



May 5, 2026

Dear Parents and Graduates:

I hope you are finding this time of year exciting and rewarding for both you and your family. This is a wonderful time for our seniors, but also stressful for many. This letter will inform you of the year end schedule of events.

Tuesday, May 26 - Woodland Christian Church Dinner - Sponsored by the Woodland Christian Church

5:30 p.m. - doors open	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seniors only (not for friends, siblings, parents, family, etc.)• Flyers will be emailed to seniors, sent via Talking Points, available in Front Office• Attendance is encouraged but not mandatory• Great opportunity to gather and share a meal to start off countdown to graduation• Do <i>not bring or wear</i> your cap or gown to this event
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Wednesday, May 27 - Cap, Gown, Stole, Tassel, Graduation Ticket Signout

8:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign out in the office• Balances must be paid in full to Herff Jones before signing out cap & gown package• Those with a balance will be notified in advance• <u>Only graduates or guardians can sign for and pick up the items</u>• You can contact Herff Jones at 866-238-5336 or email highschool@legacygrad.com
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Sunday, May 31 - Baccalaureate - Sponsored by local churches & Fellowship of Christian Athletes

5:00 p.m. - WHS Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seniors and families are welcome to attend• Attendance is encouraged but not mandatory• May wear gown (no cap, stole or tassel), or business casual attire• Water and cookies will be served
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Monday, June 1 - Athletic Recognition Night

7:30 p.m. - WHS Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All grade level and all athlete event
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Tuesday, June 2 - Senior Recognition Night

6:30 p.m. - WHS Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All graduates should plan to attend. Friends and family are welcome• Local scholarship recipients will be announced• Honors & awards will be presented, each graduated will be recognized individually• Senior baby slideshow will be shown• Graduates should dress nicely for this event and light refreshments will be provided
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Thursday, June 4 - SENIORS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Senior Checkout	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend school all day and turn in all materials (books, chromebook, charger)• Will receive a check out form in their first period class (or in the office if they do not have a first period or are a full time Running Start student)• The form needs to be completed and turned into the office• All fines and fees paid in full before they are cleared to participate in the commencement practice and ceremony on Friday, June 5<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Students with outstanding fines, fees, or materials prior to mandatory graduation practice on Friday, at 10:00 a.m. will not be allowed to participate until their accounts are cleared• <u>Running Start students are required to have a signed clearance sheet. These sheets will be in the front office.</u>• No early check out allowed, must attend all six periods and the assembly before turning in their form to the office
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch will be served to seniors for their last day• Seniors only, not for the public or families
Moving Up Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving up assembly for students. Due to capacity limitations in our gym, this event is not open to the public or families• Plan for yearbooks to be handed out during this time

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Friday, June 5 - PARADE OF GRADUATES (WHS & TEAM HS)

8:50 a.m. sharp	<p>Seniors meet in the high school commons to load up on buses for the Parade of Graduates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring graduation GOWN ONLY. Do not bring cap, tassel, or stole. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Gowns must be worn fully zipped for the entire parade</i> ● NO HEELS. Wear comfortable shoes - we walk through gravel by the elementary school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Buses will depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. - they will be unable to wait for graduates that are running late</i>
9:15 -10:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parade through Columbia Elementary School, Woodland Middle School, and North Fork Elementary School.
10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrive back at WHS for final parade ● Students only, not for the public or families

Friday, June 5 - GRADUATION DAY

10:35 a.m.	<p>Seniors meet in the stadium bleachers for graduation practice <i>In the event of inclement weather, seniors will meet in the main gym.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE IS MANDATORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not wear or bring gown to practice (put in car on way out to stadium)
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	<p>Graduation speakers will practice speeches using the podium and microphone</p>

Friday, June 5 - GRADUATION CEREMONY BEAVER STADIUM *

<p>6:00 p.m. - Graduating seniors</p>	<p>Arrive in Aux Gym</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Come dressed in cap, gown, stole, cords, one item of personal significance (see guidelines below) ** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Please pin stole to gown prior to arrival in Aux Gym. If stole is not pinned down, it will blow away in the wind outside</i> ● <u>Dress code:</u> Wear long pants, preferably dark colored slacks, a shirt with a collar, and nice shoes. Dresses or skirts should not extend below the gown, nice flats or dress shoes suggested
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Friday, June 5 - GRADUATION CEREMONY BEAVER STADIUM *

6:00 p.m. - Graduation attendees	<p>Gates/doors open for graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no reserved seating (with the exception of handicapped seating)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Please notify Sheri Bowman 360-841-2803 in advance• Tickets are not needed to attend the outdoor ceremony in the Beaver Stadium and graduates may invite as many friends and family as they would like• You cannot save seats for others• <u>Balloons are not allowed</u> in the stadium, stadium entrance, or inside the building.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If you want to bring balloons, please leave them in your car until after the ceremony• <u>Airhorns and/or other types of noise makers are not allowed</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If someone chooses to bring one of these items, the item will be confiscated and the individual may be asked to leave
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - GRADUATION CEREMONY BEAVER STADIUM*

Graduation ceremony begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

If there is potential for inclement weather, the final location decision will be made on Wednesday, June 3, and a notification will be sent via Talking Points and posted on our Senior Information page of our website

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>If the weather doesn't permit graduation to be outside, we will move indoors to our WHS Main Gym for the ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.• Each graduate will receive six (6) tickets when they pick up their cap & gown<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>No replacement option for lost tickets</i>○ <i>If needed, ask other graduates for unused tickets</i>• Livestream viewing with unlimited seating will be in the WHS Commons.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No tickets needed to watch the livestream (tickets only needed to be in the Main Gym)○ <i>Livestream viewing in the commons will also be available if graduation is outside</i>• Website livestream will also be available to watch from home<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Link will be posted on the Woodland High School's website the day of graduation○ Ceremony will also be uploaded to the Woodland High School YouTube channel
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****IMPORTANT CAP, GOWN, & STOLE INFORMATION - New this year!** In order to help seniors express their individual accomplishments during the commencement ceremony, starting with Class of 2026, seniors will be allowed to wear one item of personal or cultural significance on their graduation gown that celebrates their activities and accomplishments. Examples of this may include a stole, medal, or tribal regalia.

There are many ways for seniors to appropriately decorate their gowns, but of course, not all decorations are acceptable. Decorations that are likely to cause a substantial disruption are prohibited and this will be strictly enforced. Examples of items likely to cause substantial disruptions are:

- Displays of assault weapons of any sort, except for official military service insignia, which will be allowed.
- Displays or messages that are derogatory towards specific groups, whether those displays are in print, implied, or symbolic. These prohibited displays may include the Confederate flag or the Nazi swastika.
- Displays or messages that are profane or contain curse words, whether those displays are in print, implied, or symbolic, will not be allowed.
- Displays or messages that advocate for or against a specific political proposition or candidate will not be allowed. Examples of this include “Vote for candidate X” or “Vote against measure Y.”
- **Decorations on graduation caps will not be permitted.**

Students who have any questions about the acceptability of their decoration must submit their proposed decoration for consideration to administrators no later than one week prior to commencement. Administration will make relevant decisions with respect to the acceptability of decorations. These decisions will be FINAL and WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED OR REVIEWED on the day of commencement. **

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.

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. Also check the Woodland High School website for updates on the Senior Information page.

Sincerely,

Phillip Pearson, Principal

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