



Wednesday, June 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

White River Amphitheater
40601 Auburn Enumclaw Road

Commencement Information

Reminder, seniors snow make-up day is Saturday, May 16, from 8:00-11:00



Graduation Practice Mandatory

Practice will occur on Wednesday, June 10, at White River Amphitheater at 10:00 A.M. **All seniors participating in graduation need to be at practice!** Allow approximately three hours for the practice.

Caps and Gowns

Each graduating senior will be issued his/her cap and gown after practice on Wednesday, June 10.

Ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 with seniors lining up at 6:00 p.m. Guests should plan to arrive at **least** 30 minutes before the start of the ceremony to allow time to find seating. Parking is free.

Graduates should have their caps and gowns on prior to lining up. Once seniors have entered White River Amphitheater, they **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave. There is no secure storage area at the amphitheater for purses and other valuables; seniors are encouraged to leave valuables at home or make other arrangements for safe-keeping.

All high school rules and regulations apply; the use of alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs are strictly forbidden at any school district event. The graduation ceremony is not a requirement to graduate, it is a

privilege. This community celebration is a formal event; any disruptive behavior will result in removal from the ceremony.

We ask that all graduates dress appropriately in interview attire much like oral boards. Suggested attire is slacks or nice pants and shoes for boys (no jeans or shorts for both girls and boys). Girls should wear dresses or skirts and blouses with flats, pumps or heels (no tennis shoes). Remember the girls' graduation gowns are white; bright colors like red show through the gown. **Sunglasses will not be permitted, nor will hats other than the official graduation cap. No adornments such as leis, signs, or messages will be allowed on caps or gowns.**

Tahoma will provide transportation to practice and the ceremony (free of charge) for graduating seniors. Seniors who wish to take advantage of this service need to reserve a seat by signing up in the main office. The bus will depart the high school for Auburn at 5:00 p.m. and will return to Tahoma approximately 1/2 hour after the ceremony. **Students are warned not to leave their cars overnight at the Amphitheater or on the Tahoma High School campus. Please make arrangements for rides home after grad-night. Tahoma High School and the Amphitheater are not liable for damaged or stolen items.**

Participation in commencement exercises is limited to students

who have completed all course requirements by 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, and whose records are cleared. This means that all fines/fees, detention time, Saturday Discipline Day/time, etc., have been cleared.

Tickets and Seating

Tickets are required for admittance to the graduation ceremony. Each graduating senior will be issued six (6) tickets following check out on Tuesday, June 9. Students who need additional tickets will have the option to buy more for \$2 each from the cashier starting the first of June. The Amphitheater has first come, first served seating with the exception of a limited number of reserved "box seats" available. Ticket pickup will be available at the Will Call window at White River Amphitheater. No tickets will be on sale at the event.

White River Amphitheater is a no-smoking establishment

and prohibits anything that may disrupt, damage or soil the facility; therefore, NO silly string, confetti, bubbles, or anything that may interrupt the ceremony will be allowed! If seen, these types of items will be confiscated during the ceremony and those in possession of such items will be escorted from the ceremony.





Information Update & Box Seating

There will be a meeting for all seniors during SSR on April 17 in the gym. Each senior will be given information on the option to reserve an 8-person box seat for the graduation ceremony for a \$50 donation. Seniors will get a reservation form which must be returned by May 29. Names will be randomly drawn and boxes assigned. This is optional and only submitted applications will be drawn. Please note, the box seats are NOT "front row" seats. The \$50 will be refunded if your name is not drawn.



Handicap Seating

The Amphitheater has a large reserved seating area available for handicapped/wheelchair persons so there is no need to make any special arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns please call Myrna Eller at 425-413-6299.

Cameras/Video Recorders

Cameras and/or video recorders may be used at the amphitheater. However no one will be allowed in the graduate seating area. Please be courteous and stay in your seats to allow all to see the ceremony. Professional photographs will be taken as each graduate receives their diploma. These will be available by mail after commencement. For information on the photographer visit www.gradphoto.com Password: TAHOMAHS



All Night Party

Parents please encourage your graduate to attend the Grad Night Party following graduation. This is a great opportunity for your senior to attend an alcohol/drug free celebration provided by our PTA. Tickets are still available for \$115, after April 30 they go up to \$130. There are only 100 spots left.

Senior Send Off

On **June 9** the students will be on an **afternoon assembly schedule**. Seniors will have their 1st and 2nd period finals and will report to the gym at the beginning of 3rd period (12:35). They will enjoy some fun activities and yearbook signing while the counseling department conducts the checkout procedures. The rest of the student body will report to the gym at 2:15 for the Senior Send Off Assembly.



Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational church service sponsored by the Maple Valley Ministerial Association. This year it will be held Sunday, May 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the Tahoma High School Multipurpose Room. Baccalaureate is voluntary, and all seniors and their family members are invited to take part in this special event.

Seniors DO NOT wear caps and gowns at Baccalaureate, but should dress professionally. Graduates are expected to dress and act appropriately for a ceremony of this nature.

Please see map and directions to White River Amphitheater by visiting their website at whiteriverconcerts.com

DIPLOMAS/ IMMUNIZATION HISTORY

Diplomas will be available for pickup on Thursday, June 11, after 6:30 a.m. Immunization records will be in the same envelope as diplomas. **Each individual student must pick up his/her own diploma, or it may be picked up by a parent. Diplomas will NOT be mailed.**

We at Tahoma High School are all very proud of the class of 2009. Graduation is always an exciting, fun evening for all involved. Please help your student by utilizing this guide to help make this event as stress-free as possible.