRED** for your convenience) that apply to ALL graduating seniors. If, after reading this information, you have additional questions about the end of year schedule, please reach out to our High School Office, the High School Counseling Department or to myself directly.

**REQUIRED - *Senior Survey – Thursday, April 20th***

The Senior Survey will be emailed to seniors on April 20th. This survey must be completed prior to receiving the cap and gown at the Senior Class Graduation Meeting on May 4th.

***Senior Class Trip to Inner Harbor- Friday, April 28th***

50 students signed up to attend the senior trip to Baltimore’s Inner Harbor on April 28. These students will be departing at 7:00 am and returning at 10:00 pm. Please contact one of the senior class advisors: Mrs. Heather Shumaker (hshumaker@westperry.org) or Mr. Jake Warner (jwarner@westperry.org) with questions.

**REQUIRED - *Senior Class Graduation Meeting/Cap and Gown Distribution- Thursday, May 4th***

On Thursday, May 4th, the administration will meet with seniors in the auditorium during 6th period. All seniors are *required* to attend. Please make the necessary arrangements to attend. Caps and gowns will be distributed and details about graduation practice, dress code, ceremonies, and other senior events will be reviewed.

Note: In order to receive the cap and gown, students must have completed the senior survey emailed to all seniors on April 20th . The data requested within the survey is required by the state.

***Athletic Awards Night- Wednesday, May 17th***

Athletic Awards will take place Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. All athletes and parents are welcome to attend. Student athletes should dress business casual. Questions can be directed to Mr. Anderson, Athletic Director.

***Prom- Saturday, May 20th***

Prom will be held at Strock Enterprises in Mechanicsburg from 6:00-10:00 pm. As a reminder, class dues must be paid by April 12th in order to purchase tickets. No exception. Prom tickets are $45.00 and will be on sale from April 13th-May 2nd. Guests who do not attend West Perry High School must complete the guest form by May 3rd. Forms are available in the high school office. Questions can be directed to the junior class advisor, Mrs. Casper. <https://sites.google.com/westperry.org/wpclassof2024/prom-2023-info>

***CPACTC Senior Awards Night- Tuesday, May 23rd***

Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center Awards will take place Tuesday evening, May 23th at the Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill. Details will be provided by CPACTC.

***Last Day for Seniors – Wednesday May 24th***

***Senior Final Exams-***

Seniors enrolled in classes with final exams will take the exam on or prior to Wednesday, May 24th. Classroom teachers will coordinate the administration of the exams for their classes.

**REQUIRED - *Graduation Practice-Tuesday May 30th 8:00 am***

Students must attend all graduation practices to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. Make all arrangements to ensure that students can be at all practices. Seniors park at the stadium. Practice begins promptly at 8:00am in the high school auditorium.

***Baccalaureate- Tuesday, May 30th 7:00 pm***

Baccalaureate is optional. There is practice at 11:30 am in the auditorium on May 30th. Baccalauerate will be held at 7:00 pm in the auditorium, and graduates should wear their caps and gowns. Families are welcome.

***Senior Breakfast- Wednesday, May 31st at 8:00 am***

Senior Breakfast will be on May 31st at 8:00 am. Seniors must RSVP by May 12th to Mrs. Shumaker, senior class advisor, and tickets will be distributed at the graduation practice on Tuesday, May 30. Seniors and guests (limited to 2 per senior) must have a ticket to attend the breakfast.

Class dues must be paid in order to attend the senior breakfast. This activity is encouraged but optional. Contact Mrs. Shumaker if you have any questions about class dues or the senior breakfast.

***Senior Awards Ceremony- May 31st following senior breakfast (approximately 9:15)***

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, June 1st in the auditorium following the breakfast, at approximately 9:15 am. This activity is encouraged but optional, and parents are welcome. Students should dress business casual. Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honor Graduates, CPACTC certificates, outside scholarships, and department awards are given at this ceremony. This ceremony lasts roughly 2 hours.

**REQUIRED** - ***Graduation Practice Wednesday, May 31st 11:30 am***

Students must attend all graduation practices to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. Make all arrangements to ensure that students can be at all practices. Seniors park at the stadium. Seniors must meet in the high school auditorium at 11:30 am. Practice will follow Senior Awards.

**REQUIRED** - ***Graduation Practice Thursday, June 1st 8:00 am***

Students must attend all graduation practices to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. Make all arrangements to ensure that students can be at all practices. Seniors park at the stadium. Practice begins promptly at 8:00am in the high school auditorium. Seniors must bring cap and gown for class photo and middle school walk-through.

**REQUIRED *- Graduation- Thursday, June 1st 7:30 pm.***

All seniors must adhere to the dress code. Boys must wear dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes, and a tie. Girls must wear a dress or dress pants and dress shoes. A lightly colored dress is suggested but not required. No sneakers, flip flips, jeans, or shorts. This is a celebratory yet solemn occasion. Our dress and demeanor should reflect the dignity of the moment.

Provided the student does not have debt obligations to fulfill, diplomas will be distributed after the graduation ceremony. Graduates should report to the concession stand where tables will be set up to distribute diplomas alphabetically. This will only be open for half an hour after the ceremony. If a student does not receive their diploma on graduation night, it can be picked up at the high school office during normal business hours.

If a family member requires handicapped seating, please contact Mrs. Ellerman PRIOR to the day of graduation. Handicapped seating is for the family member requiring the accommodation and one guest, not the entire family. Mrs. Ellerman can be reached at lellerman@westperry.org or 717-789-3931 x5400.

Pictures will be taken during the ceremony. Picture forms will be distributed at graduation practice and may be returned to the main office prior to graduation day.

On behalf of all of us here at West Perry High School, I wish you all a safe and fun-filled end of the year. We are most definitely looking forward to celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime moment with our graduating seniors and their families.

Sincerely,

Cory Hoffman
Acting Principal
West Perry High School