

Kelly Walsh High School Graduation Information 2018

KW Senior Celebration and Academic Awards Night COMING SOON!

The **DEADLINE** for accepting awarded scholarships to be included in the KW SENIOR CELEBRATION AND ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT program is May 4, 2018. We realize scholarships continue to be awarded to our seniors after this date, but there must be a deadline to complete the program and send it to print. **Awards recognized are monetary scholarships.**

- May 4, 2018** Last day to submit a copy of awarded scholarships to be recognized during the evening program on Monday, May 14, 2018.
- May 14, 2018** Senior Celebration and Academic Awards Night at 7:00pm in the Kelly Walsh Auditorium.
- May 15, 2018** Last day to submit a copy of awarded scholarships to be recognized in the Casper Star Tribune and Casper Journal. Submit to the Counseling Office by 4pm.

You may submit all awarded scholarships or just the scholarships awarded by the college in which your student will attend to the KW Counseling office. **QUESTIONS?** Call 253-2190.

The 2018 Kelly Walsh High School Commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 31st at the Casper Events Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Commencement is an exercise that marks a milestone in life and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Seniors should be aware that they are being observed by hundreds of parents and guests. Although the ceremony is a voluntary activity we encourage all graduating seniors to participate. Seniors who participate and have cleared all fines and returned their computers may pick up their diploma immediately after the ceremony behind the stage at CEC. Those who choose not to participate may pick up their diplomas in the Kelly Walsh office on Friday, June 1st.

Rehearsal: REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY

Commencement rehearsal will start at 10:00 a.m. on May 31st at the Casper Events Center. Students should wear street clothes to the rehearsal and do not need to bring their cap and gown. Please park in the northeast lots #9 and #11 and use the doors on the main level. Rehearsal will last until approximately Noon. Rehearsal will include a review of the program, when to stand and when to sit, who speaks and when, lining up in the tunnel, and general procedure and protocol. **Choir members will begin their practice immediately after rehearsal.**

Ceremony: GRADUATES LINE UP AT 6:45 P.M. The ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are NOT required. Please call the Casper Events Center for special accommodations and directions 577-3030.

Graduates should wear something light and cool. Boys should wear slacks, shoes, socks, light colored shirts, but no jackets. Girls should wear pant outfits or dresses and shoes that will allow them to take the stairs. It is imperative that appropriate street clothes be worn under the robes. **Please no tennis shoes, jeans, or shorts.** No flowers or adornments should be worn on the robes. Nothing should be carried by the seniors, cell phones should be on silence. Girls should give purses to relatives or friends before the ceremony begins.

Caps are worn with the deeper point of the cap in back and the tassel on the right front. The graduates, as a class, will move their tassels to the left at the conclusion of the ceremony at the direction of the Senior Class President. Girls often find that they need to secure their caps more firmly by using hairpins. Do NOT write on/decorate the top of your cap. Caps and gowns were purchased by each graduate and do not have to be returned. Family and friends should not be on the main floor during the ceremony. Pictures can be taken after the ceremony.

Behavior: The Participation Agreement (aka the Green Sheet) is required and **MUST** be signed by a parent in order for a student to pick up their cap and gown. If students are 18 years old or older and living with a parent, they need to have a parent's signature, otherwise they must visit with a KW principal. **Signed Participation Agreements are due May 25th on Senior's Last Day and will be exchanged for a cap and gown providing the student does not have any fines, has turned in their computer and meets graduation requirements.**

Family Celebration at Commencement: Please keep in mind; the **graduates** are the center of attention at the ceremony. Please note that our commencement ceremony does not have a recessional. We encourage parents, family, and friends to join the graduates on the Events Center floor at the conclusion of the program. If you need assistance getting to the floor level, please ask an Events Center Staff member. This also allows each graduate to have the attention and respect that they have earned as they walk across the stage during the ceremony and also a time for family and friends to celebrate at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Class of 2018 Officers

Max von Gunten, President
Chloe Nelson, Vice President

Student Body Officers

Hannah Henry, President
Matt Paris, Vice President
Sierra Adams, Secretary
Lesley Doney, Public Relations

Class Song: "You're an All Star" by Smashmouth

Class Flower: Sunflower

Class Motto: "This is fine. Everything is fine. I'm fine."

