



CLASS OF 2024

Graduation Guide

Commencement Ceremony

Monday, June 17th

1:00pm

Pop Keeney Stadium
9809 NE 188th St
Bothell, WA 98011

[Watch the BHS Commencement Livestream here!](#)

COMMENCEMENT DAY SCHEDULE:

10:45am - All seniors expected to arrive to BHS for rehearsal.

12:15pm - Doors open at Pop Keeney for guests

1:00pm - Commencement begins

2:30pm - Ceremony concludes. Pop Keeney must be cleared out no later than 30 minutes after the ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 17th

Senior Event Speeches due by 3:30pm to lkrotkehaydon@apps.nsd.org

May 24th

Deadline to submit your Scholarship Reporting Survey.

May 31st

Senior class meeting in the NPAC 9:55-10:25

June 5th

Deadline to submit your Senior Survey (via Naviance)

June 6th

Complimentary Grad ticket pick up - before/after school and during lunches in the counseling office

June 6th-8th

Senior Device Collection

June 7th

Lip Dub & Cougar Day
Yearbook pick-up

June 10th

Grad tickets go on sale (no more than 10 tickets/family can be purchased between June 10-12. Starting June 13th, ticket sales will be unlimited based on availability)

June 10th-13th

Senior Finals

June 14th - Last day of school for seniors

Senior Breakfast (seniors only by ticket), 8:15am in the Commons. Tickets on sale now!

Senior Memories Assembly to follow breakfast (parents welcome)

June 17th

Commencement Rehearsal, 10:45am arrival at BHS

Commencement Ceremony, 1 pm (doors open at 12:15pm)

June 28th

Diploma pick up 8am-12pm and 1pm-4pm in the counseling office

To participate in the commencement ceremony, students must:

- Have their BHS cap, gown, stole, and tassel. If you are in need of financial support, please see Mrs. Brenengen in the counseling office.
- Participate in rehearsal held prior to the ceremony on 6/17 (10:45 arrival to BHS)
- Clear all fines and fees
- Be on track to graduate (complete grad requirements, complete High School & Beyond plan, submit Senior Survey)

Graduation Attire

Cap & gown orders can be picked up in the counseling office M-F between 8am -3:30pm.



- Required: Bothell blue cap and gown, tassel, and 2024 stole
- BHS awarded honor cords are allowed. Student receiving a cord
- Students may wear culturally appropriate adornments, however, flower/money leis and/or other adornments are not allowed during the ceremony. Parents/Guardians should hold on to these until after the ceremony when they reunite with their student for pictures.
- Attire, including caps, cannot be decorated or altered in any way. Caps will be replaced if found decorated.
- No heels are allowed on Pop Keeney fields. Flats MUST be worn

Still need to place an order? Visit [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) and order as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for the cap, gown, tassel, and stole unit. Students needing financial assistance should reach out to their counselor.

Caring for your gown: as soon as possible, place the gown on a hanger to allow wrinkles to straighten out on their own. If needed, press with a cool to lukewarm iron. Be careful! A hot iron will melt the fabric.

Tickets

Entrance tickets are required for every guest. Children under age 2 sitting on laps are free. Each graduate will receive 5 complimentary tickets. **Complimentary tickets can be picked up starting Thursday, June 6th before school, during lunches, and after school in the counseling office.** To receive their complimentary tickets, seniors must have cleared all fines and fees, submitted their Senior Survey (in Naviance), and be on track to graduate (complete all grad requirements).

Additional ticket sales begin Monday, June 10th. Tickets are \$7 each. Please note that no more than 10 tickets per family can be purchased between June 10-12. Starting June 13 and based on availability, additional tickets may be purchased. **Fines/fees must be cleared in order to purchase additional tickets.**

Please plan ahead as tickets may not be sold at Pop Keeney on Monday, June 17th.

Graduate/Attendee Guidelines & Safety Protocols



Over several months, principals and staff members from all four comprehensive high schools collaboratively planned this special day to honor our graduates. Every graduate who plans to participate in this year's commencement ceremony, and every attendee, will be expected to follow the standards as set forth by the Northshore School District and each high school's administration to ensure a safe and welcoming environment.

We understand this is an exciting time for our graduates, as well as those who have supported them in reaching this milestone. In honor of the Class of 2024 and everyone in attendance at the commencement ceremony:

- Please remain seated and quiet throughout the ceremony.
- Anyone causing disruptions will be asked to leave.
- Balloons, noisemakers, air horns, beach balls, and other distracting items are strictly prohibited.
- High heels are NOT allowed on the field or the track, but wedge sandals and flat shoes are permitted.
- Designated photo areas on the field will be available for your group and graduate to take pictures after the ceremony.
- Photos will not be allowed to be taken on the graduation stage.

We want to remind you that creating the best possible experience for every graduate and attendee includes making safety a priority.

- Weapons are strictly prohibited on District property per RCW 9.41.280. Also, no alcoholic beverages or glass containers for liquids will be allowed.
- Please be aware of emergency exits. Maps are posted around the stadium. In the event of an emergency, listen to announcements for directions.

