

THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

Class of 2026

Graduation & Senior Activities Guide



This guide provides parents and families, staff, and members of the Class of 2026 with comprehensive information about end-of-year senior events, logistics, costs, and expectations leading to Commencement on Saturday, June 13, 2026. For questions, please email wa-graduation@woodstockacademy.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Date	Event
May 1	Robertson Essay Contest — Submissions Due by 3:00 p.m.
May 23	Senior Prom — Pequot Museum, Ledyard, CT 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
June 1	Senior Athletic Awards
June 2	Pops Concert
June 3	Senior Class Trip — Lake Compounce Amusement Park
June 5	Last Day of Classes for Seniors
June 8	Pink House Senior Tea — Roseland Cottage 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Rain date: Wednesday, June 10) + Spring Athletic Awards (PM)
June 9	Give Back Day — Alumni Field House 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

June 11	Graduation Rehearsal 1 — Alumni Field House 8:30 a.m.
June 12	Graduation Rehearsal 2— Loos Center & Field House 8:00 a.m. Class Night— Loos Center for the Arts 6:00 p.m. (graduates arrive on South Campus by 5:15 p.m.)
June 13	COMMENCEMENT — Woodstock Town Common 10:00 a.m. (graduates arrive by 8:45 a.m.)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in any senior activities — including prom — students must meet all of the following requirements:

- Attend school in person on a regular basis. Students must attend school even if they choose not to participate in a specific event, as these are mandatory attendance days.
- Pay all outstanding bills and fees (WA and FLIK/dining separately). Accounts can be viewed on PowerSchool.
- Return all school property: books, educational materials, athletic and music uniforms, issued equipment, and any other Academy materials.
- Caps, gowns, and tickets will only be distributed to students who have fully settled their accounts.

Opt-out from graduation: Any senior who chooses not to participate in graduation must submit a written note to wa-graduation@woodstockacademy.org before May 17, 2026.

EVENT DETAILS

Kathryn Robertson Essay Contest

Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.

The Robertson Essay Contest invites seniors to submit an essay on a topic provided by the English faculty (topic distributed to seniors via email on April 2, 2026). Three winners receive monetary awards; the top winner presents their essay at Commencement.

Saturday May 23, 2026	SENIOR PROM
	Location: Pequot Museum, 110 Pequot Trail, Ledyard, CT 06338 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (photos begin at 6:00 p.m.) Ticket Price: \$85 per person — on sale online from April 20 through May 1, 2026. • Students will not be admitted after 7:00 p.m. without prior written permission from WA administration.

- All students are subject to a breathalyzer test upon entry. All are expected to comply.
- Students who leave early must check out with an administrator and will not be re-admitted.
- Appropriate attire required. All Student Handbook behavior expectations apply.
- Bringing a non-WA guest: a fully completed and admin-signed guest form is required when purchasing tickets.
- Bringing a WA student (non-senior) guest: students must see an administrator to have their guest approved and ticket access enabled.

**Monday June 1,
2026**

SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

6 p.m. at The Loos Center for the Arts.

**Tuesday June 2,
2026**

POPS CONCERT

6 p.m. at The Loos Center for the Arts.

**Wednesday June
3, 2026**

SENIOR CLASS TRIP — Lake Compounce Amusement Park

Departure: Arrive at school at normal time; depart from campus

Return: Approximately 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: TBD — details to follow

- Students who do not attend the class trip are expected to be in attendance for classes, as it is a regular school day.

**Friday June 5,
2026**

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS

The final day of academic classes for the Class of 2026.

Important: Students who have not completed coursework required for graduation eligibility will be expected to attend school rather than participate in senior activities!

**Monday June 8,
2026**

PINK HOUSE SENIOR TEA — Roseland Cottage

Location: Roseland Cottage, Woodstock (a.k.a. "The Pink House")

Arrive: North Campus by 10:15 a.m.; park on Town Common

Program: 10:30 a.m. class meeting → 11:00 a.m. walk to Roseland Cottage → buffet luncheon, tea, speaking program → yearbook distribution → dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Rain Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

- This tradition dates to the early 1940s. Roseland Cottage tours will be available.
- Dress nicely — as if attending an upscale restaurant. See an administrator in the Main Office with attire questions.
- Yearbooks will be distributed at this event.

**Tuesday June 9,
2026**

GIVE BACK DAY

Location: Alumni Field House, North Campus

Arrive: Any time between 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

- Bring iPad, fully charged — even if purchasing it.
- If not purchasing, bring iPad *and* accessories (case, charger, wall brick).
- iPad purchase price: \$50; Replacement parts: Lightning Cable \$20, Power Adapter \$20; Screen replacement \$100.
- All bills (WA and FLIK) must be paid before receiving gown and honor cords.
- FLIK (dining) fees must be paid online or in person with FLIK — separate from the Business Office.

**Thursday June 11,
2026**

GRADUATION REHEARSAL 1

Location: Alumni Field House, North Campus

Arrive: By 8:15 a.m.; be seated in the Field House **by 8:30 a.m.** for attendance

Duration: Until approximately 11:30 a.m.

- Attendance is mandatory. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Singleton, or Mrs. Woodland.

