

THE Webb SCHOOLS

March 15, 2021

Dear Webb Families, especially of the Class of '21,

We are writing with an update from our Senior Celebrations Committee, which continues to plan for our end-of-year traditions. Our current expectation is that we will be hosting hybrid events: we will welcome relatively small numbers to our on-campus events and then provide ways for students and their families who are not on-campus to participate or observe virtually.

We have a preliminary plan to welcome our seniors to campus June 2-12 for a senior trip experience that enables them to have their last days at Webb together. We want them to be together to reflect on their time here and to make new memories as they prepare for graduation and the next stage of their lives. During this time, seniors will enjoy the rituals and experiences of senior trips through on-campus programming. This residential program will be available for all seniors, day and boarding. For students traveling into Los Angeles who need to quarantine for 10 days, we have reserved rooms at the DoubleTree Hotel. For seniors coming alone, we will provide lodging, meal service and supervision at the DoubleTree during the quarantine for \$1500. Financial aid will be available to help offset this cost for families in need. There will be no cost for the on-campus 10-day program. We are asking senior families to [fill out this short questionnaire](#) by Monday, March 22 to help us anticipate numbers and plan for this experience.

In the meantime, here is some additional information about our plans. As always, please keep in mind that shifting virus conditions or guidance from state or local public health agencies could change these plans, and all programming must receive final approval by our Medical Advisory Board.

Celebration Timeline and Preliminary Planning

May 8, Prom

Webb will host a junior and senior prom on campus. A collaborative committee of students and faculty are planning an experience that will include a DJ, dancing, photos, dessert options and more. We expect this event to be open only to juniors and seniors, with no outside guests. Students will be able to sign up in groups that will celebrate in multiple locations on campus, keeping the overall size of the event smaller while enabling the entire junior and senior classes



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to participate. Online platforms will provide juniors and seniors who are unable to attend the event in-person with opportunities to dance, participate in photos, and connect with students who are on-campus in each location.

May 19, Senior Welcome with Alumni

Our Senior Welcome with Alumni will take place as a fully virtual event at 6:00 pm PT on May 19. The Class of 2021 will have an opportunity to meet alumni from around the globe and learn about regional events and alumni networking programs. The Webb experience extends well beyond graduation, and this exciting event will help connect you to our thriving alumni community.

May 22, Jubilee

This May, Webb expects to host Jubilee, an annual celebration of art and music, with limited in-person audiences allowed at a given time and on-line capabilities for viewing and performing. The Jubilee Planning Committee is planning an experience that will involve student artwork in a variety of mediums and live and previously recorded performances showcasing students and alumni singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

Candlelight Ceremonies

Our Candlelight Ceremonies, WSC on June 5 at 6:00 pm PT and VWS on June 11 at 8:00 pm PT, will take place in the outdoor space north of the chapel. The ceremony will be limited to the senior class and a small group of faculty and staff. Depending on restrictions, we will involve the freshman, sophomore and junior classes as possible.

Recognition Ceremonies

On June 11, we will honor our academic and community award recipients and our student leaders virtually. Our Head of Schools Taylor Stockdale and Associate Head of Schools Theresa Smith will offer a congratulatory address in recognition of these special achievements. Acknowledgement letters and mementos will be distributed to recipients during the final days of the year.

Commencement Ceremonies

On June 12, we will celebrate VWS Commencement at 4:00 pm PT and WSC Commencement at 6:00 pm PT. These times will allow us to accommodate participants in multiple time zones. We are excited to offer students an in-person commencement as well as on-line participation for students who are unable to come to campus. Our current plan is to have an intimate, in-person gathering, with all graduates, and a small group of faculty and staff. Depending on conditions, we hope to enable each graduate to bring two guests with them to the on-campus



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event. We will expand these numbers as we are able and will provide livestream access so that our entire student body and family and friends around the globe can be part of this big celebration.

We will continue to update you as we know more about our plans. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

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