

Class of 2023 – Timeline to GRADUATION:

May 3, 2023

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians:

Students in the Class of 2023 have four and a half weeks remaining before graduation! The following is a list of upcoming events...



Monday, May 1st – 12th

AP Exams

May 3rd (early release)

Pizza Lunch & notes of appreciation – 12:45pm in the WHS cafe

May 4th

Last Advisory – 12:33 pm

- AP Students may miss

May 5th

Deadline to purchase Junior Senior Prom Tickets:

- [Prom Information Packet](#)

Friday, May 12th

Last Day of Classes for Senior Countdown & Clapout – 10:45 am

Saturday, May 13

Junior/Senior Prom Boston Marriott Long Wharf – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 30th

Senior Internships End – 3:00 pm

Wildcat Pride Night (Athletics) WHS Gymnasium - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 31st

Senior Internship Assignments Due – 8:00 – 10:00 am

- Final clearance forms will be distributed when assignments are complete.

Signed Clearance Forms Deadline – 8:00 – 10:00 am

- Seniors will not receive diplomas at graduation without these clearance forms completed.

Yearbook Signing & Breakfast - 8:00 – 10:00 am

Weston/METCO Senior Appreciation – 4:00 pm

Held at the Mass Audubon Society - Boston Nature Center

Class of 2023 Red Sox Game - 7:10 pm

Thursday, June 1st

Senior Award Ceremony WHS Gymnasium –7:45 am

Courtyard Reception at the WHS Courtyard– 9:00 am

Graduation Rehearsal on Town Green – 9:45 am

- This will be the only rehearsal for graduation
- Tuxedo delivery will be after the rehearsal at the Weston Town Green – approx. 11:00 am

Friday, June 2nd

Arrive Dressed for Graduation to the WHS Cafeteria – 3:45 pm:

- Drop off overnight bags.
- Receive flowers or boutonnieres.
- Load the buses for escort to the Town Green (4:00 pm)

Graduation Ceremony on the Weston Town Green – 5:00 pm

Graduation Reception on the Weston Town Green – 6:30 pm

****This event is sponsored by PTO & Class of 2025****

Graduate Overnight Celebration Begins - 7:00 pm

- [Graduation Overnight Information](#)

Saturday, June 3rd

Graduates Return from Overnight WHS parking lot – 2:30 am (approx)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DETAILS

Graduation Attire - Graduates are encouraged to wear either:

- **ALL WHITE dresses (or skirts and tops) and shoes.** No cream, off-white, or sparkles, please.

OR

- **WHITE tuxedo jackets, black trousers, black shoes and socks, black cummerbunds, maroon bow ties, and white shirts (no button-down collars please).**
 - Formalwear LTD of Waltham is our recommended vendor to simplify this process. They are located at 15 Elm St., Waltham, MA, (781) 899-5727, www.Formalwearltd.com. They offer a package that includes tuxedo jacket and pants, cummerbund, and bow tie. A formal shirt can be rented for an additional minimal cost and shoes may also be rented for an additional amount. Please note that the white shirt is **not** included in the package and they may be able to wear their own. This company will distribute the tuxes after the graduation rehearsal at the Town Green on 6/1.

Graduation Announcements:

- It is a WHS tradition to offer graduation announcements to the families of the graduates. These invitations serve as announcements for family and friends and **are not tickets** to the graduation ceremony. Seating at graduation is not limited and is on a first come first serve basis. All families will receive an electronic announcement. Families may order hard copies of the announcement – more information will be provided

Senior Wildcat Pride Night:

- All senior athletes will be honored for their efforts and accomplishments throughout their time at WHS. Invitations will be sent to all seniors who participated in a sport during their senior year.

Clearance Forms:

- Between 8-10 am, all seniors are required to meet with Ms. Flynn to complete their senior internship requirements. Signatures must be obtained from specified school personnel and Ms. Knight on the final Clearance Form to receive a diploma at graduation.

Weston/METCO Senior Appreciation Program at the Mass Audubon Society - Boston Nature Center

- Seniors, their families, and friends are invited to attend this event at the Mass Audubon Society- Nature Center. This is a time to honor METCO seniors and their accomplishments along with the families who supported them on their educational journey.

