

SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WEST: CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

RAIN DATE: Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

Commencement will be held on the football field and will last approximately one hour.

Chromebook Collection:

Chromebooks, styluses, and chargers must be returned prior to the rehearsal in the auditorium.

Graduation Rehearsal:

Graduation rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, June 18th**. The rehearsal will begin at **9:00 A.M.** Please allow 2 hours for the entire program.

Cap & Gown Distribution:

On **Thursday, June 18th**, senior students may pick-up caps and gowns at the conclusion of the graduation rehearsal. The rehearsal should take about 2 hours. Included with your cap and gown packet will be your cap, gown, tassel, day of ceremony directions, a yellow name card and two tickets. This name card will be used to call you up to the stage to receive your diploma, so you must bring it to graduation. ***If your name is difficult to pronounce, include the phonetic spelling.*** The two tickets will be used in the event that graduation is held indoors as a last resort on Saturday, June 27th.

Yellow Name Cards:

As indicated above, all cap and gown packets will contain a yellow name card, supplied by Island Photography. Each card contains a QR code, which allows students to enter their information, add their family/parents' emails to share their proofs and upload a photo. This information and the photo are used to accurately identify students and deliver the graduate's commencement day proofs hours after the ceremony utilizing facial recognition. We are asking all students to complete this pre-registration *before* the ceremony. A graduation photo flyer from Island Photography can be found by clicking [HERE](#). The QR code link from the flyer can also be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). **The yellow card must be brought to Graduation.**


PLEASE PRINT VERY CAREFULLY AND LEGIBLY.

YOUR NAME

First Last
(Your full name or your name as you wish it to be announced)
Example: Nancy Roberts

PHONETIC SPELLING
(Only If Needed)

Your name the way it sounds
Example: Nan-C Rah-Burts

 **COMPLETE BEFORE CEREMONY**
To complete your check-in simply scan this code with your phone camera and click on the link that appears on your screen.

Registration# _____

<https://tinyurl.com/4ww3wrse> Smithtown HS West 2026 IPQ-1

Commencement Attire:

Caps and gowns will be worn at Commencement. The cap and gown are symbols of leadership and should be worn with dignity. Caps are to be placed squarely on the head, not hanging over one ear. Unadorned gowns are to be worn at the ceremony. Students may adorn the top of their caps with appropriate decorations signifying their post-high school plans. Tassels are to be worn on the *right* side of the cap. Students that have been awarded cords through the District may wear their respective cords. **No other alterations should be made.** All students should be dressed appropriately. If you have any questions as to what is or is not appropriate, please see an administrator after the rehearsal.

Arrival for Commencement:

Please report to the **gymnasium** on Friday, June 26th at **4:00 P.M.** Each yellow card contains *a number* which will be used to form our processional line-up. Students will be assigned to line up either in the auxiliary or main gym; this will be reviewed at Graduation Rehearsal. Your number will be found on your name card given to you at Cap & Gown Distribution.

Processional:

After the processional, seniors should remain standing and should remove their caps for the pledge and the national anthem. Students will then sit until called up row-by-row to receive their diploma.

PLEASE DO NOT RUSH ACROSS THE PLATFORM!

Your picture will be taken to capture the moment that you are awarded your diploma.

Please follow all directions given to you by the teachers..

Upon completion of the ceremony, Mr. Holl will ask you to stand and move your tassels from the right to the left. He will pronounce you as graduates and you then may throw your hats in the air! The recessional will be played to end the ceremony.

After Commencement:

At the conclusion of the ceremony, diplomas will be distributed at the tent on the blacktop behind the main gym. **Diplomas must be picked up within 30 minutes from the conclusion of the ceremony.** . Diplomas will not be issued to seniors who **owe book fines or fail to return chromebooks, uniforms, or other school-issued equipment.** You must settle your obligations *BEFORE* the Graduation Ceremony. Please return all books to the library and pay fines to Mrs. Stech in the textbook room of the library. The cap and gown are yours to keep. Please feel free to take photos on our football field with your family.

Shuttle and Parking:

All parking lots on our three-school campus will be open for parking with the exception of the parking lot to the west of the high school building (tennis courts). However, on-site parking will be limited since we do expect a large turnout. Buses and golf carts will shuttle handicapped and elderly visitors to/from the three parking areas to the football field beginning at 3:30 P.M. and will continue until the ceremony is completed. Shuttle pick up is at the flagpole in front of the school. Please respect our neighbors and try to park on school grounds for the event.

If you have a DMV issued handicapped parking permit, please have it ready and visible when you pull up so traffic is not delayed.

