

SENIORS AT THE LAKE

Spanaway Lake High School Important Senior Dates and Activities CLASS OF 2026

March 16, 2026	Senior Meeting in the SLHS Theater during SST
March 19, 2026	Jostens Cap and Gown distribution at SLHS during lunches
April 1 - April 3, 2026	Student-Led Conferences - Early Dismissal days
April 6 - April 10, 2026	Spring Break - No School
May 4-8, 11-15, 2026	AP Testing - check with AP teacher about specific testing date
May 18, 2026	Senior Meeting in the SLHS Theater during SST
May 20, 2026	Senior Awards Night, 6pm - 8pm
May 22, 2026	Snow Makeup School Day or No School
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day - No School
May 29, 2026	Decision Day Assembly
June 3, 2026	Senior iPad return
June 4, 2026	Last day of school for seniors and Senior Check Out
June 5, 2026	Senior Breakfast and Graduation Rehearsal at SLHS, 8:30am - 10:30am
June 5, 2026	Senior Prom at the Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup, 7pm - 10pm
June 8, 2026	GRADUATION at Tacoma Dome, 10:00am (seniors arrive by 9:15am)
June 9, 2026	Diploma pick up at SLHS, 12:30pm - 3:00pm

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- Be sure to pass your Trimester 3 classes and stay on track for graduation by attending classes each day
- Order graduation cap and gown:
<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1118431/Spanaway-Lake-High-School/>
- Complete credit requirements and meet a Graduation Pathway
- Complete High School & Beyond Plan in SchoolLinks
- Complete FAFSA or WASFA - free application to apply for financial aid
- Apply for scholarships and share with Mrs. Coppock (B.E.S.T. Scholarship, other scholarships)
- Complete Student-Led Conference in Advisory (required for graduation)
- Share Decision Day information by completing the Decision Day Form by May 1st →



SENIOR FINES: All senior fines need to be cleared in order to buy prom tickets, extra graduation tickets and to receive your high school diploma. There will be no payment plans.

SENIOR CHECK OUT: The Senior Check Out Form will be completed on Thursday, June 4th with the library, ASB office and school counselors. Seniors will receive their graduation tickets during Senior Check Out.

GRADUATION PRACTICE: SLHS will host a Senior Breakfast and Graduation Rehearsal on Friday, June 5th from 8:30am - 10:30am. Only students that have met all the graduation requirements should attend the breakfast and rehearsal. Attending the graduation rehearsal is required in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION CAP: Students have the option to decorate their graduation cap. Decorations must remain flat on the top of the cap and must be securely attached; nothing should fall off or make noise. Please keep designs respectful of the graduation environment and all attending families. If you plan to decorate your graduation cap, you must submit your design for pre-approval before you begin decorating. Please submit your plans to Ms. Britaine in the front office.

The first cap check will be May 18th during SST. The second check will be on June 5th during Senior Breakfast and the final check will be on graduation day. Remember, if your cap is not pre-approved, or if you make changes after approval and it no longer meets guidelines, you will be required to purchase a new cap.

GRADUATION TICKETS

- Each senior will receive 5 graduation tickets for successfully meeting all graduation requirements.
- Each student will receive an additional 5 FREE graduation tickets for having their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) fully processed and completed. Both the student and parent/guardian application portions need to be signed and submitted.
- The deadline to submit the FAFSA for 5 FREE graduation tickets is May 29, 2026.
- If a student is unable to complete the FAFSA, but is requesting the additional 5 FREE graduation tickets, the student and parent/guardian will need to email 12th grade Assistant Principal Ms. Kapaska (jkapaska@bethelsd.org) or Principal Dr. Askew (saskew@bethelsd.org) to help with next steps.
- Extra graduation tickets can be purchased for \$5 each at the ASB office during the following dates and times:
May 18 - June 5 - before school, during lunches and after school until 3pm
- Each person in the audience needs a ticket to attend the graduation ceremony, including small children.
- Non-graduates will not receive graduation tickets.
- Graduation tickets will not be sold at the Tacoma Dome.

DRESS CODE FOR GRADUATION: There is a dress code in place for graduates. Boys must wear nice slacks (no jeans), dress shirts, and dress shoes (no tennis shoes). Girls must wear slacks or skirt and blouse, or a dress and dress shoes (no tennis shoes). Seniors need to leave their purses, backpacks, cell phones, and other valuables locked in their car. We do not have a secure place to store valuables during the ceremony.

ARRIVE AT THE TACOMA DOME BY 9:15 AM ON JUNE 8TH.

TACOMA DOME UPDATES: <https://www.tacomadome.org/plan-your-visit/bags>

Tacoma Dome Bag Policy for audience (**seniors do not bring any backpacks/bags/purses:**)

- Bags may only be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC, sized 12"x 6"x 12" or smaller
- Small clutch purses are okay if sized 4.5"x 6.5" or smaller
- One gallon plastic storage bags are okay

DECORUM: Air horns, cowbells, balloons, beach balls and other distractions are not permitted. We ask that both the students and their families conduct themselves in a dignified manner. If either the students and/or their families are yelling, blowing air horns, or screaming it can cause another family to miss their graduate's name being called. Please be courteous of all families and students who are attending the ceremony.

DIPLOMA PICK UP: Students will pick up their diploma in the SLHS Counseling Office on Tuesday, June 9th anytime between 12:30pm - 3pm. If students are not able to pick up their diploma on June 9th, please stop by the SLHS Registrar's Office during school hours.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS: If you need a final high school transcript sent to a college or need a transcript in the future, requests can be placed through your SchoolLinks Alumni account.

More details about specific events will be sent when information becomes available.

Please check the SLHS website, weekly SMORE newsletter and your email.