JOSTENS will be at the school on April 30 & May 1 outside of the auditorium at ALL lunches to pass out cap & gowns and anything additionally ordered. If students have not ordered their cap & gown yet, they need to order from www.jostens.com ASAP!

WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
Saturday, June 8, 2019
10:00 AM
Hampton Coliseum
1000 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666
Graduation Rehearsal
Friday, June 7TH
Hampton Coliseum
Begins promptly at 1:00 PM

All seniors must attend rehearsals! If you would like bus transportation from Warwick to the Hampton Coliseum and then back to Warwick, please sign your name on the list on the main office counter which will be made available May 27th. The bus will leave at 12:00 PM from Warwick. Please note that hats must be removed before entering the Coliseum.

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 Ms. Douglas at her convenience the following week.

Graduation Day Information

~~~~~SENIORS MUST ARRIVE AND LINE UP BY 8:30 AM~~~
TRAFFIC WILL BE CRAZY!
YOU CAN’T LEAVE TOO EARLY—GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME!
Don’t be the graduate running down the interstate ramp 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: Gardner and Winant
- Proceed in pairs; someone should be walking next to you.
During the processional, chorus students will keep walking past their row and proceed over to choral stands (to the left of the stage)
• 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 row.
• When you move to the stage remember to take your name card with you
• Mr. Bellamy and Ms. Wilson will be calling out the names during the ceremony. If your name is challenging for others to pronounce, PLEASE write your name out phonetically on your name card at the May 23rd practice. 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 Dr. Mason’s hand and take diploma cover; **exit stage with dignity.**

**When Do We Stand?**
• Stay standing for National Anthem (Males need to remove their mortarboards)
• 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 after the teachers
• Recess out in pairs; No one should walk alone. Everyone should 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 designated area **on your side** of the Coliseum.

**Attire for Graduates**

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

**Women:**
- White dress or shirt and skirt.
- White or tan/nude 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 Warwick may be worn on gown (See Ms. Douglas in Guidance)
- Mortarboard (graduation cap) must be worn flat on head at all times except during National Anthem (gentlemen remove caps—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, when instructed, because you have “left” high school
- Pick up gold honor tassel and cord. There is a $13 fee for an honor cord and tassel. You can exchange your original tassel to Jostens and pay $6 for the cord. Jostens will be outside of the auditorium May 23rd and May 31st.
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 who are in good standing will receive 13 Graduation tickets on May 30th & May 31st (only if check-out forms have been submitted to Mr. Kuberek) during lunches by the auditorium. Grad Point, on-line Government, Point Option and Early College students will also be able to pick up tickets at that time. All tickets are free.

**Requesting EXTRA Tickets**

ONLY 5 additional tickets will be given on a first come, first serve basis on Friday, June 7th in the main office.

**Are You in Good Standing?**

- **Academics:** You have passed all your required SOL tests, and passed all your required classes.
- **Discipline:** No discipline referrals during the final weeks of school (Senior Prank, Prom, etc.)
- **Finances:** Any debts are paid in full (textbooks, fees, lunch loans, library, etc.)

✓ You have a “right” to your diploma, but we may have to present your diploma on an alternate date. Don’t miss out on your graduation. Make sure you are in good standing!

**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 applauding and 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. Strollers MUST be checked by security and **will not** be allowed in the sitting area of the coliseum.
• You **MUST** have a graduation ticket to enter.

**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 or pants with top, or pantsuit

**T-SHIRTS AND SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED. ADMISSION WILL BE DENIED TO GUESTS DRESSED IN T-SHIRTS and/or SHORTS. This applies to both adults and children.** We want ALL our guests to be admitted to the ceremony. *Please ensure that all family members are made aware of this NNPS expectation.*

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**The Newport News Public Schools Telecommunications Center will produce Warwick High School’s 2019 Graduation video. DVD copies are $20.00 each until June 28th and $25.00 each after June 28th. Please call 591-4687 for more information.**

**Graduation will air live on NNPS-TV Cox Channel 47 and Verizon FIOS Channel 17. Go to the NNPS-TV website to watch live online:** [http://www.nnpstv.com/](http://www.nnpstv.com/)

*Please call the Main Office at (757) 591-4700 or email Ms. Tucker Angelynn.tucker@nn.k12.va.us with any questions or concerns.*

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2019!**