



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- **FAFSA** must be completed or opt out waiver signed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- **All** scholarship award notifications due to Lindsey Schneider. Email award letters to: schneider.lindsey@westside66.net You must send the actual award letter or email from the college/University to Mrs. Schneider.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- Service Learning hours deadline

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- Senior Scholarship & Awards program 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- Senior “Decision Day” picture. 8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym. Students will wear a shirt representing their next destination. (IE: College/University, work, military, etc.)
- SENIOR CELEBRATION!! Counseling Center from 8:30 am to 2 p.m.
 - cupcake decorating, malts, slushies, candy, pictures, music, Lots of FUN, etc.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- **GRADES DUE FOR SENIORS BY 4:00 p.m.**

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MAY 11 & 12

- **Students get their checkout sheets from their SHIELD teacher**
- If you do not receive a sheet in Shield that is a **RED FLAG** to see your counselor **ASAP**
- All seniors need to complete and return their checkout sheet *regardless of their graduation date (ie: student*
- Technology, Business Office will be in the Pantheon for students to get signatures from 8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Counseling staff will be in the Counseling Center (We are your last stop) 8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Media Center will be available to turn in LG Crayons 8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Seniors attend SHIELD for the last time
- All lockers cleaned out
- Books and technology returned
- Fees paid
- Complete checkout sheet. Signatures can be obtained in the Pantheon



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 – GRADUATION PRACTICE

- Senior breakfast with the Pancake Man and Senior Superlatives 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. at Phelps Field (weather permitting). A \$1 donation to the Alumni Association is encouraged.
- Graduation practice at Baxter Arena at 10:00 a.m. Any student not in attendance at graduation practice will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Transportation will be provided with pick up at the entrance of the stadium at 9:45 a.m. A return bus will come back to WHS after rehearsal.
- Cap and gown distribution for students who have completed the checkout process will take immediately following graduation practice in the practice arena
- For those students taking AP tests in the morning, you are excused from practice. You will pick up your gown in the afternoon in the counseling center.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 – OPTIONAL

- Baccalaureate will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the WHS auditorium. Reception to follow. (Senior attendees should arrive by 6:45 p.m. to line up outside the business office – please wear your cap & gown)

FRIDAY, MAY 14–15

- Senior Elementary visits – Please wear your cap & gown – Dates and times will be announced at a later time

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- Commencement (Graduation) – 2:00 p.m. at Baxter Arena (students should arrive by 12:45 p.m. for photos)
- The live stream will be on [Warrior Television/YouTube](#) channel and will start at 1:30 p.m.
- **CLEAR BAG POLICY will be in effect!**

COMMENCEMENT EXPECTATIONS

Commencement will be held Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Baxter Arena. Please inform all family members and friends that Baxter Arena has a list of prohibited items (see Attachment) for graduation ceremonies. Staff will be checking bags for such items and confiscating them.

Graduates are to park in circled Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 at Baxter Arena (see Attachment) Parking is free. Graduates will enter Baxter Arena on the North side of the building.

Graduates will meet in the Holland Ice Rink at 12:45 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony. Caps ARE NOT to be decorated, altered or have any additions to their original form.

Graduates will receive their diploma at their counselor's table in the practice arena at the end of the ceremony.



Professional photographers will be set up to take pictures in your cap and gown prior to the ceremony. A WHS backdrop will be set up by 12:45 p.m. in the Holland Ice Rink area for students to have their picture taken.

Diplomas will be handed out immediately following the ceremony. Diplomas not picked up at commencement will be sent back to WHS Main Office and available for pickup, with ID, beginning Tuesday, May 19th.

Please double check that you have received the correct diploma packet.

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A FINAL WORD

The graduation ceremonies are your activity, designed to honor you and to recognize your achievements. Westside students have traditionally approached these exercises with gravity and a seriousness of purpose that has made us proud to be associated with them. Let this class demonstrate its pride in its accomplishments.



CLASS OF 2026

Senior Timeline

CLASS OF 2026 ELEMENTARY VISITS

Hillside	May 15	2:45 PM
Loveland	May 15	2:45 PM
Oakdale	May 15	2:30 PM
Paddock	May 15	2:30 arrival-2:45 senior strut during Fun Run
Prairie Lane	May 14	2:35 arrival, 2:45 assembly
Rockbrook	May 15	2:30 arrival, 2:45 Senior parade, 3:00 assembly
Sunset Hills	May 14	2:50 PM arrival, 3:10 parade
Swanson	May 15	2:45 arrival, 3:00 assembly
Westbrook	May 15	3:00 arrival, 3:15 assembly
Westgate	May 15	2:30 arrival, 2:45 assembly



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SIDE**



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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

BAXTER ARENA GRADUATION MAP

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UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska
Omaha



*We look forward to welcoming you to UNO's Baxter Arena!
Please review this map for traffic and parking information.*

