



## ***CLASS OF 2012 PARENT NEWSLETTER***

*We are thrilled to be working with the Class of 2012, a great group of students who are setting a nice tone for our entire community. As their parents, you should be very proud of them. This timeline is designed to inform parents of the Class of 2012 of all the class activities taking place this spring.*

*CASEY BROWN AND WENDY DECKER*  
*CLASS ADVISORS*

### **Class of 2012 Stones**

The unique tradition of the Alumni Wall was established in 1947 by members of the graduating class who wanted to leave their mark on this campus. Every year since that time, students have placed their stones on the wall just before they graduate from the Academy. Placing a stone on the Alumni Wall is an important part of becoming a WMA alumnus/a and a major part of our Commencement experience on Saturday, May 26. All students in the graduating class are expected to take part in the procession and place a stone on the wall.

### **Class Gift**

Traditionally, the graduating class presents a gift to the school during the Prize Day Assembly. The gift is donated by the class with funds that they have raised throughout their years at the Academy.

### **Class Speaker**

Members of the graduating class are in the process of nominating and selecting a member of the class to be their Commencement speaker.

### **The Prom**

We are very happy to announce that Trustee and senior parent Suzy Awad has helped us secure her friend's restaurant, Post 390, in Boston for the Junior-Senior Prom. Her efforts have enabled us to offer a prom experience that ensures the safety of all our students throughout the night. The prom will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM. All students will depart from the Academy on school-provided coach buses at 8:30 PM and will return to the Academy around 4:00 AM. Before the prom, the Academy will host snacks and refreshments for the students and their parents. Upon their return to the Academy in the morning, the school will provide a light breakfast and then allow the students to leave campus at 5:00 AM. The estimated ticket prices are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Tuxedo and flower shops will be visiting WMA in the next few weeks to take orders; we will also arrange trips to local malls

to purchase any items needed, including prom dresses. The night of the prom, hair stylists will be on campus to help with hairdos, for a fee. Information will be updated on WMA News.

There will be door prizes at the Prom, and we would be grateful for any assistance parents can provide in this area. In the past everything from gift cards to computers and televisions have been donated, and students heading off to college are very appreciative of these items.

### **Class Agents and the Class of 2012 Banquet**

With the 100-Day Celebration in February, the Alumni Office began working with the class as they make the transition from students to alumni. That day the students chose their Class Agents, those people who will keep in touch with their classmates as a communication link between the Class of 2012 and WMA. Elected Class Agents were Brianna Goncalves, Teresa Kennedy, Joseph Li, Austin Little, and Steve Ragnauth.

The Class of 2012 has a formal dinner with faculty and staff on Thursday evening, May 24. The banquet is designed to be an opportunity for students to remember their time here at the Academy and all of those people who are special to them. Yearbooks are distributed after the banquet, and students have the opportunity to sign one another's books. Dress code is business casual.

### **Dress Expectations for the Prize Day Ceremony and Commencement**

Everyone attending is expected to be in dress code. Boys, and girls wearing slacks, must wear school blazers (with crest), for the Prize Day ceremony. As the guests of honor, the graduating class will want to look especially nice.

For the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, we ask girls to wear white dresses (skirts and tops are acceptable) and boys to wear white pants, white shirts, red ties (provided by the Academy), and WMA blazers (with crest). Girls will be carrying red roses and boys will have red carnations for their lapels.

### **Important End-of-Year Dates**

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| <b>April 9, 2012</b>  | <b>Senior Class Trip to New York City – The Senior Class will depart from the Academy at 7:00 AM and return to the Academy at approximately 10:00 PM. Students will break into groups to visit various sites throughout the city. They will be responsible for paying for their lunch and admission to the venues they choose to visit that day.</b> |
| <b>April 16, 2012</b> | <b>Commencement invitations available in the Reception Office.</b>   |
| <b>May 5, 2012</b>    | <b><u>Junior-Senior Prom</u> – Post 390, Boston, Massachusetts, 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM. All students depart from the Academy on school-provided coach buses at 8:30 PM. The students will then return to the Academy around 4:00 AM and will be allowed to leave campus at 5:00 AM.</b>  |

<b>May 22 – 24</b>	<b>Class of 2012 final examinations, held in Lak Dining Hall</b>	
<b>May 22, 2011</b>	<b>8:15 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>CEGS &amp; mathematics conflict exams</b>
	<b>1:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>mathematics exams</b>
<b>May 23, 2011</b>	<b>8:15 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>English &amp; world languages conflict exams</b>
	<b>1:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>world languages &amp; science conflict exams</b>
<b>May 24, 2012</b>	<b>8:15 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>science exams</b>
	<b>2:15 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b><u>Class of 2012 Slide Show</u></b>
	<b>Commencement Rehearsal AFTER SCHOOL MEETING</b>	
	<b><u>Class of 2012 Banquet</u> FOR GRADUATES, FACULTY, AND STAFF</b>	
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lak Dining Hall</b>
<b>May 25, 2012</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b><u>Prize Day Ceremony</u></b>
<b>May 26, 2012</b>	<b>NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM</b>	<b><u>Graduates Arrive at Smith Hall</u></b>
	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b><u>Class Portrait</u></b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b><u>Stone Ceremony</u></b>
	<b><u>Commencement</u> BEGINS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STONE CEREMONY</b>	
	<b>Noon – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Light lunch in Lak Dining Hall</b>

**ALL BOARDING STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2012**  
**MUST BE COMPLETELY MOVED OUT OF THEIR DORM ROOMS**  
**BY 6:00 PM ON MAY 26.**