



# **GROVES**

**SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION**  
**2026**

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2026,

Congratulations to you and your senior on reaching this incredible milestone! As the Class of 2025 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 2025 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

<b>December 1st</b>	<b>Senior Portraits Due at <a href="http://yearbookforever.com">yearbookforever.com</a></b>
<b>February TBD</b>	<b>Senior Photo &amp; Class Meeting</b>
<b>March 6th</b>	<b>Senior Seminar- Lawrence Tech.</b>
<b>May TBD</b>	<b>AP Exams</b>
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>Senior Class meeting</b> 1st Hour
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>Prom-</b> The Mint 7-11PM
<b>May 21st</b>	<b>Senior's Last Day</b> Picnic, Clap-out, Barbeque
<b>May 26th-28th</b>	<b>Senior Exams</b>
<b>June 4th</b>	<b>Honors Convocation</b> <i>(by invitation)</i>
<b>June 5th</b>	<b>Graduation Rehearsal</b> MANDATORY, in Gym 9:00am
<b>June 7th</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b> Meadowbrook Amphitheater
<b>June 7th</b>	<b>Senior All Night Party @ Groves High School</b>

## 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 Online:** <https://yearbookforever.com/school-store/O6c5s3fp0MLj845ZKj2Vbw42>

# 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](http://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 Prestige, the only way to guarantee that your portrait makes it in the yearbook is to personally check with Erica Neumayr 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 Erica Neumayr 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 Prestige, if you do not go through Prestige for your senior formal photo, it will not be included

# BUY A SENIOR TRIBUTE AD IN THE 2026 GROVES HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK!



## AD CHOICES



**Full page**  
\$350  
10 photos



**Half page**  
\$185  
6 photos



**Quarter page**  
\$125  
3 photos



**Eighth page**  
\$85  
1 photo

Buy a senior tribute ad through March 18 online at [yearbookforever.com](http://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](http://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!

**Walsworth** yearbooks

[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)

## Senior Baby Photo Submission

Only **ONE PHOTO** per student will be accepted.

***Submission information coming 2nd Semester***

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## YARD SIGNS

A portion of the sale of each sign goes to the Birmingham Unified 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. (signs include outdoor stake)

**Pricing\*:**

\$40 (orders received Aug. 22 - Sept. 5, 2025)

\$45 (orders received Sept. 9 - Dec. 19, 2025)

\$50 (orders received Jan. 5 - March 13, 2026)



**Orders will not be accepted after March 13, 2026**

**Signs will be available in late April.**

**[Printable Order Form for your 2026 Senior Yard Sign](#)**

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## SENIOR PHOTO and CLASS MEETING

**February date TBD**

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## SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS

*Order information coming soon!*

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## SENIOR NEWSLETTER- Counseling Department

[September Edition](#) (*click here*)

[November Edition](#)

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## COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE & SLIDES

College visits will start this week. See Mrs. Kondak with any questions.

Military representatives will be in the Commons often in early 2025

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## SENIOR SEMINAR

**Lawrence Technological University**

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

All day event

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. See Mrs. Kondak with any questions.

Additional details coming soon!

## 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 Liz Sak at [esak@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:esak@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Thank you!

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## 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 15th, 2026**

**The Mint**

**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.

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## **SENIORS LAST DAY INFORMATION**

**May 21st , 2026**

- ★ Seniors should not bring backpacks on the last day
- ★ Everyone attends 1st hour
- ★ Junior/Senior Assembly 2nd Hour-Advisory
- ★ "CLAP OUT" for Seniors at 10:30am
- ★ Clap out ends in Aux Gym
- ★ GSC Barbecue Event for Seniors and Juniors at 11:00am-1:00pm
- ★ Cap and Gown Distribution: 10:00am - 11:30am @ Football Stadium

Families are encouraged to attend. Ice Cream will be provided and it is an opportunity for the class to enjoy their last time together before graduation.

## **SENIOR EXAM Exemption Policy and Exam Dates**

### **2026 Senior Final Exam Schedule**

Location: Room B44

#### **May 26th, 2026**

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 27th, 2026**

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 28th, 2026**

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. 2025)**

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.

## ALL NIGHT PARTY

🎓 ✨ **Attention Parents of Groves Class of 2026!** 🎓 ✨

Save the date for the Senior All Night Party on June 7, 2026! More information is coming soon!