PARKING KEY*



PREFERRED ROUTES
TO BAXTER ARENA



TO AVOID HEAVY TRAFFIC
CONGESTION PLEASE CONSIDER
TAKING A PREFERRED ROUTE

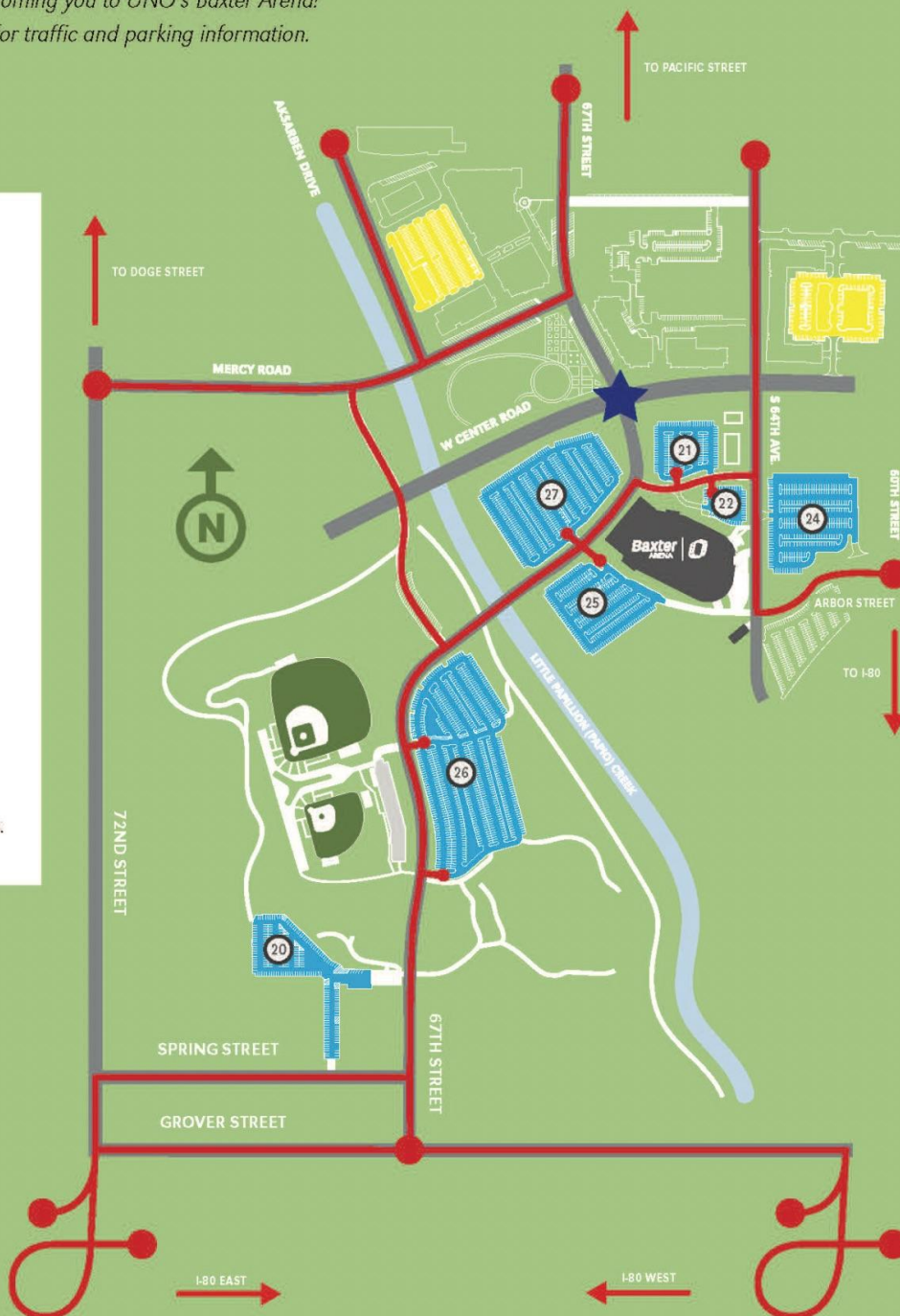


AKSARBEN VILLAGE
PARKING GARAGE



BAXTER ARENA
PARKING LOTS

*All routes may not be available.
Please watch for staff directing traffic.





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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



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Baccalaureate Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13th

7:00-8:00 PM

Westside High School Auditorium

RSVP using the QR code or link below

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational spiritual ceremony for graduating seniors. The program includes student reflections, music, and singing to celebrate the historic belief that education is both a spiritual and intellectual journey.

Student participation in Baccalaureate is voluntary. The ceremony is organized and paid for by Westside High School parents. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Nordquist (tim@dsomaha.org).

Seniors and/or Parents of Seniors

Scan the QR code or click on the link to RSVP so the Baccalaureate committee can plan accordingly.



<https://bit.ly/4sD28Pa>



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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION REMINDERS
FOR BAXTER ARENA

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

DOORS OPEN TO GUESTS AT 1:00 PM

All guests are welcome to attend. Westside High School does not require tickets for entry.

Baxter Arena has a clear bag policy that they will enforce.

All guests will enter the arena and walk through a metal detector.





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PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are not permitted in Baxter Arena:

Any type of weapon, fake weapon or object resembling a weapon

- This includes permit holders possessing or carrying lawfully concealed weapons in or around the facility. Weapons cannot be checked into Security or Guest Services
- Alcohol / Drugs / Illegal Substances / Vaporizing Pens
 - Smoking materials or E-cigs are not permitted in the facility
- Outside Food / Beverage
 - 20 oz. or smaller empty clear plastic bottles will be allowed for water
- Balloons
- Artificial noise-making devices of any kind / Whistles / Air Horns
- Laser Pointing Devices / Glow Sticks
- Hover Boards / Heely / Skateboards / Rollerblades
- Large Umbrellas / Golf Umbrellas
- Fireworks / Pyrotechnics / Confetti / Glitter / Aerosols
- Bicycles / Helmets / Chair
- Obscene Clothing / Indecent Clothing
- Animals except service animals
- Any item deemed to compromise public safety

If your conduct endangers or disrupts guests or others involved in the event,
Baxter Arena reserves the right to remove you from the premises.

All bags will be searched and inspected for prohibited items. All prohibited items will need to be thrown away or returned to vehicles. Baxter Arena and staff will not check any items.

***Baxter* ARENA**