



WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Senior End of Year Events & Graduation WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN

April 29, 2021



WEYMOUTH FAMILY
TOGETHER WE WILL
UNITE AS ONE

Class of
2021

Agenda:

- Introductions
 - Alan Strauss, *Principal*
 - Karen Monahan, *Associate Principal*
 - Jenny Dolan, *Dean Class of 2021*
 - Elaine Lane, *Interim Director of Nursing WPS*
- Prom/gala information and research
 - DESE Guidelines
 - Emery Estates
 - Gillette Stadium
 - WHS field/lots
- Graduation
- Other event updates
 - Senior Honor societies and Scholar Wall



Thank you

We want to thank the following people and groups for their effort and support

Central Office Administration

Senior Parent Committee

School Committee

WHS Administrative Team

Mike Faiella, Mike Manning

WPS Custodial and Maintenance Staffs

Dan McCormick

SRO Hamacher

Elaine Lane

Post Prom Committee

Steve Reilly

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DESE (Department of Education) Guidelines for Prom

Prom is an inherently high-risk activity, as it is a social gathering that involves dancing and singing (both of which are activities with increased respiration), and also presents concerning opportunities for students to break health and safety protocols in a relaxed environment. **Therefore, after consultation with our medical advisors, DESE strongly recommends that schools do not have proms and instead substitute alternative celebrations for seniors.**

If schools do choose to hold proms, it is strongly recommended that they delay the prom until after the end of the school year, ideally delaying until such time when most students attending prom will have been vaccinated.

If schools do hold proms, they must follow this guidance document and applicable state guidance:

- Event Guidance: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-indoor-and-outdoor-events>
- Travel Advisory: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory>



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Roadblocks to a “traditional” Prom for WHS:

- Current Venue restrictions: outdoor limit is 150 (we need to prepare for at least 400 plus chaperones security)
- Weather and rain dates- schedule with Athletics
- DESE guidelines- everchanging
- Feasibility of alternative sites, tents, multiple groups at a location

WEATHER REPORT
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SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
 HEAVY RAIN	 SUNNY, LIGHT SNOW	 CLOUDY, LIGHT RAIN	 HEAVY CLOUD	 CLOUDY	 FEW CLOUDS	 SUNNY, WARMER
60° F 40° F	62° F 41° F	61° F 38° F	64° F 40° F	68° F 39° F	71° F 62° F	72° F 66° F

Emery Estates/Gillette/SixFlags- not feasible

- ie: We would need to do multiple events due to capacity limits (150 outside) and food trucks create a spacing issue



Weymouth HS plans for Senior Gala on site

5:30-8:30: 3 sites that students rotate through during the evening. Each space will have up to 130 seniors. Formal wear encouraged. Bracelets given out by color for cohort.

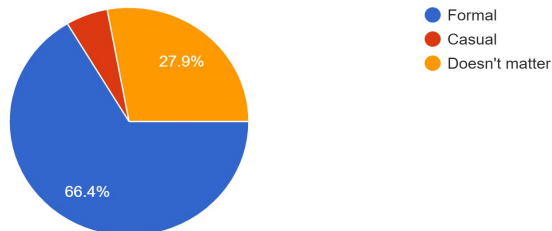
- Stadium potentially - senior video (30- 40 Minutes)
- Parking Lot: WHD Approved Food Trucks(dietary options will be provided) serving packaged food only. Some tables and chairs, PHOTO BOOTHS -GAMES - YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION AND SIGNING. (45 minutes)
- WHS Front Tent Area - Divided into groupings that can distance for dancing. DJ will provide music- chairs will be available for those who choose not to dance . PHOTO BOOTHS (45 Minutes)
- **ONLY WHS SENIORS ALLOWED - ONLY STUDENTS REGISTERED PRIOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN.**
- ANY SERIOUS VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICY(FIGHTING, possession of Alcohol,Drugs, Vaping ETC) WILL IMPACT SOCIAL EVENTS (ex: Remainder of GALA and WALKING AT GRADUATION- does not impact graduating).

