

Warren Connection: Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

July 27, 2020



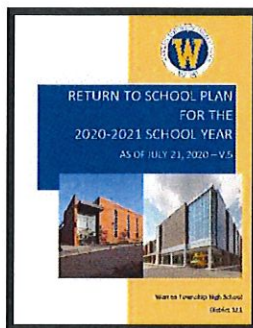
Dear Warren Community:

Happy summer heat, everyone! This edition of our *Warren Connection* is dedicated to our Class of 2020 and their unique graduation ceremony. We're celebrating our graduates moving on to the next chapter of their lives.

On this first page of the newsletter, we provide information related to registration and opening of school.

To ensure your student's successful registration experience, please review the **registration information** on this page and on the District website.

Our return-to-school plan for the 2020-21 school year was presented to the Board of Education on July 21. We determined at that meeting that WTHS will open in a fully remote status at least through October 2, 2020. More information will be sent to district families and will be available on our website.



Registration Information 2020-21 School Year

Online registration for all students is now open. Parents and students received several notifications about the new online opportunity and process for completing registration.



- There will be no walk-in registration.
- All required materials and information provided by parents and payment of fees will be completed through our online process.
- We will have staff available by phone or email to assist with online registration or to answer questions during the hours previously scheduled for walk-in registration on July 29, 30, August 3, and August 4 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Difficulty completing the online process?

- Difficulty accessing PowerSchool parent account: Please call our main number, 847-662-1400, and one of our staff members will assist you.
- Difficulty uploading residency documents: Email the registrar at your child's school of attendance
 - Almond Campus/Bridges/OOH students grades 11 and 12: cflowers@wths.net
 - O'Plaine Campus/Transition/OOH students grades 9 and 10: cthedorf@wths.net



Please check your email over the summer to stay in touch with us about returning to school and other important information.

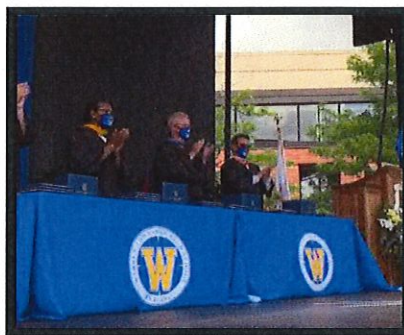
Congratulations to the Class of 2020

by Members of the Board of Education and Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools

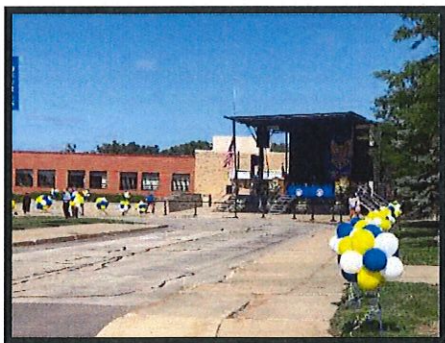
At its July 21 meeting, the Board of Education recognized an outstanding graduation ceremony and celebration that occurred July 12. This year's celebration was relocated from the Sears Centre to the Almond Campus parking lot. Graduates were invited to attend a drive-through commencement in a vehicle with their families.

Upon entering the Almond Campus grounds, graduates were welcomed with congratulatory signs, beautiful decorations, music and many faculty and staff members waving and cheering. Each graduate was able to have a photographer take their picture in their cap and gown, and walk across the stage while their name was read. Their family members remained in their vehicles, which stopped at the main stage.

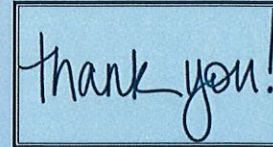
Board members and Dr. Ahlgrim waved congratulations to each of the graduates as their name was announced and they walked across the stage. Parents were able to view it from their decorated vehicle, take pictures and cheer. As they exited the stage, our graduates received "air" high fives, "air" waves and "air" handshakes from our building principals Mr. Parrott and Mrs. Bertola.



Our Almond Campus was an ideal location, as it also provided an opportunity for community members to walk to our campus and join in the congratulations along Almond and Warren Township High School roads.



