



WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

"Expectations for Excellence"

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the school year comes to a close and seniors begin to set their sights toward graduation and beyond, I would like to share a few important thoughts and dates with you.

1. After the graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 1, we will be recognizing the Class of 2025 with our annual **Senior Recognition Program at 9:20 a.m.** Willowbrook High School is very excited about this event in honoring the senior class and their accomplishments. We encourage and invite all parents of seniors to attend this ceremony as we acknowledge the Class of 2025 in front of the entire student body.

We are requesting that our Senior students dress in a manner that would be appropriate for this fine occasion as we highlight their class and their outstanding achievements. Seniors are required to wear formal or semi-formal attire for this event (i.e., dress, suit, skirt, dress slacks, blouse, dress shirt and tie, etc.) including dress shoes or other appropriate footwear. Students not adhering to the dress policy may not be able to participate in the recognition ceremony.

2. At our Commencement Ceremony on May 18, each participating senior must wear a Willowbrook cap and gown furnished by Jostens. The cap, gown, and tassel are keepsake products and may be retained. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please order online at [Jostens](#) or call (815) 477-3588.

Students are to report promptly to the Auditorium at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. To accommodate as much parking as possible we would ask that seniors be dropped off at Willowbrook. Doors to the Main Gym will open at 11:30 a.m. Clothing and footwear must be appropriate for the Commencement Ceremony. Seniors are required to wear formal or semi-formal attire for this event (i.e., dress, suit, skirt, slacks, blouse, dress shirt and tie, etc.) including dress shoes or other appropriate footwear. Graduates dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

3. The Class of 2025, administration and faculty wish this final program to be a dignified, formal ceremony. I ask for your support and understanding in modeling these expectations for your son or daughter. Discuss these expectations with your student in order to ensure an orderly, dignified, and memorable ceremony. As always, students will have the option not to participate in our ceremony and may pick up their diplomas any time after May 18. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and disruptive students will be escorted from the Commencement ceremony. **Please do not bring balloons or other items (i.e., airhorns, noisemakers, etc.) that will obstruct the view or disrupt and impact the experience of those individuals around you.**
4. Willowbrook High School does not sanction any "senior ditch days" and there is no school-sponsored trip as is often rumored. Any senior pranks will be dealt with in a disciplinary manner and may result in the exclusion of participating in the Commencement Ceremony.
5. The date for Prom is Saturday, May 3, 2025 and the cost is \$140 per ticket. Prom will be at Pinstripes in Chicago from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The Class of 2025 is an outstanding class that demonstrates excellence in many areas and has achieved numerous accomplishments. We know the Commencement Ceremony will recognize our seniors accordingly as they move on to be our leaders in the years to come. Thank you for your help and support of these efforts.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Helton
Assistant Principal

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TO THE CLASS OF 2025:

The following is a calendar of important events and some other pertinent information you will need between now and the end of the school year. Please take note of these events and place this calendar in a convenient place for your reference.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
May 1	Thursday	Graduation Practice	7:45-9:20 a.m.	Auditorium & Main Gymnasium
May 1	Thursday	Senior Recognition Ceremony	9:20-11:00 a.m.	Main Gymnasium
May 3	Saturday	Prom	7:00-11:00 p.m.	Pinstripes Chicago
May 16	Friday	Diploma & Ticket Distribution	TBA	C2
May 16	Friday	Cap and Gown Distribution	TBA	Foyer
May 18	Sunday	Commencement Ceremony	1:00 p.m.	Main Gymnasium

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Your diploma, along with six (6) tickets to the Commencement Ceremony are included in the envelope you will receive on Friday, May 16. Students needing additional tickets should collaborate with fellow classmates to locate and secure any additional available tickets.
2. Seniors have the option not to participate in the ceremony. Forms for this purpose are available in the Principal's Office and require a parent's signature. Diplomas will be available after May 18 at the school in the Registrar's office.
3. **Required** Graduates are encouraged to dress formally for the ceremony to honor the significance of this milestone. Attire should reflect the importance of the occasion and we kindly ask that all participants adhere to the formal dress code.
4. A professional photographer has been hired to take **pictures** of all seniors as they receive their diploma and you may order as many of these prints as you wish. Graduates providing an email address on their graduation ceremony reader card will have proofs emailed to them after the ceremony. Also included in this mailing is the option to purchase **flowers** to celebrate this memorable occasion. **We ask that people refrain from leaving their seats or blocking aisles and exits to take pictures. Videos and photos may be taken from your seat. Please do not stand or block someone's view when taking pictures. Please do not bring balloons or other items (i.e., airhorns, noisemakers, etc.) that will obstruct the view or disrupt and impact the experience of those individuals around you.**
5. Caps should always be worn with mortarboards level and with tassels **on the right**. Flowers are not worn with caps and gowns. The ceremonies for which caps and gowns are worn are occasions of solemnity and dignity and consequently, merit suitable appearance and behavior. **If you had planned to use a cap and gown from previous years, please note that we have updated our design and therefore previous gowns will no longer be worn.**
6. Willowbrook will be streaming the Commencement Ceremony at: **<https://www.dupage88.net/wbgrad>**.

NOTE: All students will need to **return their textbooks to the bookstore** as directed via student announcements. Some students will need to return their chromebooks as directed via student announcements. **All graduates must clear outstanding debts with the financial secretary prior to May 16.**

If you have any questions concerning your graduation, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Helton at
(630) 530-3440.