

Groves High School

Class of 2027

Senior Guide

Class Information

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2027,

Congratulations to you and your senior on reaching this incredible milestone! As the Class of 2027 prepares to close the chapter on their high school years, we want to take a moment to celebrate their accomplishments and provide a comprehensive guide to the exciting events and important dates that mark this special time.

These past four years have been remarkable, filled with challenges, growth, and success. We are so proud of what our seniors have achieved and the individuals they have become. It has been an honor to be a part of their journey, and while we will miss them deeply, we are excited to see them embark on their next adventures.

Please review the information below carefully to ensure you and your senior don't miss a single moment of this celebratory season.

This time of celebration is also a time of transition, and we are confident that the Class of 2027 will make their mark on the world. They have shown resilience, determination, and heart, and we know they will achieve great things in the years ahead.

Thank you for your partnership and support throughout your child's high school experience. It has been our privilege to educate and guide them.

If you have any questions about the events or details shared in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact the main office at 248-203-3500.

Let's make these final moments memorable as we send our graduates off with pride and joy!

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 1st	Senior Portraits Due at yearbookforever.com
February TBD	Senior Photo & Class Meeting 7:30 AM, Main Gym
March 5th	Senior Seminar- Lawrence Tech.
May TBD	AP Exams
May 14th	Senior Class meeting 1st Hour
May 14th	Prom- The Meridian 7-11PM
May 20th	Senior's Last Day Picnic, Clap-out, Barbeque
May 25th -27th	Senior Exams
June 3rd	Honors Convocation <i>(by invitation)</i>
June 4th	Graduation Rehearsal MANDATORY, in Aux Gym 9:00am
June 6th	Graduation Ceremony Meadowbrook Amphitheater 3pm - 5 pm
June 6th	Senior All Night Party @ Groves High School 9 PM - 3 AM

YEARBOOKS

Do not miss out on purchasing your student's yearbook at the lowest price of the year today! Secure your copy online and ensure your child has a keepsake full of memories, milestones, and moments shared with friends and the school community.

 [Order yearbooks online by clicking here.](#)

YEARBOOKS-SENIOR TRIBUTES

**BUY A SENIOR
TRIBUTE AD IN THE
2027 GROVES HIGH
SCHOOL YEARBOOK!**



AD CHOICES

	Full page \$350 10 photos		Half page \$195 6 photos		Quarter page \$135 3 photos		Eighth page \$95 1 photo
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Buy a senior tribute ad through March 18 online at yearbookforever.com. Ad space is limited. Once the space is filled, no more ads will be accepted. So order early!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AD SUBMISSION

Go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name or scan the QR code.

- Click on Shop the Store.
- Select Create a Senior Tribute Ad.
- Enter your student's information and your email address.
- Select your design option.
- Select the size of the ad you want to purchase.
- Follow the steps to order your ad.

**BUY AN AD
TODAY!**



DON'T FORGET A YEARBOOK WHEN YOU'RE BUYING YOUR AD!

YEARBOOKS- Senior Portraits

Important information for seniors and parents:

Senior portraits — Upload online by Dec. 1

Senior portraits must be submitted online under the Yearbook Snap tab. Go to yearbookforever.com, search for Groves High School and select the Groves link to continue. Click on the Yearbook Snap image.

From the Yearbook Snap page:

- Enter **groves** as the access code and select Enter.
- Click on Upload Photo and select a photo to upload from your computer or device. **Make sure your file is 300 dpi.**
- Once it uploads, select Portraits from the drop-down menu.
- Fill in your student's formal name and click Submit Photos.



IMPORTANT:

- **You must work out with your photographer when you need to be photographed to be able to make the Dec. 1 deadline.**
- If you use a photographer other than Michael Barton the only way to guarantee that your portrait makes it in the yearbook is to personally check with Brian McConachie before the deadline.
- **You or your photographer must upload your portrait by the due date.** This is not the date of your photo shoot. It is the date by which Brian McConachie needs the photo.

SPECS:

- Use the portrait above as a guide for sizing, attire and quality.
- Approx 2x3 in., color retouched photographs, head and shoulders, both eyes showing
- Distance from top of head to chin is 1.25 in.
- Medium blue/gray/brown background
- No hands or props showing
- Soft focus is accepted
- No shoulders showing or low-cut tops



*Be aware that portraits not meeting these guidelines will not be accepted.

Class composite: (Read carefully)

The class composite is a picture of the senior class that is displayed in the school and handed out to seniors who are included in the picture. Our composite is made by Michael Barton Studios if you do not go through Michael Barton for your senior formal photo, it will not be included

CAPS AND GOWNS



CLASS OF
2027
IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR
CAP & GOWN!

ORDER BY
OCTOBER 30TH
DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!



JOSTENS.COM



SCAN TO ORDER!



ORDER EARLY.
GET IT ON TIME.
CELEBRATE
YOUR MOMENT.