Arrival & Parking for Pop Keeney Stadium

Gates open 45 minutes prior to the ceremony. Due to the large number of anticipated attendees, please note the following information for arriving and parking at Pop Keeney Stadium, 9809 NE 188th St., Bothell:

- The best route to approach the stadium parking lot is Eastbound on 188th as there will be no left turns from Westbound.
- Parking will be limited. Please consider carpooling.
- Tailgating will not be allowed.
- Overflow parking is available at Bothell United Methodist Church and Bothell High School.

For further Pop Keeney entrance instructions and video driving directions, visit the district's BHS graduation webpage [here](https://www.nsd.org/graduation/class-of-2024/bhs-class-of-2024) (https://www.nsd.org/graduation/class-of-2024/bhs-class-of-2024).

Personal Items/Valuables

Please note that there is no secure storage at Pop Keeney Stadium. Seniors must NOT bring personal items such as backpacks, purses, make-up bags, phones, cameras, extra clothes, snacks, or other personal items to the ceremony. Personal items should be kept by parents/guardians until they reunite with their senior following the ceremony.

Picture Taking and GradImages

Guests are welcome to take pictures from their seats. Guests will not be permitted on the stage or on the field to take pictures before or during the ceremony, without exception. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, a designated area on the south portion of the field will be available for pictures (the end opposite the stage). During this time, families and graduates may not be on the stage or other areas of the field.

With no obligations, GradImages will take pictures of each graduate on the stage. Seniors are encouraged to pre-register [here](https://www.gradimages.com/registration/Register?ClientID=104398&OccasionRef=193714) on the GradImages website (at <https://www.gradimages.com/registration/Register?ClientID=104398&OccasionRef=193714>).

Graduate / Guest Seating & Reuniting After the Ceremony

There will be a table set up inside of Pop Keeney where families can view the Class of 2024 seating chart. This will tell you what side of the stadium your student will be sitting on, so that families can make the best decision on where they would like to sit.

- Seating for guests is first come, first serve by ticket only
- Please remain seated and quiet throughout the ceremony
- Please do not save seats for others
- Please turn off or silence all cell phones and devices
- Persons causing disruptions to the ceremony will be asked to leave
- Guests are not allowed on the field before or during the ceremony at any time

After the conclusion of the ceremony, families will have a maximum of 30 minutes for post-ceremony meet and greets. The field must be clear by 3pm. Guests should exit their seats and reunite with their graduate on the paved walkways surrounding the perimeter of the field or at a pre-determined location outside the stadium. There will be a designated area on the south portion of the field available for pictures. Families and students may not be on the stage or other areas of the field.



ADA Accommodations for Graduation Ceremonies

Pop Keeney Stadium has entrance ramps on the south side of the stadium that allow for wheelchair accessibility. The first few rows of attendee seating in the bleachers, and designated areas on the field, have been reserved for those with limited mobility. If you would like to reserve seating in these areas, please complete the survey below so we can plan accordingly.

[Click here to request ADA Accommodations for 2024 Graduation Ceremonies](#)

Graduating with Latin Honors

Starting with the Class of 2023, Northshore's comprehensive high schools adopted the Latin terms to celebrate high-achieving students as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors): top 5% of GPAs
- Magna Cum Laude (with high honors): top 6-15% of GPAs
- Cum Laude (with honors): top 16-30% of GPAs

Graduating seniors will be honored based on GPA as shown above. This new tradition will continue with the Class of 2024 and will replace the previous tradition of naming valedictorians and salutatorians. Much like in the past with valedictorians and salutatorians, students receiving Latin honors will be recognized during graduation ceremonies, assemblies, and/or other recognition programs. By refining our recognitions, our high schools are aligning with systems used in higher education while also giving deserved recognition to additional high-achieving students.

Diploma Pick Up

Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the counseling office on **Friday, June 28th from 8am-12pm and 1-4pm**. Only a student or parent/legal guardian may pick up the diploma (parents, please be prepared to show your ID). If you are needing someone else to pick up your diploma (including siblings), please email Nicole Brenengen at nbrenengen@nsd.org to give approval. Requests for diplomas to be mailed **MUST** be emailed to nbrenengen@nsd.org and include the mailing address.

If you are unable to pick up your diploma on June 28th, you may pick up from the main office. Check the website for hours first as the office will be open limited hours during the summer. Please note that the counseling office will be closed during the month of July. We will re-open on Monday, August 5th.

Congratulations to the class of **2024**

Final Transcripts

Your final transcript will be sent to the College or University listed on your Senior Survey at the end of June. In the future, if you need to request a copy of your transcript or have one sent to a college/university, please complete the [Transcript Request Form](#) located on the Bothell Website - Bothell.nsd.org > Counseling > Transcripts and Records - and email your request to nbrenengen@nsd.org.



FINAL TO-DO LIST

- Order your cap, gown, tassel & stole - ASAP
- Pre-register for grad photos through GradImages
- Purchase tickets to the Senior Breakfast
- Submit your senior speech by 5/17
- Purchase your tickets to the Senior Bash
- Submit your Scholarship Reporting Form by 5/24
- Submit your Senior Survey by 6/5 (In Naviance)
- Pick up grad tickets in the counseling office 6/6

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