Senior Survey Results (March 2021)

Student survey information emphasized that LIVE graduation WAS most important

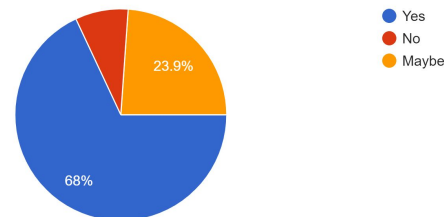
Do you prefer formal wear (tuxedos, etc) or casual wear for prom?

247 responses



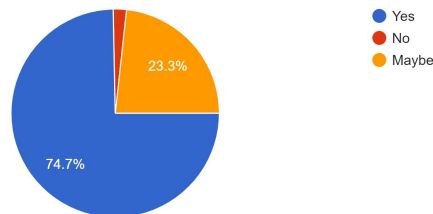
If the prom can only be held outside at Weymouth High School, would you attend?

247 responses



Would you like to have food trucks on the way out as an option?

245 responses



WHS GALA EVENT Location

Additional Details:

- DJ -discuss dancing restrictions- MASKS WORN ,NO CLOSE DANCING
- Karaoke/ games/activities
- WHD Approved Food trucks
- LED lighting
- tables/chairs
- Photo booths Multiple options in each area
- Movie- senior video
- Distribution of YEARBOOK

Other Considerations:

- Weather and rain date
 - June 1st the date and June 3rd rain date, June 2nd is Weymouth Market
- Chaperones- Hired staff only
- Costs
 - Police details and security
 - Rentals
 - Price for admission
- COVID protocols and contact tracing
- Senior Video- rent from Its2cool or Proscreen - students in bleachers

Senior GALA COVID protocols

Three distinctly designated, outside spaces on the High School campus.

- Currently All attendees would be required to wear masks at all times. Attendees will be intentionally “grouped” in cohorts-students can choose- to maintain separation and track attendees, should tracing become necessary.
- After 45 minutes, each group would rotate to the next designated space during a monitored, socially-distanced, 15-minute transition period.
- During each transition, surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized by staff per the current COVID cleaning standards and regulations.
- Coordinators of this event will ensure that all current COVID procedures are followed.
- Paid chaperones/security that we assign, will be allowed in!



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WHS GRADUATION



Guidelines from Department of Education (DESE):

- Ceremonies should be as brief as possible
- No food or drink permitted on campus
- No communal gathering before or after commencement- on field
- Guests must register ahead of the event- Number TBD
- All commencements must have staggered time entry and exit (no walking the track)
- Platform- SC/Speakers(limited) etc seated 6 feet apart
- Faculty seated 6 ft apart- away from stage

DESE Graduation- guidelines continued

- Walking across stage is permitted
- HOW TO DISTRIBUTE diplomas TBD (no handshaking)
- Everyone MUST WEAR MASKS/FACE COVERINGS- graduates may remove for a SCHOOL DIRECTED PICTURE ONLY
- Singing and playing of brass and wind instruments is discouraged
- All commonly touched physical materials must be discarded
- Microphones must be wiped down after every use- limit speakers



Graduation WHS June 5th 10am-rain delay 4pm

Rain Date Sunday 4pm

- **MAY 3**-meeting with WETC, Maintenance/Custodial, HS Admin, Dr. Sullivan (school committee representative) to determine all protocols/procedures
- Gowns, etc will be picked up (in car) at the primary school a senior attended - if new to WPS then at WHS- the week of May 24th
- WILL BE LIVE- and live streamed
- Number of REGISTERED guests TBD by May 17th-
- Distanced on field, speakers and stage capacity limited (number TBD)NO FOOD DRINK ALLOWED -No one on field prior to graduation or AFTER

Senior Gifts

- T shirts- all senior names on back- 4.50 per shirt x 440=2025.00
- Lawn signs 8.00 per sign x 440 = 3600.00
- Picture banners for every student 15.00 per student= 6750.00



Kenneth William Padula



Future Plans:

Education

Wentworth
Institute of
Technology



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CHANGE.

Awards Nights and Scholar Wall

- **National Honor Society**- virtual for all students May 13
- **Senior Awards and Scholar Wall** -virtual May 19(actual Signing TBD)
- **World Language Honor Society**-(seniors) virtual May 20
- **Tri M** will be in September as there are no seniors
- **Underclassman awards**- will be celebrated in September
- **WLHS and Scholar wall** -juniors/sophomores will be honored in September





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