Senior Awards Ceremony –

- This is a ceremony where seniors are presented with department awards and scholarships. All families and graduates are invited to attend. An official invitation will be emailed to any graduate and their parents/guardians if they are receiving an award on June 1st. There are no tickets and seating will be open. This event begins at 7:45 am in the Gymnasium. There will be a reception following the ceremony hosted by the Class of 2026.

Graduation Day Details –

- **Weather & Parking** -Graduation is held outside on the Town Green. The rain location is the Weston Middle School Gym. If the weather is uncertain, final selection of the graduation site will be made by 2:00 pm. The announcement will be posted on the school website www.westonschools.org and will be sent via the class gmail account and through Infinite Campus. *If the ceremony is held inside seating will be limited to two people per student due to room capacity limits.*

- **Outdoor Ceremony on the Weston Town Green**

Families, please note that traffic is unusually heavy several hours prior to the ceremony so please leave sufficient time for parking and finding seating on the Town Green. There are no tickets for outdoor graduation. **Seating is on a first come, first serve basis and placing signs or ribbons on them will NOT reserve seats.** If you have any guests who need assistance getting to their seat you may drop them off at the western end of the Town Green (across from Walgreens) where a police officer will show you where to pull your car over. Volunteers will drive your guest(s) in a golf cart to their seat area.

- **Indoor Ceremony in the Weston Middle School Gym**

In the event of rain, a message will be sent to the class via email no later than 2:00 p.m. on graduation day announcing the ceremony has been moved to the Weston Middle School Gym.

Graduation Photographer -

Elluminations is a commercial photographer reserved by the school who will be at graduation to take individual photos of each graduate as diplomas are awarded <http://www.e-lluminations.com>. A link will be emailed to all families after graduation to purchase photo(s). *Family and friends are asked to please avoid using the aisles for photographs during the processional and recessional. If the ceremony is moved indoors please be considerate and return to your seat after you take photos of your child so others can take your spot.*

Graduation Reception courtesy of Weston PTO and the Class of 2025 -

Immediately following the ceremony, graduates, families, and friends are invited to attend a brief reception on the town green. If graduation is moved to the Middle School Gym due to bad weather, the reception will be in two places: the High School Gym and the High School Cafeteria based on the first letter of the last name of the student. Instructions will be given during the ceremony. This is to make it easier for families to find their students, however, it is not a mandate.

A Couple of Notes From The Guidance Department -

On behalf of the Guidance Department, I would like to congratulate all the students of the Class of 2023 on their upcoming graduation! We would also like to acknowledge the parents and guardians for all of the love and support they have provided over the years. It is truly an exciting time! There are two pieces of information we would like you to know as we get closer to the end of school.

First, regarding the sometimes forgotten piece of the college application process – too often we hear from teachers that they were disappointed they never found out what happened to the students for whom they wrote a letter of recommendation. Out of courtesy, please make sure your school counselor and the teachers who wrote letters of recommendation know about the decisions from all the colleges and universities. Teachers spend a great deal of time preparing letters and are very invested in the application process. Informing them of the decisions from colleges and universities, especially where you are attending, is important. If you haven't already written them a thank you note, please do so!

Second, each student has a cumulative folder that has followed them from each grade throughout his or her school years. The school counselor has maintained that folder and kept records (e.g. progress reports, report cards) that, once a student has graduated, is the property of the student/parent. We plan to give the students their files at the point at which they get their final clearance signature from their counselor in the days prior to graduation. If for some reason the student does not pick up the file, it is important to know that we will only keep these records until June 16th, the last day of school. Between the date of graduation and June 16th, no appointment necessary, students who have not received their folder should stop by and pick up their records. After June 16th, the records will be shredded. Only the final transcript is kept as a permanent record. The file must be picked up in person and cannot be mailed home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email your counselor.

Again, congratulations! We wish everyone health, happiness and success in the future!

Marla Schay
Gretchen Gugliotta
Christopher Shanahan
Maryann Shea
Luke Townsend
Christina Kalil

Lastly, as Principal of Weston High School, I am so pleased to be working with you and your child/children to ensure the last weeks of their time here are as inclusive and as stress free as possible while they finish the largest chapter of their journey so far. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or my Administrative Assistant Ms. Katie Skelley, if you have any questions concerning senior activities.

Sincerely,

Paul Peri
Principal