

Class of 2025 Graduation Info Packet
June 14th, 2024 | Angel of the Winds Arena @ 3:00pm (Grads arrive at 2:15pm)

Please carefully review this information as you are responsible for its contents.

Participation in commencement is a privilege and not a requirement. Students electing to participate are **REQUIRED** to attend both rehearsals and to be dressed appropriately for Commencement. Remember: CHS is the School of Pride and has a tradition of excellence!

OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations must be cleared by **May 2nd, 2025**, to participate in senior activities – including Senior Ball.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

There are TWO required practices for the Graduation Ceremony:

- Thursday, June 12th at 8:00 AM | Cafeteria
- Friday, June 13th at 8:00 AM | Main Gym

PRACTICE #1 & Senior Assembly | The senior assembly will take place on Thursday morning, June 12th, at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria. Seating assignments will be emailed out or available for viewing at the Senior Assembly. **Please familiarize yourself with your seat and aisle number before entering the practice.** After the assembly, we will head to the gym for the first graduation practice. Once you locate your seat, get to know the people sitting next to you.

PRACTICE #2 | Friday morning, June 13th, at 8:00 AM will again be in the gymnasium. Please go straight to your seats once you arrive.

We will only have two practices; attendance is REQUIRED, and we will be taking attendance for both practices.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Graduation is both a ceremony and a celebration. It is important to remember that there is a proper time and place for both! The ceremony itself is to be taken seriously and with an attitude of respect for your accomplishment and of those who have helped you along your journey. The celebration takes place *after* the ceremony and is the time to have fun with family and friends.

STUDENTS | Please do not bring anything with you that would be a distraction from the ceremony. This includes – but is not limited to – beach balls or other inflatable objects, silly string, or noisemakers. The only items that are allowed to be worn over the gown are approved honor cords and regalia. Thank you for not chewing gum! Also, do not bring purses or valuables that cannot be contained in a pocket under your robe as there is no secure storage area during the ceremony for such items.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS | Angel of the Winds Arena has implemented a clear bag policy. Guests are allowed to bring in a small clutch no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" or a clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12". There will be no onsite bag check and any guest attempting to bring in a non-compliant bag will be denied admission and will have to return the bag to their vehicle.

We want this to be a special time for *your* graduate and for *all* the graduates! Please be respectful during all phases of the ceremony – a lot of work has gone into preparing the best experience possible. Air horns and artificial noisemakers can be a distraction and are not allowed at Angel of the Winds Arena. There are two times that we hope you will give a special cheer for the graduates: after your graduate's name is read, and at the very conclusion of the ceremony. When you cheer for your graduate, please keep it under three seconds so that the next graduate can hear his or her own name being read. This is, of course, one of the most important parts of the experience!

DRESS & DECORUM

Remember this is a formal event recognizing the culmination of all your work, so please dress accordingly. Students should wear dark slacks, dark shoes, light shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, no jeans, or shorts. You are encouraged to wear flats or shoes with low heels. Keep in mind that the robes can be quite warm, and it is recommended that you plan to wear cotton clothes underneath. Shoes and socks of a darker color are recommended.

CHS specific caps and gown will be worn by all participants. **The caps should be flat on your head and the tassel is worn on your RIGHT side.**

In the Everett Public Schools, the purpose of honor cords is to recognize academic achievement that demonstrates scholarship. This is demonstrated by students who excel in course offerings and demonstrate a commitment to challenging coursework. The only items that can be worn over the gown are the following approved honor cords and medallions:

National Honor Society
Seal of Biliteracy (medallion)
3.5+ GPA
Key Club Cords

AP Scholar (passing score on 3 or more AP exams)
AP Capstone Candidate
AVID Honor Cords
ROTC Cords

Robes **MUST** be zipped for the Graduation Ceremony!

CAPS AND GOWNS | Caps and gowns will be worn by all participants. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, you need to contact Jostens at 1-360-653-9102. Those of you who have, your order will be distributed on June 3rd, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, in the library. See Ms. Miller if you have questions about distribution or ordering a cap and gown.

HONOR CORDS | Information will be shared at a later date on Honor Cord distribution.

These cords will be distributed during Senior Check-Out Day on Wednesday, June 11th.

REGALIA | Adornments of cultural significance are acceptable with prior approval from the principal or principal designee. **All regalia (including cap decorations) must be reviewed and approved on Senior Checkout Day, Wednesday, June 11th.**

Determinations will be made provided that all adornments (including caps):

- Are school appropriate.
- Reflect a culture that you identify with; for example, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students may wear flower/leaf leis as an item of cultural significance, and respecting this cultural significance, we ask that students who do not self-identify as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander refrain from wearing leis.
- Do not change or replace the school issued items.
- Are not potentially disruptive to the ceremony or detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.

