

# KW NEWSLETTER

Kelly Walsh High School | Casper, WY

### **Important Dates**

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Prom@ KW Commons - 8PM

### **MAY 15**

Senior Fines Due

### MAY 16, 17, 18

State Track @ KW Stadium

### **MAY 20**

Senior Academic Awards Night @ KW Auditorium - 7 PM

### **MAY 20**

Senior Grades Due

### **MAY 23**

Seniors last day. Pick up yearbook and cap and gown!

### **MAY 27**

No School Memorial Day

### **MAY 30**

KW GRADUATION @ Wyoming Ford Center -7:30 PM

### **MAY 31**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

# **Letter From the Principal**



Dear Trojan Families,

With the ending of the school year comes many celebrations! The Academic Awards Banquet for our Top 10% is already behind us, and the Senior Awards Celebration is on May 20th. Several activity and athletic groups are participating in season ending events over the next couple of weeks. On May 30th, we anticipate over 450 Trojans will cross the stage at the Ford Wyoming Center

to celebrate a huge accomplishment by collecting their diplomas.

We are also very close to wrapping up assessment season. We have successfully completed the ACT test for juniors and WY-TOPP summative assessments for freshmen and sophomores. Some of our students are starting AP testing as well. Thank you for all your help in making sure we had strong completion rates and for encouraging your children to do their best.

While the month of May finds us wrapping up the current school year, it is also a time that our staff is setting the foundation for a successful 2024-25 school year. We are working on growing and developing our programs at Kelly Walsh as well as on the campus of the Pathways Innovation Center where students next year will still be able to take classes in the morning and afternoon. More sections of classes will be available on the PIC campus than ever before.

We are also getting ready for sophomore, junior, and senior registration days in August. Freshmen will have their own day in August that will have more of an orientation feel to it so our incoming Trojans are ready for the high school transition. Please note that the first day of school next year is Monday, August 26th. We are also changing up when our Back to School Night lands on the calendar. We will hold that event BEFORE the first day of school on Thursday, August 22nd.

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Another significant change will be to our bell schedule for next year. It will be as follows:

**ZERO HOUR** 6:45-7:30 Block 1 8:20-9:45 Block 2 9:50-11:15 **TROJAN CONNECTIONS** 11:15-11:44 A LUNCH 11:44-12:29 Block 3 11:49-1:14 **B LUNCH** 1:14-1:59 Block 4 12:29-1:54 Block 5 1:59-3:24

You will notice that Trojan Connections is moving to the end of 2nd Block and prior to the beginning of our first lunch block. All students who are scheduled in a 2nd Block class will have Trojan Connections on their schedules, and it will be connected to the same teacher/class as their 2nd Block classes. Only students who go to Pathways Innovation Center (PIC) for afternoon classes will be excused from having a Trojan Connections class. The excusal time for the end of 5th Block (end of the school day) is 3:24 pm, and no students will be excused early for reasons such as jobs or non-school related activities.

I would like to sincerely thank our Trojan community of students, staff, and families for making this school year so successful. Thank you for allowing us to work with your sons and daughters every day!

Sincerely, Mike Britt #trojanperfect

# We could use more Committee Chairs & Members Click to let us know you're interested.



### **IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES**

**May 3 Friday** - Deadline to submit monetary awards (scholarships) to the counseling office.

**May 15 Wednesday** - If you need assistance with fines please call and ask for Mr. Tuttle at 253-2000. Please check your Infinite Campus parent portal to see what your student's fines are, or what materials they need to return. Pay fines at the athletics and activities office.

**May 20 Monday** - KWHS Senior Celebration Academic Awards Night 7pm in the KW auditorium.

May 20th Monday - Senior Grades Due

**May 21st Tuesday** - Laptop check in for seniors. Students must turn in their laptop, or there will be a fine issued, and no cap and gown will be handed out until the computer is checked in. If they are done with thier computer early they can turn it into the IT office at any time.

May 22 Wednesday - Senior Fast Passes will be distributed during lunches and in the office all day. Your student will have fines checked, and receive a Fast Pass once fines are cleared. That way they can jump in the Fast Pass line on May 23rd at noon to receive their cap and gown without waiting in a line to check fines. Your student will not receive their cap and gown without fines cleared so please take care of fines ASAP. If you have questions about fines or have issues with payment please call 253-2000 and ask to speak with Mr. Tuttle. If they are done with their computer early, and have no fines they can come see Kristi Wood or Kelli Deacon in the main office to get their Fast Pass. They must bring the Fast Pass on May 23rd to show staff handing out caps and gowns that fines have been cleared. If your student has no classes on KW campus please have them make arrangements to get their Fast Pass May 22nd at any time from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, or they can get it on May 23rd but they may have to wait in a longer line. You can also see your student's fines on the Infinite Campus parent portal.