Students who arrive late or do not attend without prior approval will be in jeopardy of not walking at graduation.

- Students are responsible for their own transportation if regular busing is unavailable.

**Friday June 12,
2026**

GRADUATION REHEARSAL 2 (morning) + CLASS NIGHT (evening)

REHEARSAL 2 — Morning:

Arrive: North Campus by 8:00 a.m.; park on Town Common if driving.

Schedule: Shuttle to South Campus → rehearsal at The Loos Center → shuttle back to North Campus for Field House rehearsal → dismissal by 11:30 a.m.

- **If being dropped off, go directly to South Campus and report to The Loos Center before 8:30 a.m.**
- **South Campus Residents will report directly to The Loos Center before 8:30 a.m.**

CLASS NIGHT — Evening:

Location: Loos Center for the Arts, South Campus

Student Arrival: 5:15 p.m. at the South Gym entrance to check in and line up

Event Begins: 6:00 p.m. sharp

Attire: Academic gown (required). Wear appropriate clothing underneath.

- This is when the majority of student awards, honors, and scholarships are announced.
- Family and friends are welcome — no tickets required.

**Saturday June 13,
2026**

COMMENCEMENT

Location: Woodstock Town Common (outdoor). If inclement weather, instructions will be sent in advance.

Students Arrive: North Campus Student Dining Commons by 8:45 a.m.

Parking: Students will park in the student lot. Arrive early — significant traffic is expected.

Check-in: Sign in upon arrival to receive caps and tassels. Dining commons area is for graduating seniors only.

Processional: Begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Seating: Unlimited outdoor seating or standing room for family and friends — no tickets required.

Diploma Order: Seniors are called in alphabetical order. After leaving the stage, parents are asked to return to their seats.

- An area will be designated for families to photograph their graduate receiving a diploma.
- Guests are encouraged to bring hats, sunscreen, and water on sunny days.
- Special accommodations (sign language, audio equipment): Please email wa-graduation@woodstockacademy.org by May 23, 2026.
- A live stream will be available for those unable to attend in person

CAPS & GOWNS

All seniors who plan to participate in Class Night and/or Commencement must order, pay for, and wear a cap and gown. Cap and gown fees are \$50 and will be assessed in PowerSchool after May 1, 2026. Caps, gowns, and honor cords will be distributed prior to Commencement (see Give Back Day above).

PARKING — COMMENCEMENT DAY

Parking is directed by Town of Woodstock Constables. The following areas are available for family and guest parking:

- Three areas of the Woodstock Town Common
- Evangelical Covenant Church lot
- **Handicapped-accessible parking is assigned by Constables; please notify them of the need upon arrival for further instruction.**

Plan to arrive early. Commencement draws a large crowd and traffic will be significant.

DRESS CODE FOR FORMAL EVENTS

Appropriate attire is required for all formal graduation activities: Pink House, Class Night, and Commencement. The following dress code applies:

- No jeans or T-shirts.
- Skirts or dresses of an appropriate length, OR a dress shirt and tie with dress pants.
- Footwear must be appropriate for stairs, ramps, and walking outdoors.
- Students who do not comply with dress code expectations may be excluded from participation.

Questions about attire? Contact wa-graduation@woodstockacademy.org.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Only seniors who have met the Board of Trustees' prescribed graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in Commencement exercises and receive a diploma. Counselors have been working with seniors and families throughout the year to identify and address any outstanding requirements. Letters are sent at the end of each quarter to update families on any concerns.

Students who have not completed required coursework must attend school during senior activity days rather than participate in those events.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Participation in graduation activities is a privilege. The following expectations apply:

- Acts of misconduct involving alcohol or controlled substances during any senior activity — on or off campus — will result in exclusion from graduation activities and exercises.
- Student behavior throughout the fourth quarter must be honorable, both on and off campus. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner so that the orderly process of education is not interrupted.
- Students in violation of appropriate behavior expectations may lose the privilege to participate in Commencement.

SUMMARY OF FEES

Item	Cost	Notes
Senior Prom Tickets	\$85 per person	On sale at Business Office; exact cash, check, or credit card
Cap & Gown	\$50	Required for Class Night and Commencement
iPad Purchase (optional)	\$50	If not purchasing, return iPad with all accessories at Give Back Day
Lightning to USB Cable (replacement)	\$20	If not returned with iPad purchase
Apple USB Power Adapter (replacement)	\$20	If not returned with iPad purchase
iPad Accidental Damage Fee	\$100	Including cracked screen, if applicable
Senior Class Trip	TBD	Details to follow

Note: Prom ticket fees and any outstanding dining (FLIK) balances must be paid separately and in full before tickets can be purchased. See PowerSchool for current account balance.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT

If a family member requires special accommodations — including sign language interpretation or special audio equipment — please send an email to wa-graduation@woodstockacademy.org **no later than** Friday, May 23, 2026.

A live stream of the Commencement ceremony will be available for those who are unable to attend in person by accessing the following link: <https://www.woodstockacademy.org/live>

This guide is available online for parents and families via:

<https://www.woodstockacademy.org/parents-guardians/senior-information>

And, for students:

<https://www.woodstockacademy.org/students/senior-information>