

# Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony

## WILLAMETTE HIGH SCHOOL

### In-Person Graduation Dates:

★ June 11th at 5:00pm and 7:30pm

★ June 12th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm



### Celebrating the Class of 2021!

Student voices were very clear; they deserve and desire an in-person graduation with their classmates! Our goal is to make each commencement ceremony personal and special for all our seniors, their families, and the Bethel community.

After careful consideration of the public health authority guidance, as well as feedback from students and families, Willamette High School has decided to conduct four in-person graduations to celebrate the commencement of the Class of 2021! **Please mark your calendars for June 11th (5:00pm & 7:30pm) and/or June 12th (2:00pm & 5:00pm).**

### Commencement Ceremony Details:

All of the traditional components of an amazing WHS graduation ceremony will be performed live in four

identical graduation ceremonies. Graduation ceremonies will be hosted in Wolverine Stadium (rain or shine) and each ceremony will be broadcast live for friends and family all over the world as they simultaneously celebrate the class of 2021. Commencement ceremonies will include student speeches, musical performances, recognition of accomplishments and honors, a procession of graduates, and will conclude with the celebratory experience of the traditional tassel turn and tossing of graduation caps.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **How did you come to the decision of hosting four, outdoor graduation ceremonies?**

Feedback was collected and pros/cons were evaluated from groups of students, parents, and staff. Ultimately it was determined that the best way to fully celebrate the class of 2021 was to hold four graduation ceremonies. The number of spectators (family, friends, guests) will be determined based on Lane County Health Metrics.

### **How do Lane County Health Metrics impact graduation?**

If Lane County is in the EXTREME Risk category, then graduation will be limited to members of the graduating class only (no spectators). If Lane County is in the HIGH Risk category, then each graduate will receive two tickets for guests. If Lane County is in the MODERATE Risk category, then each graduate will receive four tickets for guests.

### **How will it be decided which graduation ceremony graduates should attend?**

Each graduation ceremony will be limited to 75 graduates and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up for a specific ceremony, students will receive a [www.sign-up.com](http://www.sign-up.com) link via their Bethel email and the Class of 2021 Google Classroom on Wednesday, May 12th at 11:00am.

### **When can I select my walking partner?**

Walking partners will be determined on the day of each graduation when students assemble in the small gym prior to the ceremony. It will be critical that people who desire to be walking partners sign-up for the same graduation ceremony.

### **How will we access the live broadcasting of Graduation?**

A link to the graduation live broadcast will be posted on the WHS web page the week before graduation.

### **What if it is raining? Will the ceremony still be outside?**

Yes! We are excited to host graduation in Wolverine Stadium rain or shine. Each graduate will receive a customized Willamette umbrella as a graduation gift. Even through the rain, the class of 2021 will shine!

### **Can I decorate my graduation cap (mortarboard)?**

Yes! You are invited to personalize your graduation cap. All caps will be vetted prior to the procession of graduates to ensure that decorated caps align with the WHS dress code expectations and criteria.

