



# WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Graduating Senior and Parents (Guardians):

Graduation will be here soon. The graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, June 5 at 9:30 am** on Bradley Field. The ceremony is open to all who wish to attend, tickets are not required. Admission to graduation is free and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. BOTH sides of Bradley Field (home and away bleachers) will be used for seating. Please be considerate of all of the graduates' families by **NOT** saving seats or bringing items that would cause obstructions to their view or enjoyment of the ceremony. **Air horns and other noisemakers are prohibited.** Please be advised that parking will be very limited. Everyone is encouraged to carpool.

**AUDIENCE COOPERATION:** The graduating class and the staff appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of the audience. Guests are to utilize the seating on both sides of Bradley Field. The graduates will be facing Churchill Avenue. The ceremony will include speeches appropriate to the seriousness of the occasion. Adults are asked to consider the nature and length of the ceremony before bringing young children. In order for each family to have the honor of hearing their student's name, **noisemakers are prohibited.** A special area outside Bradley Field will be set up for balloon bouquets. Guests are to place their balloons in this area so that everyone is able to see the graduation ceremony. Please remain seated during the entire ceremony and avoid sitting in the aisles. Families are encouraged to have a meet-up spot following the graduation ceremony that is not on the field.

The Performing Arts Center will be open during the graduation ceremony showing a live feed from the field. Guests who wish to sit inside are welcome. Restrooms will be open in the PAC as well as the field house.

**PARKING:** Please plan to arrive early on Friday, June 5 (***carpool if at all possible or park off campus***). Parking will be **extremely limited.** People are strongly encouraged to carpool.

**PICTURES AND VIDEOS:** A photographer will capture the moment each senior receives a diploma. Families can register to purchase this photo at *Gradfotonetwork.com*. Information about photos taken will also be posted on the school website. People wishing to use their own cameras must remain in their seats. No guests will be allowed on the field. We would like everyone to experience the celebration without blocking anyone's view.

**CLOTHES:** Woodside is proud to have a traditional graduation ceremony. Graduates are expected to dress according to the significance of this event. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students are to wear the provided orange cap and orange gown along with the school tassel. Under the gown, students should dress in appropriate attire (collared dress shirt with a tie, blouse, dress pants, dress shoes, dress, skirt, etc.). **No student will be permitted to wear shorts, flip-flops, denim, or T-shirts.** Students should wear flat-soled shoes (block heels, wedges and sandals are acceptable). Do not wear shoes with stilettos or thin high heels due to the difficulty of walking on the field and up and down the stage. As you choose your clothes, remember that it can get hot on the field. **There should be no exterior decorations on the graduation attire, i.e., signs, messages on caps, candy leis, flags, noisemakers, scarves, and balloons.**

**NO DECORATING CAPS.** Flower, academic and cultural leis are acceptable. Every graduate is checked prior to entering the field. Make sure that the gown is presentable and not wrinkled.

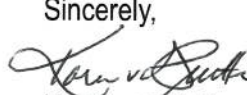
**TURN OVER**

**We want the end of each senior's school career to go smoothly, so we have a few reminders:**

- Now** Please clear any detentions and fines now. Please check Infinite Campus about detentions and My School Bucks at [bit.ly/whsbucks](http://bit.ly/whsbucks) regarding fines. Students can also check in with Ms. Ken in the Library and Ms. Garcia in D-5 as well as their AVPs if they have questions about any fines or detentions. The last day to serve detentions will be **Tuesday, May 26**. Students need to be cleared in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- May 20** **CAP & GOWN** –All seniors participating in the graduation ceremony are to pick up their orange cap, orange gown, and tassel in D7 during lunch only. Students are only allowed to wear the provided orange gown during the ceremony. **NO DECORATING CAPS!**
- June 3** **CLEARANCE FORMS-** Clearance forms will be distributed to seniors in their Econ/Govt class the week of May 18. Seniors are required to turn in their clearance forms to guidance **by 2:30 pm** on this date. In order for a senior to be cleared, he/she will need all of the appropriate signatures as well as have no detentions. Students who do not turn in their clearance forms will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- June 3** **AWARDS NIGHT-** 6:30 pm Performing Arts Center- The presentation of awards will start promptly at 6:30 pm. All WHS students and parents are encouraged to attend.
- June 4** **GRADUATION REHEARSAL-** 9:00 am-10:45 am on Bradley Field.  
Graduation rehearsal is a MANDATORY practice for all seniors who wish to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students will go through the full graduation practice multiple times. It is recommended to wear sunscreen. Students who do not attend the full graduation practice **will not** be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.  
**SENIOR SOCIAL-**10:45 am-11:45 am. I-Wing Lawn  
Hosted by the Class of 2028. Food and beverages will be provided.  
**PARTICIPATION REHEARSAL-** TBD  
All students with a role during the graduation ceremony (speakers, name readers, and class officers) are to attend a MANDATORY rehearsal. Further details about the rehearsal will be sent to the participants.
- June 5** **GRADUATION** - 9:30 am Bradley Field  
**Graduating seniors should arrive no later than 9:00 am** and report to the I-Wing lawn. Graduates are to line up according to their assigned row. Seniors will begin lining up around 9:20 am and will march onto Bradley Field at 9:30 am. Following the ceremony, graduates are suggested to have a meeting area with their families.

We look forward to dignified and memorable graduation as graduation signifies passage into the adult world. It is a time to celebrate achievements. Any student who has been drinking or is under the influence of a controlled substance, or displays inappropriate behavior during rehearsal or the final ceremony, will be prohibited from participating in or be removed from the ceremony. It is our intent to avoid that embarrassment to both students and families by asking for your support and help now.

Sincerely,

  
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