

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As we begin the month of May, we certainly begin to eye the end of the school year. However, rather than approaching the end of the year as a countdown until it ends we will look at the remaining time left to improve each day. It's also an opportunity to continue to live our mission statement of Connect, Inspire, Achieve, Everyone, Every day!

Recently, WDHS completed its 2021-22 staffing plan and Mr. Gaston and the rest of the WDHS faculty are preparing to serve roughly 565 students next year. One key component of our strategic plan under the strategic objective of student, Next year WDHS students will participate in 13 sections of Advanced Placement (AP) courses with 227 students enrolled at this time. Additionally, WDHS students will participate in 23 sections of dual credit (DC) courses aligned with a Wisconsin Technical College System school. There are 314 students enrolled in these courses at this time. WDHS will also offer 6 sections of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses and there are 106 students enrolled in these courses and students who successfully complete these courses can earn advanced standing technical or college credits. Finally, there are nine students who will be participating in the state sponsored Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) next year. I am also told 6 other students have expressed interest in participating in YAP next year. This is an example of how our strategic focus on creating better opportunities for our students is paying great dividends. Many thanks to each staff member that has taken on the challenge of offering these rigorous courses to ensure our students are career and college ready! Good work team WDHS!

As a reminder, commencement for the class of 2021 will take place on Friday, May 28, 2021 and it is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to graduating the Class of 2021 as they begin a new tradition of graduating from the new Wisconsin Dells High School. Certainly, a once in a lifetime experience for these students as well as our community! Stay tuned for reminders and updates on this matter from WDHS principal Mr. Gaston. The other noteworthy calendar item is that the last day for students will be Thursday, June 3, 2021. This will be an early release day and each building will communicate their end of year procedures.

As I typically do, please allow me close out this newsletter article by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities children for they are both our highest priority and it is a privilege to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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