

Seniors, families of Seniors, and everyone who loves our Seniors,

You should never view your challenges as a disadvantage. Instead, it's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages. - Michelle Obama

You are facing challenges that no graduating class from Wilde Lake has ever had to face; however, as you embark on your final steps on your Wilde Lake journey, the words of Mrs. Obama ring especially true. Your experience and ability to overcome adversity will be a source of strength for you for the rest of your life. We are so proud of how you have shown up for each other, for your family, and for our community in this time.

Now it's time to celebrate you! Check out the information below and be sure to respond for your FREE Senior sign as well as provide your Senior Yearbook quote and vote for the Senior Class Teacher of the Year.

1] Keeping Up With Senior Communication

Be sure to keep an eye on our WLHS newsletters, the <https://wlhs.hcpss.org/> website, Twitter sites https://twitter.com/hcpss_wlhs and <https://twitter.com/ClassWI>, Student Canvas page, and Naviance emails for senior information over the next month.

2] FREE Senior Appreciation Signs - We Need Your Delivery Address!

We are pleased to share that every one of our Seniors will be given a free congratulatory yard sign in honor of the WLHS staff members who have helped them at the Lake. **To receive their sign, Seniors must provide their delivery address using the following Google form:** [WL Senior Free Sign Delivery Form](#). Thank you to the PTSA and Boosters members who are making this gift possible!



Signs will be hand delivered to Seniors at your homes using social distancing protocol. We would like to get the signs out as quickly as possible, so please fill out the google form by May 8th. Please contact Linda Leslie at lindaleslie@verizon.net if you have any issues with the form.

3] Support Our Seniors and the PTSA!

The PTSA is also selling “*We Love Our Seniors*” yard signs so your family or business can show your support of our Senior Wildecats. Signs are only \$10, or you can buy a pack of 5 for \$45 or a pack of 10 for \$90. All proceeds from the Supporter signs will be donated to the PTSA Ohana Fund, which is used to meet the immediate needs of our WLHS community. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have our neighborhoods blanketed with signs congratulating our graduates? **To purchase your sign, go to [Senior Supporter Yard Sign Delivery Orders](#)**. If you would like to buy a supporter sign, but don't have a credit card, please email Linda Leslie at lindaleslie@verizon.net. All sign orders will be dropped off at your home using social distancing protocol.



4] Senior Class Teacher of the Year Voting

We want to hear from every senior with your nominee for the Senior Class Teacher of the Year! **Deadline for voting is Monday, May 4 at: [Teacher of the Year 2019-2020 \(SENIORS ONLY!!\)](#)**

5] Senior Yearbook Quotes

Hello Class of 2020! I hope you are all well. Our administration decided that we should include senior quotes in the 2020 yearbook, and we are very thankful. This is a great opportunity for you to say something about yourselves, your friends, your WLHS experience, and what a strange school year we've had. These quotes will go below your senior portrait in the yearbook. However, if you've opted not to include your senior

portrait but still want to submit a senior quote, we'll find a way to include your quote. The major ground rule is that your quote must be appropriate and publishable. We reserve the right to not include anything that is inappropriate, sounds plain wrong, needs to be looked up on Urban Dictionary, might make your grandmother blush, or in any way might get us or you in some sort of trouble. Keep it clean! **Please fill out the following form: [Senior Quotes](#) and submit it no later than 5/1/2020.** One submission per person please. All submissions must be from current seniors.

6] Senior Information from WLHS Student Services

Share the Good News!

Please share your acceptances/plans for after high school. We are anxiously waiting to celebrate with you and might still be able to help you with your final decisions in selecting the best colleges and how to ask for more grants and scholarships. Please email your counselors about your acceptances, grants, and scholarships.

Last Day for Seniors: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Transcript Request:

Use the link [Wilde Lake HS Transcript Request Form](#) to request for your transcript.

State Assessments:

Maryland State Board of Education waived the requirement for this year's high school seniors to pass assessments for Algebra I, English 10, and American Government or to participate in the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA).

Service Learning:

ALL Seniors have met the SSL requirement. Students enrolled in a course that includes Service Learning hours will be awarded the hours even if the project wasn't completed yet. Service Learning Validation forms will not need to be completed. If you were not enrolled in a course but still needed hours, those hours have been waived.

World of Work (WOW):

The World of Work requirement included the completion of a Resume, Interview and Four-Year Plan. This requirement has been waived for all Seniors.

Graduations:

The school system has been in contact with Merriweather Post Pavilion to discuss alternative plans. Also, a team of HCPSS staff members have been meeting with high school seniors from all high schools and the Homewood Center to discuss potential alternative celebrations for our seniors. More information will be communicated as decisions are made.

4th Quarter Grading:

The Board approved changes to quarter 4 grading. For the 2019-2020 school year, quarter 4 grades of "pass" or "incomplete" will be assigned. Students completing at least 50% of quarter 4 assignments will earn a "pass" for quarter 4. With the last day being May 20th, the quarter is short! So, please be sure to turn in your assignments and stay in contact with your teachers.

AP Testing:

Please stay in contact with your AP teachers at WLHS as well as use this College Board link for up to date information.

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

FAFSA:

If your family income has changed due to COVID19, please go back to your FAFSA application and have your parents update their current financial status and contact the Financial Aid Office of the school to inform them. This may allow them to adjust your family contribution. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Scholarship Information:

We are receiving and distributing Scholarship Information in multiple ways. Naviance has everything. When you go to your Naviance page (use your hcpss.me account to access Naviance), you will see emails from Mrs. Pruet in your "messages." These messages are also sent to the email address that you have connected to Naviance. To change this email address, go to your "About Me" tab and "My Account." There is also a Scholarship List that can be found under the "Colleges" tab. Scroll down to the bottom of the "Colleges" home tab and you will see a section called "Scholarships and Money." Click on "Scholarship List" to see additional scholarship opportunities. You can also do a "National Scholarship Search" under "Scholarships and Money" use this feature to search for scholarships by completing a short survey that is based on your personal/educational data and it will generate a list of scholarships for your student based on the responses to the survey. If you have questions, please reach out to your school counselor.

We will be celebrating all of your accomplishments through a *Senior Awards Recognition*. More information about this will be communicated as decisions are made.

New Canvas Page!

Student Services has their own Canvas Page – go to "WLHS Student Resources Community" and click on "Student Services." On this page, you can find our contact information as well as links to the HCPSS Counselor Newsletter. We have also started sending you messages through Canvas. Please be sure to check it out!