May 23 THURSDAY - Seniors last day, senior check out, yearbooks, and burgers will be served! Schedule for the morning will be announced soon. Again, caps and gowns will be handed out this day as long as laptops are checked in, your student has no fines, the green graduation agreement form is signed by parent and student, and your student meets graduation eligibility per their counselor. **If your student does** not have all of these items signed off on they will not receive their cap and gown this day! Burgers will be served by administration to seniors starting at 11:30 AM, and at noon seniors can get in line to pick up their cap and gown. Yearbooks will be available starting at 11:00 in Ms. Masterson's room 2350. Pick up your yearbook BEFORE getting in line to pick up a cap and gown.

May 30 - Required Graduation Rehearsal - 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Ford Wyoming Center. Students park in lots #9 and #11. Wear street clothes and do not bring your cap and gown at this time. Two green gowns and two white gowns will march together to form a row of four (groups of three are not allowed). Please have your marching partner(s) selected before rehearsal. If you do not have a marching partner a staff member will assist you.

**May 30** - Graduates arrive no later than 6:45 pm @ Ford Wyoming Center **DO NOT BE LATE!** 

May 30 - The 2024 Graduation ceremony begins at 7:30 pm, and doors are open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are not required for the graduation ceremony. Graduates arrive no later than 6:45 pm at the Ford Wyoming Center. DO NOT BE LATE! When students arrive please pick up a name card on one of the back tables, and write your name legibly so your name can be read when you walk across the stage. Due to construction the Ford Wyoming Center is recommending you carpool as much as possible. There are not enough parking spots currently available as in the past. Parking will be challenging so please carpool, or plan to arrive earlier than normal to secure a parking spot!

**Pictures** - Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch this year. Text 90738 and enter the code 74806GY24 in the text body. That will text you a prompt on how to pre order Kelly Walsh graduation pictures.

## **More Important Senior Info**

### **Graduation Assistance:**

If you are needing assistance with a cap and gown please call 253-2000 and ask to speak with an administrator. If you still need to order a cap and gown go to jostens.com, and ORDER NOW!

**PARENTS OF SENIORS!** The Last Blast committee needs your help! We have a Facebook page (Kelly Walsh Last Blast 2024) and a website. We will be sharing important information on sign sales and other fundraising info on both of these. In addition, people can donate directly to the website

No helium balloons or helium props. No form of confetti or exploding/poppers. Air Horns and whistles are not allowed. The graduation ceremony will be live streamed. More information will be shared as soon as it is available on our social media platforms.

LAST BLAST - 10:30 pm - 4:30 am on May 30th at Kelly Walsh. Last Blast is a celebration for graduating KW seniors in a safe environment. Tickets are required and only KW 2024 graduates may attend. Once you enter Last Blast there will be NO re-entry. Tickets will be sold during both lunches the week of May 13th-17th. Tickets are \$25.00, and will not be sold at the door so make sure you buy early! On May 23rd they will be sold in the commons starting at noon on senior's last day, and during rehearsal on May 30th from 9-11 AM.







## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT**

Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm in the Kelly Walsh Auditorium. If you would like your Senior to be recognized for their academic achievements please have them turn in their monetary awards (scholarships) to the counseling office by the end of the day, May 3rd.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Kelly Walsh will have a summer school credit recovery session from June 5- June 20. Students can recover one credit for Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. Please pick up a form in the main office and meet with your counselor if you need to get signed up or have any questions. All forms are due by May 31st.

### **ASL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION**

Congratulations to the newest members of the American Sign Language Honor Society! Your dedication to learning sign language and understanding the deaf community is truly inspiring. Welcome to a community dedicated to communication, inclusion, and understanding.





### STATE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

Kelly Walsh had a great showing at the University of Wyoming Monday 4/29 for the Wyoming State History Day Competition. The theme this year was Turning Points in History and students researched and analyzed a topic/project of their choice. All participating students who represented KW earned their sword! Please congratulate the following students who have qualified for the National Competition in Washington DC in June!

**Mia Kautza:** 2nd Place Individual Exhibit titled *Maria Tallchief* 

**Hudson Keller and Brayden Douglas**: 2nd Place Group Website titled *Miracle on Ice* 

**Morgan DeStefano**: 2nd Place Individual Website titled: *The Creation of the Atomic Bomb* 

Adrian Behringer and Bryce Behringer: 2nd Place Group Documentary titled: Four Dead in Ohio Rylan Duffy: 2nd Place Individual Documentary titled: The Moon Landing and the Skyrocket of Technology Advancements



