

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS of 2026

TO: Seniors and Parents/Guardians
FROM: Carla McDonald, Senior Counselor
RE: Upcoming Events and Important Dates for Seniors

Cap/Gown: Every senior is required to purchase a cap and gown, which includes the cap, gown, tassel, stole, diploma, and diploma cover - the total cost \$100.00.

Sizing site: www.heygrad.net (enter their height and weight only-pay later)

Pay site: www.jdrgrad.com

Important Dates:

College and Career Fair: September 30th (seniors 1:00-1:45) OHS Sports Arena
STUDENT ONLY EVENT

All seniors must complete one: *Opens October 1st.*

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. Certify a non-participation waiver -Waivers will be available upon request.
(will give out in May)

Alabama College Application Campaign: October 6-10 (Free college application week)-FALL BREAK

Senior Prom: FRIDAY, March 13, 2026

Senior Academic Awards Program: Monday, April 13, 2026 - This is by invitation only; the student will receive an invitation from his/her teacher(s).

Senior Cap and Gown Pictures: TBA

Senior Exit Interview: April 20th- May 4th *Digital Portfolio Presentation*
individual dates/times will be assigned to the students

Cap/gown pick-up: May 6th (must be paid in order to pick up)
Last name A-G will pick up between 8:00-9:00
Last name H-O will pick up between 9:00-10:00
Last name P-Z will pick up between 10:00-11:00
Sports Arena Lobby area for pickup
Students must pick up (NO PARENTS)

Scholarship Awards Program:

Our Scholarship Awards Program will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. It is imperative that your student notify me if they receive a scholarship so they can receive an invitation. I will need a copy of your scholarship award letter. (I will make it known when to turn this in to me)

[PLEASE NOTE: If you have not confirmed your scholarship to your college by paying your deposit or doing whatever is required by the college, the college will NOT announce your scholarship at our Scholarship Program and award your certificate. PLEASE make sure you get this done immediately so that your name will be on the college's list of scholarship recipients.]

Last Day for Seniors: May 8th (if exempt) Senior Exams are May 11-15th
Last regular school day: Thursday May 21st

Baccalaureate Practice: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm (OPAC)

[All students who plan to participate in Baccalaureate (Motivational Program) must be present at practice. Baccalaureate is not a required event.]

Baccalaureate: Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (OPAC)
(Seniors must meet counselors and administrators there by 2:15 p.m., dressed in their caps/gowns.)

Senior Breakfast: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 OHS cafeteria 7:00 a.m.
(not mandatory but encouraged)

Graduation Practice: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., Lamar Field
(All seniors must report to the field by 8:00! No exceptions!)

Practice is mandatory: NO PRACTICE-STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

Graduation: *Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., Lamar Field*

Seniors will report at 5:30 p.m., park in the Media Center parking lot, and report to me, senior teachers, and administrators in the OHS lunchroom. Be sure to be appropriately dressed, as follows:

- Girls – Wear dark dress and dark shoes, preferably flats.
- Boys – Wear dark dress slacks, dark shoes, dark socks, black shirt and “old gold” tie or white shirt with “old gold” or “black” tie, if possible.
- School dress code applies, including no tennis shoes; no unnatural hair color or styles; no gum; and no sunglasses!
- NON ISSUED SCHOOL STOLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
- NO decorated caps

Graduation begins at 7:00 p.m. on the football field! CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!!

*******Any senior who has failed more than one-half (0.50) credit will NOT be allowed to walk at graduation.** Seniors must make up all failed credits during Senior Summer School to obtain a diploma. [Further information will be provided to those students who have failed.]

Class Fees: All fees owed, including COURSE FEES, TRANSCRIPT FEES, and CAP AND GOWN ORDERS (OR OTHER ITEMS), must be PAID by April 30th. (Any students who owe any fees or Balfour orders will not be allowed to walk at graduation.) See transactions in your Powerschool for balances and fees

All seniors have daily access to “The Class of 2026” schoology page for all senior related information (scholarships, college reps visits, all important dates, etc.)