Regarding decorating graduation caps, all the same qualifiers apply as well as the following:

- Only objects of cultural significance may be worn on top of graduation caps and must also be approved by the principal or principal designee (see above).
- Cultural symbols will be allowed but text in any language will **not** be allowed.
- No appropriation of other cultures.
- No noise or sound from decorations including no lights or battery-operated items.
- Any symbols must lay flat without exceeding the edges of the cap.
- Height extension to cap may not exceed ½ inch.
- School tassel must be visible and movable.

TICKETS

Each senior participating in commencement will be given fifteen (15) tickets. Distribution of tickets will be at the June 13th practice. All persons admitted **MUST** have a ticket, and seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There will be extra tickets available. If you have a definite need for extra tickets, you may request them by completing the form on the last page of this packet. If you need fewer tickets than the number allotted, inform Mrs. Shaw immediately in order that they may be given to someone who can use them. Please do not keep tickets that will not be used – thank you!

PICTURES AND VIDEO

Cameras will be allowed in the stands. However, parents will not be permitted in the downstairs areas, nor will seniors be permitted to step out of line for pictures. We have a contract with *Grad Images* for pictures taken at graduation as students cross the stage. Information on these will also be distributed at rehearsal. Pictures can be purchased through www.gradimages.com.

CEREMONY DETAILS

REPORTING TIME | All seniors enter through the **Hewitt Avenue at the FOUNTAIN entrance** (not the main entrance on the corner of Hewitt and Wall streets) and report to the assigned dressing room no later than 2:25 PM. Allow time for traffic and parking in the area. Families and other audience members enter through the main doors on the corner of Hewitt and Oakes. The 2025 Graduation ceremony begins at 3:00 PM.

- ORDER OF EVENTS:
1. Prelude by the band starting at 3:00 PM
 2. Dignitaries enter
 3. Seniors and Faculty enter following the dignitaries
 4. Remain standing until the anthem has been played
 5. Welcome and brief opening remarks by Mr. Takayoshi
 6. Music
 7. Awards
 8. Class speakers
 9. Music
 10. The Cascade administration will present the class to members of the School Board for presentation of diplomas.
 11. Starting with the first row, seniors will stand one row at a time, move to the right (east side of the seating area) and move to the stage.
 12. Line of progress--proceed up steps onto the stage, receive diploma with your left hand, shake hands with your right, proceed downstairs, and immediately return to your assigned seat. **Your picture will be taken while you are shaking hands.**
 13. After the last student has received their diploma, the school board representative will ask for a round of applause for the entire class. (This might come spontaneously.) At this time, everyone will stand.
 14. Seniors will do the "Bruin Whisper"
 15. Turning of the tassel as a class
 16. Seniors face the side aisle as the last person leaves the stage. Class and ASB presidents will lead the **RECESSIONAL** by moving directly to the exits near the dressing rooms; other rows will follow in order.
 17. The graduates will move directly out of the lower arena where you will proceed outside immediately to meet family and friends.
 18. The dignitaries leave the stage
 19. Celebrate!

AFTER THE CEREMONY

The gown, stole, cap and tassel are the graduates to keep.

Your family and other guests are not to be downstairs before or after graduation. After graduation, you will go directly outside of the arena to meet family and guests. You will need to exit the Event Center in a timely manner.

Your actual diploma, final transcript, report card, as well as your immunization records will be mailed to the address we have on file.

PLEASE make sure the office has your most current address.

GRADUATION-RELATED EVENTS

SENIOR TEA | Will be held June 3rd, at 3:00 PM in the cafeteria.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION | Cap and Gowns will be distributed on June 3rd, at 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the library. If not able to pick up your cap and gown at this time you will contact Jostens at 360-653-9102

SENIOR CHECK-OUT DAY | June 11th, at 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the library (Last Names starting with A-M from 8am to 10:30am and N-Z 10:30am to 1pm) // check-in devices and gather other signatures. **This is a mandatory event for ALL seniors.**

SENIOR ASSEMBLY | June 12th, at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria – Senior Department Awards will be handed out. **This is a mandatory event for ALL seniors.**

EXTRA TICKET REQUEST FORM

2025 CHS GRADUATION

Each senior participating in commencement will be given fifteen (15) tickets. Distribution of tickets will be at the June 13th, practice. IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE TICKETS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. All persons admitted MUST have a ticket (babies exempt).

There will be a limited number of extra tickets available. If you have a definite need for extra tickets, you may request them on the form below (not a guarantee you will get the number you requested). If you need fewer tickets than the number allotted, inform Mrs. Shaw immediately in order that they may be given to someone who can use them. Please do not keep tickets that will not be used – thank you!

If you want extra tickets, complete this form by **MAY 19, 2025**, and put it in **Mrs. Shaw's mailbox** in Building 1.

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NAME _____
LAST FIRST Id #

Number of extra tickets requested: _____

Reason for request: _____

DEADLINE - MAY 19, 2025
PUT THIS FORM IN MRS. SHAW'S MAILBOX IN BUILDING 1