

February 15, 2022

**Dear 2022 FWAHS Graduates and Parents,**

Our records indicate that your senior is planning on participating in the 2022 Commencement Ceremonies. If you have decided not to participate please let us know immediately. FWAHS provides a formal ceremony and reception. Each individual home school determines certification for graduation. A diploma is the responsibility of each individual family to order for their home school.

Awarding of the diplomas will be by the graduate's parents or guardians. Parents have up to one minute to award the diploma. This time includes any comments made by one and/or both parents. Parents, we encourage you to remember this is a commencement in honor of a new beginning. You may wish to give your graduate a challenge or blessing for the future. Graduates then have 30 seconds each to thank parents, including giving his or her mother a rose. Planning your speeches ahead will make the presentations much more meaningful and interesting for you and your guests. The ceremony will probably last more than an hour and a half. Please keep within the allotted times that you are given. We all need to work to be prepared.

FWAHS has these requirements for graduates:

- **There will be a \$40 participation fee to help offset our costs for commencement.**
- Graduate families need to be *Homemade News* subscribers.
- **Graduates and both parents/guardians are required to attend the Friday evening dress rehearsal (similar to 40 wedding rehearsals rolled into one).**
- Parents(s) or guardian(s) of the graduate will present their school's diploma.
- The graduate needs to have been homeschooled, at least, his entire senior year. Homeschooling is defined as 50% of the student's education completed in the home by an individual with a legal relationship to the student. An exception would be allowed for those students enrolled in an institution where they are receiving dual credits.
- Responsibilities of graduating families include payment of \$40 participation fee, a biography for the program, graduate pictures for a multimedia presentation, a diploma, a commercial unaltered matching cap and gown (with tassel), the rose color, and an immediate family list.

Graduates **MUST** meet the stated deadline of March 15, 2022 for the submission of all necessary requirements and information. If you miss this deadline and still wish to participate in the FWAHS Commencement, there will be a \$100 late charge payable to FWAHS upon delivery of the completed, required submissions up until April 1, 2022. If the April 1 deadline is missed the graduate will not be able to participate in the Commencement. **We encourage all graduates and parents to read the newsletter carefully and fulfill all the required tasks on time.**

If you have any questions feel free to contact us:

Doug & Heather Kemerly, [notone2mny@gmail.com](mailto:notone2mny@gmail.com) you may also call or text Heather @ (260) 415-2210 (quickest way to contact me)

## **FWAHS Commencement Details**

**Rehearsal:** Friday, June 3, 2022

St Michael's Lutheran Church  
2131 Getz Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**Graduates only** (no siblings or friends)

*Be there ready to begin by 6 PM. We will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.*

**All Parents and All Graduates** only

*Be there ready to begin by 7:30 PM. We will begin promptly at 7:30 PM.*

**REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GRADUATES AND ALL PARENTS**

Be sure to bring your matching, unaltered, commercial cap and gown – ironed and labeled! Don't forget your tassel! *Please arrive early enough to find your assigned seating before your beginning time.*

**Commencement:** Saturday, June 4, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

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Feel free to invite as many friends and family members as you wish. There is plenty of seating available just not with the graduate's immediate family.

This is a formal event and dress attire is expected by the graduates for the ceremony. No shorts, jeans or other very casual clothing are to be worn under the gowns. Young men are to wear dress shirts, ties, dress pants, and dress shoes. A young lady should wear a dress or skirt no longer than the academic gown or dress pants and dress shoes. Please wear comfortable yet dressy shoes, no flip-flops or tennis shoes. Girls are not to wear extreme high heels or open-backed shoes that flap when you walk.

**Musical Presentation Opportunities**

Any graduate desiring to tryout to do a musical presentation just prior to the commencement ceremony will need to send a video via email, a DVD or YouTube video of the performance exactly as they plan to perform it. No more than three will be chosen. The DVD should be sent to the Kemerlys by May 1st. Please send to [notone2mny@gmail.com](mailto:notone2mny@gmail.com)

**Seating Requirements:** Doug & Heather (260)415-2210 or [notone2mny@gmail.com](mailto:notone2mny@gmail.com)

Parents will present diplomas to their graduates at the graduation ceremony. In order to coordinate the presentations and ensure good seating for immediate family members, please provide a list of only the immediate family members who will be