This event was made possible thanks to the commitment and creativity of Mrs. Ayabarreno, who had a vision of creating a unique and memorable commencement experience for the Class of 2020 candidates. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Ayabarreno and her family, along with all the other helpers, for designing and decorating the outside campus for this amazing event.



The creativity and design of putting together a unique and memorable day for our graduates was outstanding. Thank you to all who helped with this spectacular event.

Overall Coordinators

Rob Parrott and Dr. Laura Kirk

Senior Class Sponsors

Valerie Ayabarreno and Betsy Sagala

Senior Slideshow

Seniors Elizabeth Weinberg and Jenelle Reams

Almond and O'Plaine Faculty and Staff
who viewed and cheered for the graduates

Readers

Sean Mahoney, Peter Kupfer
and Aimee Lonigro

Setup and Take Down Helpers

Val Ayabarreno and Betsy Sagala
Trini Hartley, Rhonda Nitto,
Beryl Washington
The Ayabarreno Family
The Parrott Family
Buildings and Grounds Team
Almond and O'Plaine Administration



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Senior Class Gift

Class of 2020 yard signs were provided to each senior to recognize and honor them this year. We also allocated funds toward digital recognition display boards at our campuses.



Senior Graduation Speakers

Kaylee Rychel and Matthew Rich

Theatre Productions

during the 2019-20 school year

Fall Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream/Fall

Dinner Theatre: Clue

Children's Play: The Lion King

Spring Musical (Canceled): Elf



Homecoming, October 5, 2019

Theme: Hawaiian Homecoming

Homecoming King and Queen

King: Hunter Subry

Queen: D J Serrano

Notable/celebrity speaker or visitor in the past four years

Brittney Payton, Chicago Fox 32

Pep Rally Friday

1,007

Number of
graduates in the
class of 2020

227

227 students with academic honors according
to a Cum Laude system (We do not class rank
so there is not a Valedictorian/Salutatorian)

116

Cum Laude
graduates who
achieved between
3.9 and 4.199 GPA

50

Magna Cum Laude
graduates who
achieved between a
4.2 and 4.399 GPA

61

Summa Cum Laude
graduates who
achieved a 4.4. or
higher GPA

137

Illinois State
Scholars

1

National Merit
Finalist

25

National Merit
Commended

4

National Hispanic
Recognition
Program

Illinois Principal Association Lake Region Award

Zarina Morgan and Jamie Flores



See Warren's Virtual Cum Laude Recognition Program
on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WTHSDistrict121>

