



ABOUT END-OF-YEAR EVENTS

Final Exams – May 26-29:

Seniors who are exempted from exams (90 or higher overall average) do not have to attend the exam block. This applies only to traditional exams, not final projects. Please note: the specific plan for each content area, level, and teacher may vary, and students should speak with their teacher about what to expect on May 26-29.

PLEASE NOTE: All seniors planning to walk at graduation must meet their academic requirements by the end of the school day on Friday, May 29. These may include all exams, major assignments, and any incompletes.

Senior Week – Possible Impact on Student-Athletes:

While we do our best to schedule athletic contests and locations to avoid conflicts with Senior Week events, this is not always possible. In some cases, student-athletes may need to choose between participating in a scheduled contest and attending an event such as the Senior Ball. Additionally, to prepare the stadium for Graduation, home games may be relocated to the multi-purpose field during the days immediately preceding Graduation weekend. All efforts will be made to ensure that graduating seniors can participate in all events and that major home-field contests are held on the stadium field, but this is not always possible.

Graduation Rehearsal – June 4 (11:00 a.m.):

Rehearsal will take place in the C gym at 11:00 a.m.. This event provides staff with a critical opportunity to walk Seniors through the Graduation ceremony, where they will be seated, how to process, etc. Attendance at the rehearsal is mandatory in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns will be distributed to students who have met senior obligations at this time.

Please note: at the conclusion of this practice, we will distribute students' "temporary records" for their own safekeeping. The temporary record contains a variety of hard copy materials from their time in our schools. After that time, only students' transcripts will be available through the guidance office. For more information about student records, click [here](#), or see the letter on the final page of this document.

Senior Ball – June 4:

Senior Ball is a chance for Seniors to spend time together at Mt. Wachusett, dancing, dining, and enjoying fun activities (including a ride up the chairlift). Please note: students attending this event are responsible for their own transportation. More information about this Seniors-only event will be made available as the event date approaches.

Graduation Ceremony – June 6 (10:00 a.m.):

Students should arrive at the A Gym at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for the graduation ceremony. The ceremony will last approximately 65-70 minutes.



GRADUATION: KEY INFORMATION

- **Date and time:** Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
- **Location:** Richard Walsh Field (Athletic Complex stadium)
 - **Location in case of rain:** A/B Gym
- **Parking:**
 - There should be enough parking for our graduates and their families
 - Graduating students are encouraged to carpool so that there is ample parking for guests
 - Please follow the signs and look for directions from volunteers
- **Arrival and seating:**
 - Gates will open at 8:30 a.m.
 - If Graduation is moved indoors due to inclement weather, entrance to the building will be through the Gold office entrance between 8:30-9:00 a.m. so that at 9:00 a.m., the Rotunda entrance will be open for families.
 - Guests may sit in the grandstands or on the field
 - Guests who choose to sit on the field are invited to bring their own seating (beach chairs, camping chairs, etc.; sorry, large blankets are not permitted)
 - Please note: We are eager to protect the turf surface, and the manufacturer advises the following, which we ask all families to abide by:
 - Single-leg chairs are acceptable if they have plastic or rubber caps/ends on the legs.
 - Foldout chairs with a “U” shape bar on foldout chairs are also acceptable.
 - Any chairs with legs that have sharp edges will not be permitted as they may cut the turf fibers or dig through the infill into the turf backing.
 - High-heeled shoes with pointed heels are not permitted.
 - Seats in the grandstands are probably as appealing as ones on the field (and vice versa). Families unsure which seating option is best for them are welcome to bring chairs even if they sit in the grandstands. We will simply have the chairs stored out of the way, retrievable after the event
 - Sitting on the track is not permitted; Seniors will be entering and exiting via the track, and we need this space open and accessible in case of an emergency
 - Please: no coolers, no beach balls, and no pop-up tents
- **Guests:**
 - There is no limit on the number of guests our graduates may bring
 - Access for handicapped guests:
 - There will be expanded parking for handicapped guests as well as easy access to the field at the area near the red buildings (including the ‘snack shack’)
 - Seating for guests needing handicapped access and support will be provided on the track in front of the grandstands
 - All guests needing handicapped access and support are encouraged to seek a student or adult volunteer, who will be wearing a bright lanyard and will be happy to assist you
 - In the case of an indoor graduation, we have a dedicated section of 225 seats set aside for families with guests who need accommodations, including elderly or handicapped guests. Typically, we ask that families who need seating accommodations identify one guest to sit with them. That way, we have accessible seating for those who need it and for a companion to sit with them. This section is directly behind the graduates. We ask that the other non-disabled family members in their party sit in the bleachers or the seats behind the HC-accessible section.