



May 16, 2024

Dear Parents and Graduates:

I hope you are finding this time of year exciting and rewarding for both you and your graduate. This is a wonderful time for our seniors, but also stressful for many. I would like to use this letter as an opportunity to inform you of the year end schedule of events.

**Cap and Gowns** will be handed out **Wednesday, May 29**, in the high school office. All balances must be paid in full to Jostens before receiving the cap & gown package. Those who have a balance will be notified in advance. You can contact Jostens at 360-944-7959. Only graduates or guardians can sign for and pick up the cap, gown, & tickets.

On **Wednesday, May 29**, seniors are invited to dinner as guests of honor hosted by the Woodland Christian Church. The doors open for dinner at 5:30 pm, taco bar and goody bags for all that attend. Seniors are encouraged to attend, but not mandatory. The dinner is for students only (not for friends, siblings, family, or significant others). It is a great opportunity for them to gather and share a meal to start off a special countdown to graduation with their classmates. Do ***not*** bring your cap or gown to this event.

On **Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm (plan for two hours)**, we will host our **Senior Recognition Night** in the high school commons for all graduates and their families. Local scholarship recipients will be announced at this event, honors and awards will be presented, and each graduate will be recognized individually, and last but not least, the ever popular senior slideshow will be shown. Students should dress nicely for this event. Light refreshments will be provided.

The last day for seniors is **Thursday, June 6**

- Moving up assembly for students. Due to capacity limitations in our gym, this event is not open to the public
- Senior lunch, for graduates only
- Senior checkout:
  - Seniors will attend school all day and turn in all materials (books, chromebook, charger). Seniors will receive a check out form in their first period class (or in the office if they do not have a first period or if they are full time Running Start). The form needs to be completed and turned into the office with all fines and fees paid in full before they are cleared to participate in the commencement practice and ceremony on Friday, June 7.
  - Students left with outstanding fines, fees, or obligations prior to graduation practice Friday morning **will not** be allowed to participate until their accounts are cleared. **Running Start students are required to have a signed clearance sheet. These sheets will be in the front office.**
- No early check out allowed, seniors must attend all six periods and the assembly before turning in their form to the office.

Here is the schedule for Friday, June 7 - Graduation Day:

8:45 am	Seniors meet in the high school commons to load up on buses for the Parade of Graduates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring graduation <b>GOWN ONLY</b>. Do not bring caps, tassels, or stoles. <i>Gowns must be worn fully zipped for the entire parade.</i></li><li>• <b>NO HEELS</b>. Wear comfortable shoes, we walk through gravel by the elementary school.</li></ul>
11:00 am	MANDATORY Graduation Practice - Beaver Stadium
6:00 pm	Graduates report to the Aux Gym
7:00 pm	Commencement Ceremony - Beaver Stadium (gates/doors open at 6:00 pm for guests)

*Unless there is inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be held at the stadium. There is no reserved seating and tickets are not required if the ceremony is held in the stadium. We do not allow people to save seats for others at graduation. If there is potential for inclement weather, the final location decision will be made on Wednesday, June 5, and a notification will be sent via Talking Points and posted on our Senior Information page of our website.*

**TICKETS:** Our plan is to hold graduation outside in the Beaver Stadium. Spectators will NOT need a ticket to attend and seniors can invite as many guests as they would like. If the weather doesn't permit graduation to be outside, we will move indoors to our main gym for the ceremony and each graduate will receive six (6) tickets when they pick up their cap & gown, there is no replacement for lost tickets. No tickets needed for the overflow livestream viewing which has unlimited seating in the commons. The live stream will also be available on the high school website for anyone who would like to watch from home. The link will be posed on the school's website that day. The ceremony will also be uploaded to the Woodland High School YouTube channel.

#### **IMPORTANT DRESS CODE: Caps & Graduation Wear**

- GRADUATION CAPS AND GOWNS - decorations are not allowed on your cap, only the tassel that is included in your cap and gown package is allowed. No additional cords or other adornments allowed on the gown other than those cords awarded by Woodland High School honors and clubs.
- UNDER THE GRADUATION GOWN - Long pants, preferably dark colored slacks, shirt with a collar, and nice shoes. Dresses or skirts should not extend below the gown, nice flats or dress shoes. *NO - tennis shoes, sneakers, bulky work shoes, or crocs.*

#### **Behavior During Commencement**

We ask that graduating seniors and all attendees be on their best behavior at all times. Remember, this is a formal ceremony for family, friends, and the school district to honor your young adults. Do not spoil it for others.

- **Balloons are not allowed** in the stadium, stadium entrance, or inside the building. If you want to bring balloons, please leave them in your car until after the ceremony.

We hope you enjoy this busy and exciting time of year. Please feel free to call the high school office at 360-841-2800 if you have any questions. Check the high school website for updates on the Senior Information page.

Sincerely,



Phillip Pearson, Principal