Students with Academic Honors According to a Cum Laude System

Cum Laude graduates who achieved between 3.9 and 4.199 GPA

Anij Janae Alshanski	Abigail May Doss	Janelle Salvador Lingad	Asvin Ragunathan
Noah Ariel Arce	Nolan Michael Ehlers	Christopher Aaron Long	Tanvi Shailesh Ranade
Aisha Iyad Asad	Jordan Ashley Elkinton	Olivia Robin Lyjak	Madison Mackenzie Ray
Ariana Nickole Aubrey	Kevin Jair Escalante	Jacob Halen Lynch	Sean Michael Joseph Rector
Caleb Matthew Baab-Flesch	Jaime Flores	Precious Anne Mae Millora Mago	Matthew Neil Rich
Faraaz Ashfaq Baig	Jack Emerson Foster	Jessica Diane Masopust	Brianna Emily Rodriguez
Jackeline Barrera	Victor Manuel Gallegos	Kevin Lee McCarthy	Emily Marie Roeck
Katelyne Ibeth Bashore	Noah Joseph Galuska	Cory Samir Melchor	Noah Thomas Schwab
Andrei Gabo Bearnod	Jordan Benjamin Gamburg	Sabrina Phoebe Rosal Mella	Autumn Edith Scott
Maryam Rene Beverly	Matthew John Garcia	Lucas Quang Nguyen Milewski	Krystofer Michael Selega
Andres Roy Bibian	Samantha Azteca Garcia	Emily Suzanne Miller	Isha Hiran Shah
Amanda Kiley Bolender	Mya Marquez Gaughan	Rebecca Tess Miner	Elliana Catherine Shorr
Kevin Joseph Borbath	Bradley Richard Gryzik	Sumayya Mohammed	Samuel Russell Shulman
Ian Michael Bouma	James Michael Hajewski	Brett Karl Heinz Mueller	James Gerard Silvasy
Ashley Nicole Brown	Maximus Cosmas Halekakis	Ryan Patrick Murphy	Annalise Lixuan Foxx Smith
Amaya Joy Buchanan	Anna Micaela Herrera	Riley Rourke Nebel	Hailey Lenae Smith
Jenna Irene Burkey	Aaliyah Alexis Humphreys	Bohdan Grant Nelson	Najeeb Ahmed Syed
Spencer Edward Burton	Logan Christopher Jannick	Steffen Jered Nerheim	Mani Pavan Tangellamudi
Alyssa Pearl Buttler	Vanessa Marie Javalera	Madison Corinne Olms	Ashley Claire Thomas
Marielle Ruiz Calanza	Mackenzi Joelle Johnson	Maria Guadalupe Oropeza	Zachary Edward Thomas
Alexis Jane Carrington	Neha Joshi	Esteban Padilla	Elena Stella Trage
Skylyr Shae Choe	Daniel Pawel Juszkievicz	Demetrius Michael Palmer	Demetra Tsakos
Cruz Collazo	Ria Kakarlapudi	Nathan Francis Papierniak	Jaylene Iris Vazquez
Tatum Nicole Courchene	Nya Kenlee Kearns	Claire Emma Pardus	Isabelle Mary Joan Williams
Isabel Cuevas	Isabella Renee Kifer	Shrey Viraj Patel	Thomas Henry Wojdyla
Hannah Marie Davis	Jessica Kathleen Kreul	Jessica Nicole Payawal	Samuel Allen Yoder
Shan Halum DeCastro	Matthew J Kuriakose	Richard Arthur Pena	Brianna Angelina Zangara
Ryan James DeVries	Ryan Christopher Larsen	Jack David Radaj	Maddison Irene Zeni
Nicolas Ronald Dietzen	Zoe Faith Levitan	Kyle Mitchell Radovan	Krista Joanne Zimmer

Magna Cum Laude graduates who achieved between a 4.2 and 4.399 GPA

Jacob Matthew Adrian	Claire Elizabeth Dunnigan	Johnathan Andrew Kellogg	Rutvik Sayankar
Annika Alexandra Attiah	Mackenzie Morgan Filkins	Brandon Michael Kelly	Kelsey McKenna Schmeling
Rachel Young Back	James Robert Forbis	Sarah Grace Lev	Rachel Emma Shugarts
Luke Michael Behrens	Carson Alan Ghys	Dylan Joseph Montellano	Matthew Douglas Snavelly
Genevieve Elizabeth Berryman	Zachary Alexander Hampton	Asim Naved	Katherine Elizabeth Michelle Strauss
Gabrielle Anne Bouche	Jonathan Hernandez	Sydney Elizabeth Nelesen	Sophie Marie Troy
Christine Marie Budil	Madeline Barbara Hoffman	Rebecca Leigh Nielsen	Wesley Royce Tunelius
Katherine Rose Butera	Catherine Elizabeth Holt	Joseph Allen Bautista Oliva	Trevor Patrick Warnke
Jericho Ross Capio	Caroline Anne Hubbart	Dane Anthony Peplow	Olivia Grace Wolf
Celine Giselle Cardenas	Rogelio Huico	Coralis Del Mar Perez-Acevedo	Alexis Araya Woodley
Pedro Conti	Hannah Jo Hunt	Emily Morgan Reimer	Matthew Brian Zechiel
Kayla Marie Davis	Dru Harrison Jasnoch	Erryn Laurene Perolino Relayson	
Margaret Reagan Dorr	Madison Grace Juenger	Julia Grace Retter	

