



# Earl Wooster High School

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*Dear Class of 2025 Senior and Family:*

*It is hard to believe that we are already so close to the end of the school year! I have truly enjoyed building relationships with this year's graduating class: they have modeled kindness and what it means to be leaders within our Wooster community. I know I speak for the entire staff of Wooster High School when I say the Class of 2025 will be missed! Please read this letter carefully as it has important information about events for seniors. Most importantly, we will be celebrating graduation on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will take place at Lawlor Events Center, located on the University of Nevada Reno campus, 1500 N Virginia Street, Reno, NV at 4:00 pm.*

**Important note: receipt of this letter is not a verification of official graduation.** Please refer to the graduation eligibility section of this letter for more information regarding eligibility.

*Senior Colts, let me be the first to tell you how proud I am of each of you. It has been a pleasure serving as your Principal these past two years – and remember, once a Colt, ALWAYS a Colt!*

*David Kitchin, Principal*

## **GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY**

Receipt of this letter does not mean you are able to graduate. Be sure you are eligible by checking with your counselor. You must have successfully completed all graduation requirements for the Class of 2025 to participate in the ceremony.

## **ATTENDANCE & BEHAVIOR**

Students slated to participate in the graduation ceremony shall be held to high standards of conduct and behavior until the conclusion of the academic year. If a graduating senior commits an offense that is grounds for suspension, the privilege of participating in graduation activities may be revoked. Students who participate in vandalism, damage of school property, and/or disturbance of school, will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. If your privilege has been revoked, you may appeal to the principal and then to the Area Superintendent of Secondary Education.

## **STUDENT GRADUATION SPEECHES**

Graduation speech/performance tryouts will be held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Sign-ups to perform are being handled by lead counselor, Erin Danielsen. Seniors who try out must be officially graduating and must show up on time to the tryouts, anyone arriving late to tryouts will be turned away, due to the number of students who try out. It will be explained to all students who try out that if they are selected, their speech/performance may be altered to fit the needs of the graduation event.

## **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

This year's graduation practice is on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the large gym. Please arrive on time for practice. This is practice, so you do not need your cap and gown.

## **GRADUATION TICKETS**

We will be passing out graduation tickets and parking passes on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am-1:00 pm only in the Multi-Purpose Room. Each graduate will receive three (3) parking passes and ten (10) tickets for graduation.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT GRADUATION TICKETS**

Graduation is a meaningful milestone and a special time for our students, families, and school communities. To ensure a fair and positive experience for everyone, we want to remind all students and families that graduation tickets are not to be sold or posted online for resale.

The sale of graduation tickets — whether in person or through online platforms or social media — is strictly discouraged. Each ticket is provided for the purpose of allowing loved ones to attend and celebrate this important event, not for personal profit. If you have questions regarding tickets, please contact the school directly.

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Graduates must arrive to Lawlor Events Center at 3:00 pm. The ceremony will start promptly at 4:00 pm. Once you arrive, you must stay until the end of the ceremony. Be sure to come “ready to go” for graduation:

- U Arrive well fed, as no food or drink will be allowed in Lawlor Events Center.
- U Arrive dressed in your formal graduation attire and in your Cap & Gown.
- U Wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking up and down stairs (special caution for graduates wearing heels)
- U We will not be able to lock up your personal belongings during the ceremony, Lawlor Events Center and Wooster High School are not responsible for theft or lost items, so please do not bring anything of value or that you would be disappointed to lose.

## **PICTURES**

Commencement photos will be taken in the Silver & Blue room at Lawlor Event Center. We strongly encourage all students to arrive on time and take their photo BEFORE the ceremony begins. Every senior will receive one commencement photo. To order a package, please visit [bellphoto.com](http://bellphoto.com)

Additionally, graduation will be live streamed from Lawlor Events Center.

<https://youtube.com/live/jVmPwPv3iF4?feature=share>

## **DIPLOMAS**

During the graduation ceremony, graduates will receive an “empty” graduation cover. After the ceremony, graduates are to report to the Silver & Blue Room at Lawlor Events Center to pick up their diploma.

## **PARKING**

Parking passes must be displayed in the car window when parking at Lawlor; any vehicle without a parking pass will be towed. Doors open for family/guests at 3:00 pm and a ticket is required for entry (young children require a ticket for entry). The ceremony starts at 4:00 pm. Seats may be saved until the start of the ceremony. At that time, any open seats may no longer be saved and are open to all. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## **GRADUATION DRESS**

This ceremony will be one of the great times in your life to dress up for! Here are the requirements for graduation attire:

- U Check your gown; lightly press it before wearing, using a cool iron setting.
- U The tassel is worn on the cap’s left at the start of the ceremony. It will be moved to the right during the tassel turning event at the end of our ceremony.
- U Appropriate apparel under your gown is required. The Washoe County School District reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students are within the limits of good taste.
- U We encourage students to wear stoles that reflect their cultural heritage if they so desire.
- U No sunglasses, props, noise makers, confetti, or any other item that detracts from the ceremony.
- U **Graduation Caps** Graduating seniors will be able to decorate their mortarboards (or graduation cap) for their graduation ceremonies to show their pride, joy and gratitude. The decorations must be appropriate and cannot be lewd obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs, or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony or any other form of unprotected speech, and students are expected to follow these guidelines.

## **GRADUATION BEHAVIOR**

Please do not bring beach balls, balloons, or noise makers. These items are incredibly distracting to spectators, and to students who are performing and giving speeches. It is disappointing when a family cannot hear their student’s name being called as they cross the stage because a horn was blown or laughter due to beach balls. Please do not bring congratulatory balloons to the ceremony. They will block the view of others in the audience. **Anyone caught with these items will be removed from the ceremony and escorted out of Lawlor Events Center by security.**

## **LAWLOR HAS A BAG POLICY**

Lawlor has a policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safe environment for the public and expedite entry. For more information visit <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>

# Class of 2025 - Important Dates!



## **May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Tryouts**

- U 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Theater
- U See Ms. Danielsen for info & application

## **May 21<sup>st</sup> – Senior Awards & Scholarship Night**

- U 6:00 pm in the Gym
- U **Invite only** - If you are receiving a scholarship or award, you must fill out the Senior Survey to be invited!!

## **May 29<sup>th</sup> – Senior Day!**

- U 8:00 am - Cap & Gown Distribution in the Gym
- U Senior Assembly w/ scholarship, athletic and military signings!
- U Grad “Walk Over”
- U 6:30 pm - Senior Sunset & BBQ

## **June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – Safe & Sober Senior Trip**

- U Contact your senior class advisor for more information!

## **June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> – Finals Week!**

- U 6/3 - Seminar, 0/7th Periods
- U \*6/4 - 1st and 2nd Periods
- U \*6/5 - 3rd and 4th Periods
- U \*6/6 - 5th and 6th Periods

*\*6/4-6/6 12:10 pm dismissal\**

## **June 5<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Practice**

- U 1:00 pm in the Large Gym
- U Do not wear your cap & gown

## **June 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>– Parking Pass & Ticket Distribution for Graduation**

- U Each Grad will get ten (10) tickets and three (3) parking passes for family and friends
- U Pick up will take place each day from **8:00 am - 1:00 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room

## **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Day!**



- U 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm @ Lawlor Events Center
- U Please arrive at 3:00 pm
- U Pictures will be taken in the Silver & Blue Room before the ceremony
- U Vehicles must display parking passes in car window
- U Guests must have a ticket to enter

# ***It's Good to Be a Senior!***