

Dear Highwood High School Graduates & Families,

With the final dollar counted and every bottle drive wrapped up, we are thrilled to announce that **fundraising is officially complete—now it's time for the celebration you've been working toward all year!** Thank you to every parent, grandparent, guardian, student, and community member who volunteered hours, shared ideas, and rolled up their sleeves to make this possible. Because of your generosity and persistence, **there will be NO GRAD LEFT BEHIND.** Every student will be able to take part in the grand march & prom, regardless of financial circumstances.

A few important reminders for graduates.

- **Caps and Gowns** are to be picked up June 18 and 19th - Students must sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yCFzz9Mbl555GETin6i0vXf7aYG8ZRE7uuN\\_8HzThLg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yCFzz9Mbl555GETin6i0vXf7aYG8ZRE7uuN_8HzThLg/edit?usp=sharing)
- Have you submitted your videos and pictures for the grand march and the prom video and slideshows? [Batch 2025 Audio-Visual Presentation](#)
- **Graduation Statement** completed here: <https://forms.gle/ezKc3UiYQXHqtXT7A>

The days events are as scheduled:

**June 25th- rehearsal day: 12:00pm**

- ❖ location: George Lane Park at the Gazebo.
- All available grads must attend.
- BBQ to start upon arrival, followed by a brief outline of the events, a discussion of final details and a quick walkthrough of the ceremony.
- Following this rehearsal, all students will go back to Highwood to help set up the gym for grand march activities. There will also be a quick rehearsal of the grand march event to ensure that everyone is comfortable with the plan.
- This should take from 12 until about 2 pm.

## June 26th- GRADUATION day

- **10:10 am.** Students assemble at the **Highwood Museum** to get a group photo and line up in alphabetical order for the ceremony. Please leave all personal belongings with families, wear your cap & gown, and comfortable shoes. Dress for the weather because the gowns can be quite warm. Wear sunscreen.
- **10:30 am.** Families can begin to seat themselves in George Lane Park. Everyone is welcome, but you may choose to bring your own chair as we only provide 550 seats. *Those that purchased seats at online auction will be reserved by your name.*
- **10:55 am-** Students will walk from the **Museum to the Gazebo in George Lane Park** (via 4th Avenue). The ceremony will begin once the students arrive at the Gazebo.
- Ceremony usually takes about 1 ½ hours.
- School has photographers on site for cap & gown pictures at a cost of \$15. No booking required.

### → **Grand march: at Highwood High school 4:30pm-7:00pm**

- Access by gymnasium doors
- Begins at 4:30 doors open at 3:45pm
- Will be accessible seating available for those with mobility needs
- Each student will receive 6 tickets-5 for guests & 1 for themselves. All seats are accounted for, If you require more you will have to ask around to fellow grads to see if any student(s) have some they are not using. You must pick these up from Ms. Myers anytime from now until June 25th.
- After the grand march ceremony commences there will be a social hour in the common area with light refreshments. Please stick around to socialize & congratulate the grads & admire them in their best dressed!
- Tiny Feet photography will be on site for professional pictures . Every graduate will receive **1 free photo** from the grad committee. Please reserve a time slot in advance via the link below .Please use parents contact information so we can ensure pictures get delivered. If the main timeslot is fully booked, please add your information to the waitlist. Additional copies of picture(s) can be purchased directly from Tiny Feet Photography for a fee of \$15/picture.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9AB28A0FBCE9-57144948-graduation#>
- Please show up 5 minutes before your starting time to ensure that everyone is ready to go in when called. If you have several guests to be photographed with you please ensure they are all ready with you.

→ **Prom: at Heritage Inn 6:30 pm-midnight**

- Doors open at 6:30
  - Tickets required for graduate & guests (If name is not on guest list they are not permitted to enter) pick up from Ms. Myers
  - Dinner served at 7:15ish
  - Crowning of prom king/queen etc
  - DJ will be there pumping all the beats for an amazing memorable time 8pm-midnight
  - Photobooth on site - free of charge
- ◆ We are asking for 2 parent volunteers to help with the Prom sign in at the Heritage Inn. If anyone is interested in helping with this please contact us directly at **highwoodgradclass@gmail.com**.

On behalf of the entire Grad Committee, thank you for showing what can happen when a community rallies together. It has been our pleasure to make this day a reality & we cannot wait to celebrate each graduate's hard-earned success and watch the Class of 2025 shine.

See you on June 26!

Any questions please reach out to us at [highwoodgradclass@gmail.com](mailto:highwoodgradclass@gmail.com)

Warm regards,

*The Highwood High School Grad Committee*