Summa Cum Laude graduates who achieved a 4.4. or higher GPA

Athirai Ambikkumar	Daniel Dimitri Duenas	Alexis Siregar Krueger	Amaan Rafiq Rakhangi
Sarah Christine Barbosa	Emily Marie Engel	Sarika Lalitha Kumar	Kashyap Srinivas Ramachandrala
Zaid Shamin Barkat	Anna Claire Erpenbeck	Victoria Kioko Kurisu	Caroline Margaret Rukstales
Kendra Rylee Beaton	Rebecca Escobedo	Jennifer Jihae Lee	Adnan Sarancic
Rebecca Priti Benjamin	Thomas John Farber	Steven Lin	Aneri Gunjan Shah
Allison Jayne Berens	Darsh Gupta	Emily Francis Makeever	Woo-Sung Shim
Isabelle Charlotte Bogot	Emily Rose Gutknecht	Seamus Michael Mellican	Kevin Wesley Song
Abigail Grace Bosko	Ainsley Elizabeth Hanner	Peter Joseph Micksch	Collin Rodney Sorge-Young
Erica Chavez	Braden Timothy Hill	Ricky Alexander Harrison Moe	Shannon Kathleen Sturt
Ryan Daniel Conley	Bailey Elise Holman	Saleh Syed Mujtaba	Hunter John Subry
Jennifer Krystal Craig	Jack Stephan Hovey	Christopher Matthew Nelson	Nicole Brigit Terzian
Sohom Swoyambhu Dash	Diya Varuni Iyer	Andrew Nisipeanu	Caitlyn Nicole Ward
Nathan Franklynn Denny	Sravva K Jayanti	Jack David Nordentoft	John Travis Wiser
Brittany Anne Diete	Vindhya Rao Kalipi	Jairenne Tyrelle Martin Ofilanda	Austin Lee Wolff
Matthew Ryan Dimillo	Grace Ann Kjeldbjerg	Ishaan Prakash Patel	Harley Bruce Yoder
			Bernard Wang Zhu

Notable Individual (senior) or Team Athletic Achievements

137

Senior students who earned
North Suburban Conference
All-Academic Honors

33

Senior students who earned
North Suburban Conference
All-Academic Honors in two sports

Notable individual (senior)/team athletic achievements

- 2019-20 Football Team IHSA 8A State Runner-Up
- All-State Athletes – Christian Phillips (Football), Willis Singleton (football), Juan Delacruz (Football), Derrick McLaughlin (Football)
- Girls' Swim and Dive Team – Trinity Springer 50 Free State Qualifier and member of State Qualifying 200 Medley Relay Team
- Cameron Domke – Wrestling State Qualifier
- 2020 Varsity Devilettes IHSA 3A State Finals Qualifier in Competitive Dance
- Seamus Mellican – IHSA All-State Academic Team Honorable Mention
- 2019 Boys' Track - Hunter Subry and Jason Langevin members of 4th Place finish at IHSA State Finals in the 4X800. Cortez Albarran State Qualifier in Triple Jump
- 2019 Boys' Lacrosse Team IHSA State Runner-Up

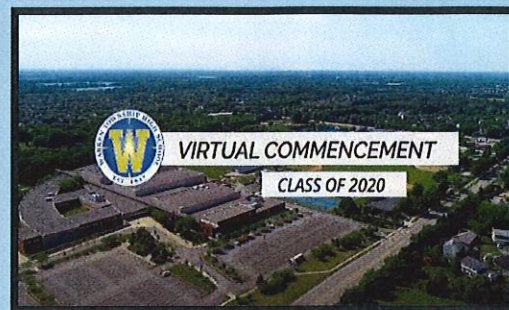
Notable individual (senior)/team extracurricular achievements (science bowl, band/music, writing contests, etc.):

- Science Olympiad Team Qualified for State
- Brooke Moeller Speech Team State Qualifier in Dramatic Interpretation
- Bailey Holman ILMEA All-State - 1st Bassoon for ILMEA Honors Band, first in state
- Andy Nisipeanu ILMEA All-State - 2nd Oboe for ILMEA Honors Band, second in state
- Trinity Look - Senior District All-State Chorus Participant