Inclement Weather:

The rain date for graduation is **Saturday, June 27, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.** *Please do not call the Main Office in the event of bad weather.* We will notify the senior class by School Messenger at approximately 3:00 P.M. if there is a need to postpone the ceremony. It is also possible that we may delay the start time of our ceremony. Information will also be posted on our website.

Live Streaming:

The graduation ceremony will be streamed live by a professional videographer. More information to follow shortly.

Professional Photographer & Videographer:

Smithtown CSD has contracted with professional video production and photography crews to record video and take pictures at the event. The ceremony will be produced into a downloadable file, which will be released shortly after the event to be enjoyed by our graduates and their families at home. Students and families will have the option to purchase photos taken by Island Photography after the event. To ensure the safety of all of our students and families, personal photography will not be permitted on the field during the ceremony.

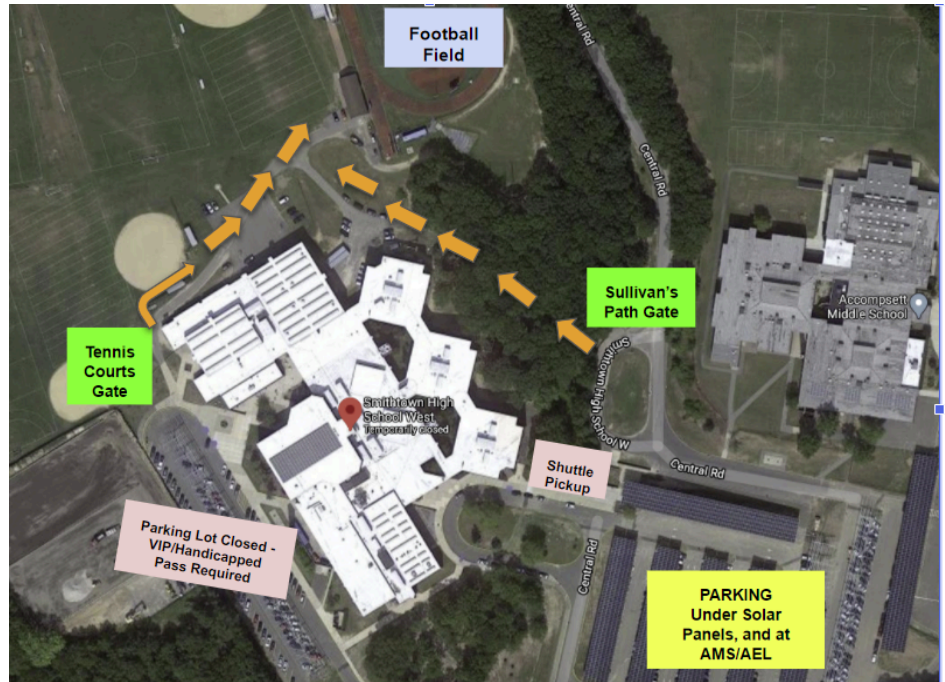
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Any candidate for graduation who violates the Smithtown Central School District Code of Conduct during graduation will have their diploma held pending a meeting with the Principal and their parents. In addition, a letter from the Principal may be sent to your college, notifying them of your disciplinary infraction.</p>

Guest Information, Safety, and Event Procedures:

In compliance with state law, the Smithtown CSD is a non-smoking district. Smoking/vaping is prohibited on school grounds.

Entrance Procedures:

1. Students must arrive promptly to the gymnasiums and join the processional lineups according to the rehearsal guidelines.
2. Guests will access the Football Field area through either the entrance at the top of the tennis courts parking lot or through "Sullivan's Path," which begins at the bottom traffic circle (located between the HSW Visitor's Entrance & AMS) & ends at the football field.



Tickets & Seating:

1. There is **NO LIMIT** to the amount of guests that each graduate may have in attendance.
 - Guests may sit together either in the home or visitor grandstands on our football field.
 - **Seating for graduation will be open for ALL guests starting at 3:00 P.M. Seats may not be reserved ahead of time and security will be on-site to remove any reserved seats prior to 3:00 P.M.**
 - Guests are permitted to bring lawn chairs, which can be set-up anywhere outside the perimeter of our field area. *There will be no seating inside the fenced-off area on the field.*

Graduation Gifts:

The PTSA has again partnered with The Commencement Group who will be selling gifts and floral arrangements to senior families on the day of graduation. Flowers can be pre-ordered for pickup at the football field on June 26th. Commemorative HSW Class of 2026 t-shirts with the names of the class graduates listed on the back are also for sale! Pre-orders will be accepted up until 5:00 P.M. on June 25th and can be placed by clicking this [LINK](#) or this [FLYER](#). If you have any questions, there is a link on the order form to reach the company directly or you may contact Robin Matejka at (631) 382-2991. A percentage of total sales will be donated back to the PTSA.