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## HONORS CONVOCATION *By invite only*

Thursday, June 4th at 6PM

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## GRADUATION- Cap & Gown **\*\*NEW FOR 2026\*\***

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

We are excited to announce that we have updated our graduation attire for the class of 2026! There will be new caps, gowns, and accessories. Unfortunately, this means that students cannot use an older sibling's graduation attire. If you have any questions please contact the main office. ***Please note: Caps and gowns will be distributed at school after senior clapout.***

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## GRADUATION- Rehearsal MANDATORY

**Mandatory for all students walking at graduation.**

Friday, June 5th

Time 9:00am in Groves Aux Gym

# GRADUATION- Commencement Ceremony

**Sunday, June 7th**

**Meadowbrook Amphitheatre**

**10:00am\***

***\*Graduates arrive by 9:00 am \****

## **Commencement Ceremony Information**



### **General Information:**

- Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 7th at **MEADOWBROOK AMPHITHEATER** Commencement will begin promptly at 10:00 am.
- **Graduates should report to the staging area no later than 9:00am.** 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](mailto:opeterson@birmingham.k12.mi.us)) in writing by May 23.



## **Required Attire for Graduates:**

### **GROVES HIGH SCHOOL BEVERLY HILLS, MI | Jostens**

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.**

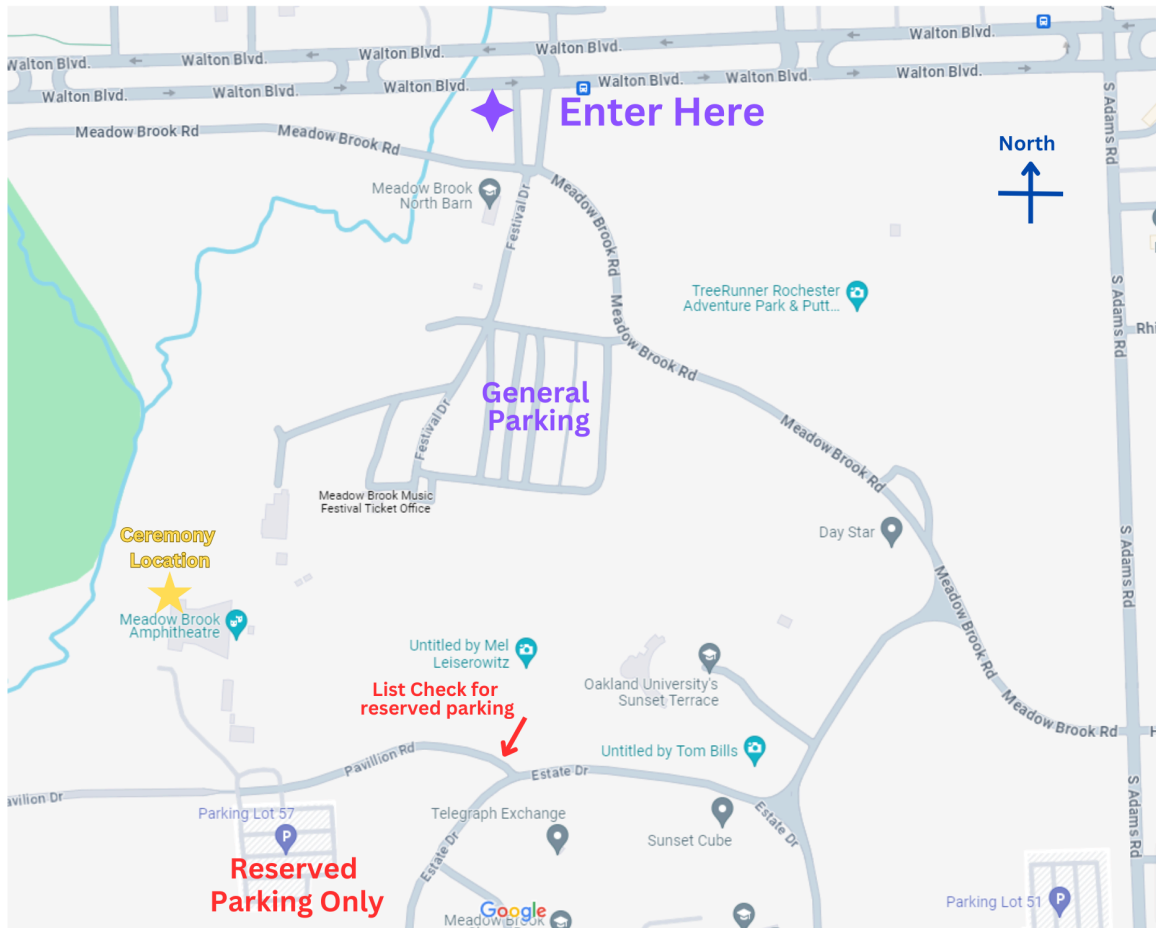


### **Photograph Information**

- 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.