

# Class of 2026!

## Class of 2026 Commencement Checklist:

1.	Grade 12 Assembly for all Grade 12s	Thursday February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2026	Meeting for all Grade 12's to review Graduation Requirements and Commencement details. Meeting to be held on Period 4 lunch at noon in the Lecture Hall. All info to be posted on School Website.
2.	Commencement Fee (Commencement ceremony, Gown, Breakfast)  Payment on Cash online Cash will not be accepted	Due: April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026  (Cash on line opens: March 9 <sup>th</sup> 2026, <b>Closes: April 30<sup>th</sup> at noon</b> )	<b>All GRADE 12 students interested in participating in Commencement</b> , will require a Gown. The all inclusive <b>\$65</b> fee to participate includes: The student's Gown (mandatory for participation), cap & tassel to keep, and the Commencement hot breakfast, and the Commencement venue at Mohawk College which includes parking for <u>one vehicle</u> . The fee of <b>\$65</b> can be purchased on cash online for any student in grade 12 that wishes to participate in Commencement and has not already participated.
3.	Community Awards and Scholarships	Due: April 30, 2026	Scholarship Profile forms are available through the school website > Student Services Tab. Submit to msusi@hwdsb.on.ca
	40 hours of Community Involvement	Due: April 30, 2026	All completed volunteer hours sheets must be submitted to the Guidance Office by this date.
5.	Valedictorian Nominations due	Opens April 1st 8:00 AM Due: April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026; 11:59 PM.	Nomination forms & instructions will be available on the school website. Student Services > '2026 GRADUATION / COMMENCEMENT'.
6.	Ticket sales for Grade 12 Prom/Dinner-Dance	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Details found on our school website>Student Services > '2026 GRADUATION / COMMENCEMENT'. (Ticket distribution in the atrium - May 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> )
7.	Commencement Breakfast	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 7:45 AM – 9:15 AM  Doors open at 7:30 AM	A Hot Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria for Students Participating in Commencement 2026. (included with Commencement Fee). Valedictorian voting will happen during Breakfast.
8.	Grade 12 Prom Dinner-Dance Galileo Gardens, Hamilton ON	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 5:30 PM  \$65	Details found on our school website under the Student Services tab > '2026 GRADUATION / COMMENCEMENT'. (*Please note: this event and ticket fee is separate from the Commencement Fee)
9.	<b>Commencement Ceremony</b>	<b>Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 4:00 PM Mohawk College (McIntyre Performing Arts Centre) Theatre &amp; Overflow rooms (first come first served)</b>	<b>Details regarding tickets, logistics, parking, etc. will posted on our school website under the Student Services Tab &gt; '2026 GRADUATION / COMMENCEMENT'</b> (Doors open for parents/guardians at 3:30 pm). Guests must have a physical ticket for entry. Graduates do not need a ticket.

## Class of 2026 GRADUATION Checklist: (diploma)

### All of the following requirements must be met to be considered a potential graduate to earn your diploma:

- You must have earned a minimum of 26 credits by end of semester 1.
- You must be scheduled to take the remaining courses needed to complete the 18 compulsory credits and the 12 optional credits for a total of 30 credits by mid-term semester 2.
- You must have submitted documentation of 40 hours of community volunteer activities by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Diplomas for graduates will be available for pick up in the summer of 2026. Details to be posted online.

**Students are responsible for meeting all the deadlines as outlined. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the Guidance office at (905) 573-3000, ext, 4388**