DON'T FORGET



CLASS RINGS



LETTER JACKETS



MASCOT SHOP



**GRADUATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

YOUR FUTURE. YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.
YOUR MOMENT.



Jostens
CALL/TEXT - (586) 781-5618
EMAIL - HOLLANDSWORTH.OFFICE@JOSTENS.COM

YARD SIGNS

ORDER YOUR 2027 GROVES SENIOR YARD SIGN TODAY!

*A portion of the sale of each sign goes to the
Birmingham United Gymnastics Team
AND
the Senior All Night Party.*

*Order a custom lawn sign (18" x 24") to congratulate
your Senior and place it in your lawn for graduation,
graduation parties, etc.*



*****Purchase signs for \$35 each until December 31st, 2026*****

*****Starting January 1st, 2027 purchase for \$40 each*****

Order and payment due by **March 15, 2027.**

Signs will be available in early April.

To order:

Fill out the form below, attach a check, and drop off at the Groves Main Office.

Student Name: _____

Name to be printed on sign (First name only): _____

Contact's Phone: _____

Contact's Email: _____

Number of signs ordered: _____ Total (per sign): \$ _____

Checks payable to: **Birmingham United Gymnastics** – Please write Student's name on check.
Drop off check and form at Groves Main Office.

Contact bhamgymnastics@gmail.com with any questions or if financial assistance is needed.



SENIOR BABY PHOTO SUBMISSION

TBD

SENIOR Panoramic PHOTO and CLASS MEETING

TBD

SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS

TBD

ELECTRONIC SIGN PHOTOS

We are celebrating our seniors! Would you like to feature your student on the Groves electronic sign? Please complete the form below. Senior photos will be displayed on the electronic sign for one full week in groups of 15 beginning in May and running through June 20th.

YOU WILL BE EMAILED WHEN YOUR CHILD IS POSTED ON THE SIGN.

Photos will rotate on the sign every Friday.

If you have any questions please email Lauren Horne LHarper@birmingham.k12.mi.us

Thank you!

[Click here to access the Senior Spotlight Google Form](#)

COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE & SLIDES

See Mrs. Sac with any questions.

Military representatives will be in the Commons often in early 2026

SENIOR SEMINAR

Lawrence Technological University

Friday, March 5, 2026

What is Senior Seminar??

- An off-site experience at Lawrence Tech university
- Offers workshops for seniors to help prepare for the world beyond Groves.

Senior Seminar is for ALL seniors, not just students going away to college. There are workshops on Financial planning, Self Defense, Legal Issues when turning 18, Managing your health, Preparing food for yourself and many more. (15 in all). Students are truly encouraged to attend this one-time event and it's embedded into the school day. Students will be excused from classes if they attend all day on March 6.

The cost is \$15 and the event includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

There are three ways to pay:

1. Check or Money Order: Can be dropped-off to Mrs.Sak in College and Career on the Main office. Please make the check out to: "Groves High School."
2. Cash: Cash can be dropped-off in the main office.
2. GoFan will accept payments but there is an additional transaction fee.

If you have a financial hurdle to attend, please let Mrs.Sak know

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REUNIONS

Reunions typically occur at the end of May and beginning of June. RSVP links will be added to the logos in spring.



Beverly
Elementary School



Bingham Farms
Elementary School



Greenfield
Elementary School



Harlan
Elementary School



Pembroke
Elementary School



Pierce
Elementary School



Quarton
Elementary School



West Maple
Elementary School



Birmingham Covington

PROM

May 14th, 2027

The Meridian

7:00pm-11:00pm

Guest forms will be available in the main office.

All students and guests will need their school ID to enter.

Doors close at 8:00pm

***To purchase prom ticket(s), all school related fines must be paid in advance.**

SENIORS LAST DAY & CLAP OUT INFORMATION

May 20th , 2027

- ★ More information about Times and Events will be announced .
 - ★ Families are encouraged to attend.
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GRADUATION- Cap & Gown

Click here to order graduation attire from [Jostens, linked here.](#)

***Please note: Caps and gowns will be distributed at school after senior
clapout.***

SENIOR EXAM Exemption Policy and Exam Dates

2027 Senior Final Exam Schedule

Location: Room B44

May 25th, 2027

1st Period Final Exam	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Room B44
2nd Period Final Exam	1:20 PM - 2:50 PM	Room B44

May 26th, 2027

3rd Period Final Exam	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Room B44
4th Period Final Exam	1:20 PM - 2:50 PM	Room B44

May 27th, 2027

5th Period Final Exam	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Room B44
6th Period Final Exam	1:20 PM - 2:50 PM	Room B44

Senior Exam Exemption Policy (effective Feb. 2027)

A Senior can be exempt from taking a Final Exam in a class if they meet the following criteria. These rules are applied on a class-by-class basis:

1. The senior must not be taking the course on a Pass/Fail basis.
2. The senior must be receiving a grade of 3.0 or above for the term.
3. The senior must not have more than 8 absences for the Semester, excluding specific school-sponsored events.
4. Any senior who has accumulated 6 tardies in the second semester must take the final examinations.

