



# WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Class of 2023 and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As the members of the Class of 2023 enter the final stretch of their senior year, we are preparing a number of memorable events to celebrate their achievements and mark the end of their high school career! Their class advisors, Aimee Lima and Jennifer Reed, and the administration are working very hard to ensure that these will be enjoyable occasions. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about upcoming dates related to end-of-year activities and Graduation. This letter will also provide more background information and details on each of these functions so that you are fully aware of their significance, purpose, and the corresponding standards for behaviors expected of all participants.

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Notes
Fri., May 26	Last Day for Seniors	<b>Mandatory</b> -- Breakfast hosted by Wayland Police in the Commons at 7:30 a.m.
Tues., May 30	Graduation Rehearsal	<b>Mandatory</b> -- In the Field House, 10:00 a.m.
Tues., May 30	Class Night at Lombardo's*	Board buses at 4:30 p.m. in WHS lot
Wed., May 31	Graduation Rehearsal	<b>Mandatory</b> -- In the Field House, 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 31	MA Bay Lines Cruise*	Board buses at 5:00 p.m. in WHS lot
Thurs., June 1	Senior Awards Night	<b>Mandatory</b> -- In the WHS Theater, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., June 2	Graduation	6:00 p.m. Students should report to the Commons at 5:00 p.m.
Sat., June 3	GRADUATION RAIN MAKEUP	6:00 p.m. Students should report to the Commons at 5:00 p.m.

\* This event requires a signed permission slip. Permission slips must be returned by **Friday, May 19**. Permission slips will be collected during lunch in the commons, or in the Academic Support Center before and after school.

## Graduation Fee

The graduation fee is **\$80** this year. This mandatory fee covers all of the expenses for the events above, in addition to cap and gown and other incidentals, and cannot be pro-rated. **The fee must be turned in to the class advisors no later than Friday, May 19.** There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Checks should be made out to Wayland High School; *please include the student's name on the memo line*. If you anticipate any issues paying this fee, please feel free to contact your child's class advisors at 508-358-7746 or email them directly at [aimee\\_lima@waylandps.org](mailto:aimee_lima@waylandps.org) and [jennifer\\_reed@waylandps.org](mailto:jennifer_reed@waylandps.org).

## Senior Sign-Out and Laptop Return

Prior to graduating, seniors ***must*** settle all obligations with the school. This includes the return of textbooks, library materials, athletics uniforms, and other items from previous years, as well as the payment of all fees (e.g. AP exams, Food Services, etc.). Please come to the main office to inquire if you/your child is missing any school materials from prior years. The Senior Sign-Out process, when students are cleared of all obligations, will occur following graduation rehearsal on both May 30 and May 31.

Seniors must return their laptop and their charger **during Advisory on Friday, May 26**. Students will receive an email from Ms. Barber outlining the process for saving their files and turning in their laptop. Both the laptop and the charger must be in full working condition, or the responsibility for their replacement falls on the student. If students have any issues with their computer, they should bring it to the Technology Office and have it fixed now. **Seniors must turn in their laptop and charger by Friday, May 26, at 3:00 p.m. in order to participate in any Senior Week activities, including Class Night.** **There are no exceptions to this deadline. A laptop return is complete when we have the laptop and the Apple certified charger. We will not take partial returns.**

## Friday, May 26 – Last Day for Seniors/Senior Breakfast

Friday, May 26 marks the last school day for seniors. Seniors will meet in the Commons from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. to enjoy a breakfast sponsored by the Wayland Police Department. All seniors who want to participate in other Senior Week activities ***must*** attend the breakfast; attendance will be taken. The breakfast will be followed by a regular school day.

### Tuesday, May 30 – Class Night \*

Class Night will be held at **Lombardo's in Randolph**. This is a dance for the WHS Class of 2023 (no outside students may attend); food and beverages will be served. Students will leave the high school at **4:30 p.m.** sharp. **All students must ride the buses.** Students must have submitted a signed permission slip before boarding the bus. No bags are allowed. We will return to Wayland at approximately **10:30 p.m.** Administrators and faculty members will be in attendance. This event is a school-sponsored activity. Accordingly, violations of school rules relative to alcohol and other illegal substances or any other serious disciplinary infraction will result in a consequence up to and including exclusion from the graduation ceremony. It is rare that we experience such problems with students during this memorable event. Please review the rules for behavior as a family so that we can ensure a safe and enjoyable time this year.

### Tuesday, May 30 & Wednesday, May 31 – Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsals on May 30 and May 31 are mandatory. As preparation for the Graduation ceremony requires the cooperation and attendance of everyone, any students who miss these rehearsals without prior approval from an administrator may not be allowed to march in the graduation procession. Rehearsals run from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the WHS Field House. **It is essential that students are on time for each rehearsal as we have little time to prepare for the formal graduation ceremony.** Students will receive their caps and gowns following rehearsal on May 31.

### Wednesday, May 31 – MA Bay Lines Cruise \*

Students will leave the high school at **5:00 p.m.** sharp; buses will transport them from Wayland High School to the Boston Harbor dock. This is a casual dance and harbor cruise for the WHS Class of 2023 only (no outside students may attend); food and beverages will be served. **All students must ride the buses.** Students must have presented a signed permission slip before boarding the bus. No bags are allowed. We will return to Wayland High School at approximately **10:00 p.m.** Students are encouraged to bring a sweatshirt or jacket, as it can get cool on the open water. Administrators and faculty members will be in attendance. Once again, this is a school-sponsored activity; thus, all school rules will be in effect. Any violation of school rules relative to alcohol and other illegal substances or any other serious disciplinary infraction could result in exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

### **Thursday, June 1 – Senior Awards Night**

The awards ceremony will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the WHS Theater. The entire Senior Class is required to attend, wearing their gowns (not caps), in order to celebrate the accomplishments of their peers. Parents and guardians of seniors receiving an award or scholarship through the Wayland Scholarship Committee will receive an invitation to the ceremony under separate cover. However, all caregivers are encouraged to attend and join with the school community in recognizing students for a variety of achievements!

### **Friday, June 2 – Graduation Ceremony**

We will host the 2023 Commencement Ceremony at the High School stadium. This venue will allow us to accommodate as many people as would like to come. **In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m.**

Guests may find their seats for the ceremony beginning at 4:30 p.m. Graduates are expected to arrive to the Commons at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony. Any guest with a serious medical condition who requires special attention should contact one of the class advisors or the administration.

The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the processional and will conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m. This is a very formal and dignified event. Graduation is a community event and, in many cases, the only opportunity our community members have to see our students congregated. We ask that parents and students help us keep a high level of decorum during this important occasion. Graduates are asked to wear clothing that is comfortable yet appropriate for a formal ceremony such as this. We also ask that students not carry any toys such as bubbles, squirt guns, and beach balls, and to silence (or not carry) their cell phones. **Further, in keeping with Massachusetts General Laws, smoking cigars or any other tobacco product on school grounds before, during, or after the ceremony is strictly prohibited. This applies to both students and adults.**

The days leading up to Graduation are designed to bring the class together in celebration of their many accomplishments, and they are often some of the most memorable experiences for our graduates. We are proud of the Class of 2023 and look forward to celebrating with them!

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns at (508) 358-7746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Mizoguchi', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Allyson Mizoguchi  
Principal