Senior Calendar:

- May 4** Deadline for submitting awarded scholarships for the KWHS Senior Celebration and Academic Awards Night held on May 14th
- May 14** KWHS Senior Celebration Academic Awards Night, 7:00 p.m. in the KW Auditorium
Last Blast ticket sales start during both lunches in the KW Commons
- May 15** All fines due!
Last day to submit monetary awards to the Counseling office for print in the Casper Star Tribune
- May 22** Baccalaureate, a parent/student nondenominational event held in the KW Auditorium
7:00 p.m.
- May 23** Computer check in for seniors
- May 25** Last Day for Seniors....free barbeque starting at 1:00 p.m. Caps and Gowns, yearbooks, etc. will be distributed to Seniors provided all fines are paid, computers are turned in and the student has met all graduation requirements. Also, bring the signed green Participation Form on the 25th.
- May 31** 10:00-Noon. Mandatory rehearsal at CEC (students use parking lots 9 and 11)
Choir will rehearse immediately following rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Seniors arrive at Casper Events Center (students use parking lots 9 and 11)
7:30 p.m. Commencement at Casper Events Center
11:30 p.m. Last Blast at KW This event is optional and not a school function, tickets are required

Last Blast:

Last Blast is a graduation celebration that is sponsored by the parents of the graduates. There are games, prizes, activities, food, and fun for all who attend. Only members of the KW Graduation Class of 2018 may attend. Tickets are \$25 each and will go on sale May 14th at KW. Buy yours early to guarantee a door prize. Tickets will also be available during rehearsal and at the door. Last Blast takes place in the KW gyms after graduation from 11:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

Last Blast Rules:

1. Students who are found with or under the influence of alcohol or drugs:
 - a. Parents will be notified
 - b. If there is no response from parents, the Casper Police Dept. will be notified
2. Leaving the building:
 - a. NO entry after 12:30 a.m., NO re-entry once inside the door

A Note From the Principal

Commencement is a time of great celebration and excitement for the entire faculty and staff at Kelly Walsh High School. The Class of 2018 has achieved at high levels throughout high school and has set a standard of excellence for our school. Their achievements have been greatly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten.

Please remember that students must have earned 26.5 credits to graduate from Kelly Walsh High School. Students who haven't earned that number of credits will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony or other senior class graduation activities.

We are always concerned with the safety of our students. Please help your child make wise decisions regarding behavior during this joyous time of year! We want to see all our 2018 graduates back for their 50th year reunion!

Thank you for your help and support during the school year! Your efforts on the behalf of our students are greatly appreciated!

Graduation Pictures and Video:

Lifetouch will be photographing graduates at our upcoming 2018 Commencement ceremony. If you would like to receive proofs of your Graduate approximately **10 days after** graduation you can **opt-in** to have the proofs emailed directly to you. To opt-in please go to the link below and complete the requested information.

<https://events.lifetouch.com/tempHomepage.aspx?EventID=159802>

Parents who choose **not to opt-in** will still have the opportunity to view their Graduates' image by visiting this website: events.lifetouch.com

If you have any questions please call Lifetouch at 1(866) 955-8342.

Video Works will take orders for the 2018 Graduation video. Please fill out the order form provided at the ceremony or call Jacek at 265-3124 or 258-1875 for more information. Each DVD is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 sales tax, shipping and handling. You may also email Jacek at jacekb53@gmail.com

Pre-ceremony information: *Casper Events Center* 1 Events Dr., Casper, WY 82601, (307) 577-3030. Doors will open to the public at 6:30pm. The CEC prohibits glass of any kind including flower vases, pocket knives and air-horns. A security check of handbags, backpacks and other items will be done prior to entry to the graduation ceremony. Also, the CEC uses metal detectors. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions about security measures at CEC or handicapped access, please contact the CEC.