HONORS CONVOCATION *By invite only*

Thursday, June 3rd at 6pm in the Groves High School Auditorium

ALL NIGHT PARTY

✨Attention Parents of Groves Class of 2027! 🎓 ✨

Save the date for the Senior All Night Party on

June 6, 2027! 🎓

GRADUATION- Rehearsal MANDATORY

Mandatory for all students walking at graduation.

Friday, June 4th

Time 9:00am in Groves Aux Gym

GRADUATION- Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, June 6th

Meadowbrook Amphitheatre

3:00 pm*

****Graduates arrive by 2:00 pm ****

Commencement Ceremony Information



General Information:

- Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 6th at **MEADOWBROOK AMPHITHEATER** Commencement will begin promptly at 3:00 pm.
- **Graduates should report to the staging area no later than 2:00 pm.** to check in for the ceremony and begin the process of lining up. Parents and guests will not be permitted in the staging area prior to graduation.
- Special parking and seating for disabled guests are available. Please contact Groves High School- Tracey Flaherty - at 248-203-3500 for information.
- We will review commencement procedures with the seniors during graduation rehearsal on June 5th. Students will also have information regarding their seat assignment provided on June 5th so you are able to plan where you will sit at Meadowbrook. *Please don't save seats.*
- The Groves High School Commencement is a formal ceremony. Because the ceremony involves over 300 students, certain standards have been established to ensure that all of the graduates' names are heard clearly as all students have work to earn the privilege to graduate. Guests are reminded that out of respect for all of our graduates, anything that detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will not be permitted, including noisemakers and air horns.
- Students who do NOT wish to participate in the graduation ceremony will need to notify Mr. Peterson (opeterson@birmingham.k12.mi.us) in writing by May 23.



Required Attire for Graduates:

All students (regardless of gender) will wear a Groves green gown and will line up alphabetically for the ceremony. *****No student is to decorate his/her cap before the**

ceremony. If a student decorates any part of the gown or cap, they will be provided another one to wear for the ceremony.

As we prepare for graduation, we want to ensure a respectful and unified ceremony. Please review the following guidelines regarding graduation attire:

Honor Cords & Stoles:

- **All honor cord colors must be pre-approved by Mr. Henshaw and must represent a school-sponsored activity or club.** Cords from outside organizations or non-affiliated clubs are not permitted.
- **Graduation stoles** must also be pre-approved by the Groves administration and may only represent school-sponsored activities or organizations.
- **Personalized stoles and non-school-affiliated stoles are not allowed at graduation.**

Caps & Gowns:

- **Students are not allowed to decorate their graduation cap in any way.** If a student decorates any part of the graduation cap, they will be provided another one to wear for the ceremony.
- **Graduation gowns must not be altered or decorated.** Students must wear the gown provided by the school's approved vendor as received. All students (regardless of gender) will wear a Groves green gown and will line-up alphabetically for the ceremony.

****Any student who has not ordered a cap/gown/stole should contact Jostens as soon as possible.**

Students will keep their gowns, stoles, cords, tassels and their caps after the ceremony. If a student throws his/her cap during the ceremony, it is not guaranteed to be returned!

Violations of these guidelines will result in the student being asked to remove the item. In some cases, students may be required to switch to a different gown. Failure to comply may result in the student not being permitted to walk across the stage during graduation.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. It is essential that all students comply with these rules and regulations to maintain the integrity of this special event.

Thank you for your support in upholding these expectations. If you have any questions, please contact the school administration.

- It is strongly recommended that graduates not bring purses, bags, or any other items to the ceremony unless they have a family member who can hold them. Graduates will not be allowed to carry anything into the graduation ceremony. **Cell phones will need to be silenced during the ceremony.**



Photograph Information

- Please feel free to take as many photographs as you wish before, during, and after the ceremony. Pictures must be taken from the seating area. No one but Groves High School or venue personnel will be allowed near the stage during the ceremony.
- A professional photographer will be on hand to take pictures of graduates while crossing the stage as well as a posed picture of them holding their diploma cover as they exit the stage.

Directions to Meadowbrook Amphitheater

Use the address 3554 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309



Graduation Directions and Parking Information

Location: Meadow Brook Amphitheatre 3554 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills

Enter from Walton Blvd.

General Parking:

Please enter the Oakland University/Meadow Brook Campus off of Walton Blvd. Free parking is available on Festival Drive.

Reserved Parking:

Guests requiring additional assistance due to physical limitations may park in Parking Lot 57 on Pavillion Rd. To access this parking lot, ***you must reserve a parking space*** with Tracey Flaherty at Groves ahead of time. *Please note that handicapped seating is uncovered at the pavilion and you may wish to bring an umbrella.*