Class of 2020 Celebration Videos on WTHS District 121 Website

Virtual Commencement Class of 2020

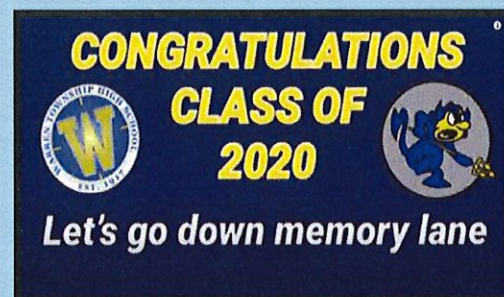


Video of Live Stream of July 12, 2020 Class of 2020 Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

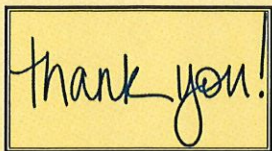


Class of 2020 Senior Slideshow



Principal's Comments

By Rob Parrott, Almond Campus Principal and Michele Bertola, O'Plaine Campus Principal



Thank you to the following vendors for working with us to provide supplies and/or services to for our commencement celebration.

DJ

Kasper from Monster Entertainment

Stage

Dave Girardi from American Mobile Staging

Tents

Big Top Tent & Party Rentals, LLC

Live Streaming of Event and Video

Justin Mathews with Uploadpartners.com

Video Production

Jerry Gallagher, Donovan Group and
Kelsey Hammer Parks, Kelsey Hammer
Productions, LLC

Yard Signs

Kirk Larsen, Graphic Partners Inc.

Caps, Gowns

Brian Walter, Jostens

Programs

Yorke Printe Shoppe

Photography

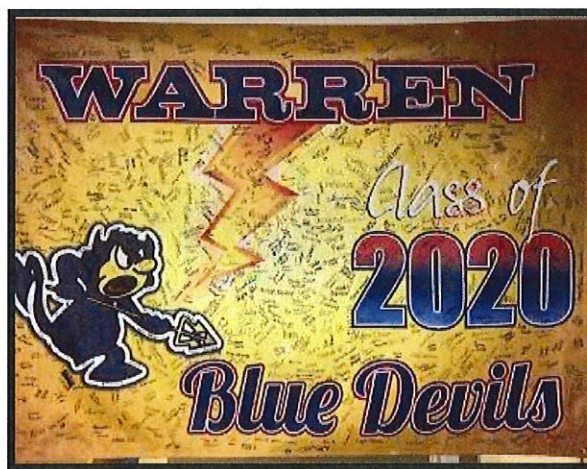
Visual Image Photography (VIP)

Special Education District of Lake County
Sue Simpson, Warren Township Center
Mayor Kristina Kovarik, Village of Gurnee
Howe Security
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Gurnee Police Department

Principals' Reflections on the Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 has been a special class at Warren Township High School, and they will never be forgotten. We are a large high school, but what makes this group so special is how close they were and that they genuinely cared for each other. Their spirit for learning and making our school climate positive has been outstanding, and we will miss them greatly. During their high school career, they have learned the importance being respectful of our differences, being resilient in the face of adversity, the power of being engaged and committed to academics and the value of being flexible to navigate new realities they have never faced. Because of this, they are well prepared for their future endeavors. I wish them nothing but the best. Thank you Class of 2020 for your lasting impact on Warren Township High School and, as always, Go Blue Devils!

— Mr. Parrott



Congratulations to the Class of 2020! You started your high school career walking through the doors of the O'Plaine campus, and you are now on your way to the next adventure in life. I am so proud of the four years you spent working hard, growing and helping to lead our Warren community—especially over the past several months. You persevered and stayed united during an unprecedented time. Remember to be true to yourself, find your passions and work to accomplish anything you put your mind to. The Class of 2020 will always hold a special place in all our hearts, and once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil! Continue to make us proud and continue to get better every day. Best of luck in your road ahead.

— Mrs. Bertola