



Raider Class of 2026

Important End of the Year Information

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Senior End of Year Events and Commencement Information

Senior Yard Signs

Students were notified that **Class of 2026 Yard Signs** needed to be ordered using a form on Schoology and will be notified when the signs are delivered. Current students should pick up their sign from the main office on their way out of the school, either during lunch periods or after school. Early grads can pick up their sign in the main office anytime between the hours of 7:30 AM-3:00 PM.

Senior Meetings

The Class of 2026 will have three informational meetings to help prepare for the end of the year:

Monday, March 23

During Raider Hour, students heard important information about senior speakers, Prom, and the Senior Slide Show.

Friday, April 24

During Raider Hour, students will hear important information about Commencement and senior events along with their responsibilities for wrapping up their time as a South student.

Friday, May 1

During Raider Hour, students will share time with the newest inductees to the [Glenbard South Distinguished Alumni](#).

Decision Day: Friday, May 1

During lunch periods, seniors are invited to sign a banner and take pictures on our red carpet to show the Glenbard South community their future plans. Seniors will also "paint" their handprint on the Raider Spirit Wall to commemorate the imprint they will forever leave on Glenbard South.

Senior Breakfast: Friday, May 8

Seniors will be provided free breakfast during 1st period in the Commons. Seniors will be excused from 1st period class in order to attend breakfast.

Special Seating Requests for Commencement: Deadline-Friday, May 8

Families requesting special seating should contact the Nurses Office at 630-942-6682 before May 8th. No other reserved seats will be available.

Senior Awards and Scholarship Night Ceremony: Wednesday, May 13

Students will receive an invitation by mail if they will be recognized at the Senior Awards and Scholarship Night. This celebration will honor members of the Class of 2026 for academic, athletic or extracurricular achievements, as well as honor those who have earned scholarships to pursue their postsecondary goals. All Seniors are welcome to attend and celebrate together but attendance is not required if a letter was not received.

Senior Last Day of Attendance: Friday, May 15

The Class of 2026 will have a memorable last day with the following events:

Senior Farewell Funfest

Seniors should attend periods 1-3 and then will spend the rest of the morning at the Senior Farewell Funfest, sponsored by the Glenbard South Boosters. When leaving the building after 3rd period we will have a special "clap-out" celebration from the staff and student body. Boosters are planning the event with lunch and fun events planned for everyone.

Cap and Gown Distribution

Students will pick up their Cap and Gown prior to leaving for the day on May 15 during the Senior Farewell Fun Fest. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please contact Herff Jones at (815)756-4743 or order online at www.herffjones.com. Please note that all school obligations and/or fees must be paid before a cap and gown or tickets will be issued. Gowns are rented to students and must be returned at the end of the Commencement Ceremony in order to receive the official diploma.

Prom: Saturday, May 16

This year's prom will be held in the Grand Ballroom at [The Westin Chicago Lombard](http://TheWestinChicagoLombard), from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Students should arrive at South at 6:15 PM. Buses will leave promptly at 6:45 PM and arrive back at South at approximately 10:15 PM. All students are required to take the school provided transportation to and from the prom venue. There are no exceptions.

Commencement Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 20

Students should begin arriving at the Glenbard South Auditorium at 10:30 AM for a prompt 11:00 AM start. Commencement Rehearsal is a designated time to receive seating assignments, walk through the commencement ceremony and make sure students have a clear understanding about their role.

Commencement Tickets: Each graduate will receive six (6) tickets for Commencement at Rehearsal. Families in need of additional tickets should contact the main office at 630-469-6500. We can not guarantee additional tickets, but will do our best to accommodate if we have unused tickets.

Senior Photo: Wednesday, May 20

The Senior Photo will be taken immediately following rehearsal. Location will depend on weather.

- All members of the Class of 2026 will be included in the photo.
- Students can purchase a copy of the photo at <https://my.lifetouch.com/>.
 - Use Picture Day ID: CH005218T0
 - Teacher's name is not required.
- Paper copies of the order form will also be available on the day of the Senior Photo.

Commencement: Thursday, May 21

Commencement for the Class of 2026 is scheduled on Thursday, May 21st, at 7:30 PM. Students should arrive to the Glenbard South Auditorium by 6:00 PM. Parents/guardians are permitted to enter the Raider Gym at 6:45 PM. Commencement will begin promptly at 7:30 PM. We anticipate the ceremony to last approximately 90 minutes.

Photographs and Streaming

A professional photographer from GradImages will take photographs of each graduate during the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase pictures. The Commencement Ceremony will also be live streamed and recorded. A link to the live streaming will be posted on our website in advance of the ceremony and a recording will be posted at the earliest convenience.

Proper Attire for Commencement

Students should dress appropriately for this special occasion. Please use the following guidelines:

- Caps and gowns must be worn and should not be altered in any way.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn for walking on staging, ramps and stairs.
- Students are prohibited from carrying balloons, flowers, or wearing sunglasses during the ceremony.
- Families should also refrain from bringing anything that would distract from the ceremony.

iPad Information

Seniors who have attended Glenbard South for all 4 years, have paid their annual iPad rental payments, and have no outstanding obligations will own their device, charger, and case upon graduation. Total control of the device will be turned over to students when all transcripts are finalized (typically late June/July). At that time, students will lose access to Glenbard paid apps/files and their Glenbard Apple ID. Families can check their fee balance by using the parent PowerSchool login or by contacting the Student Services office.

If obligations are not resolved, the iPad will be disabled. If the iPad requires a buyout purchase (rented less than 4 years), students may pay the buyout or return the iPad at the end of the year. Please visit the Technology Help Desk in the Library with any questions regarding iPads.

Financial Obligations

All financial obligations should be resolved in order to receive your cap and gown and tickets for the Commencement Ceremony. All families will be notified in advance in order to resolve any obligation. Please contact Mr. Joe Sikes (joseph_sikes@glenbard.org) or phone at (630)469-9100 Ext. 5120, District Bookkeeper, with questions about specific financial obligations.

Google Drive Transfer

BEFORE Commencement on May 21, students need to take steps to save anything they would like to keep from Schoology, their iPad, or Google Drive. In addition, there are some steps students should take to save Google Drive files to their personal Gmail account or download them for use with another service. This process is done through Google Takeout. Please read the [Takeout instructions](#) carefully.

After May 21, we will not be able to reopen accounts or retrieve files/emails, and students will no longer have access to Gmail, Schoology, Notability, or Google Drive. DON'T WAIT! Back up all important files before May 21.



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