



Commencement Schedule & Important Information

Friday, May 29, 2026

6 p.m. SIXTH-FORM ALUMNI INDUCTION DINNER AND SLIDESHOW

Dinner will be held under the tent overlooking Lake Cochichewick behind the admission building for the sixth-form and parents, guardians and alumni guests. A slideshow commemorating the sixth form will be shown. RSVP is required.

Saturday, May 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. DONNING OF THE STOLES AND SYMBOLS CEREMONY

This ceremony is held in Frank D. Ashburn Chapel. The service celebrates the achievements and future aspirations of students from BIPOC and underrepresented groups. Seating is open and no RSVP is required. This event will be livestreamed.

2 p.m. LAWN CEREMONY

This ceremony is held in the tent overlooking Lake Cochichewick behind the admission building. Prizes are awarded for academic, artistic and athletic achievements to students in all forms. Student speakers will share remarks. Seating is open and no RSVP is required. This event will be livestreamed.

Immediately following Lawn Ceremony: STUDENT FAREWELL “BOO-HOO SERVICE”

The “Boo-Hoo Service” is a student-led service held in Frank D. Ashburn Chapel. This event is for students in all forms. Parents and guardians are welcome to take pictures during the receiving line following the service in the Chapel Quad. A reception will be held in the Keating Room for parents, guardians and guests of the graduating class to enjoy while students participate in the “Boo-Hoo Service.”

5 p.m. SIXTH-FORM DINNER

Dinner will be held in Wilder Dining Hall for the sixth form and their parents, guardians and guests. RSVP is required. Students may opt to leave campus for dinner with parents, guardians and guests.

Sunday, June 1, 2026

8:15 a.m. SIXTH-FORM PINNING BREAKFAST

Graduates will each be pinned with a rosette during this graduates-only breakfast. Since 1932, sixth-formers have worn a Brooks rosette as an emblem of their accomplishments. Students wearing blazers receive a self-adhesive Brooks patch.



9:15 a.m. SIXTH-FORM CHAPEL SERVICE

The service will be held in Frank D. Ashburn Chapel for members of the sixth form, and their parents and guardians. No RSVP is required.

10:15 a.m. PRIZE DAY CEREMONY (AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS)

This final graduation ceremony is held in the tent overlooking Lake Cochichewick behind the admission building. Sixth-form students are awarded prizes and diplomas. One student speaker will share remarks. Seating is open and no RSVP is required. This event will be livestreamed.

12:15 p.m. GRADUATION LUNCHEON

Lunch will be held in Wilder Dining Hall. Seating is open and no RSVP is required. Students may opt to leave campus for lunch with parents and guardians.

Events displayed in green are open to parents, guardians and guests.

LODGING: We strongly recommend that you make room reservations well in advance. Several local accommodation options are available. Please visit our lodging page for suggestions:
www.brooksschool.org/parents/lodging.

ACCESSIBILITY and PARKING: There is unlimited seating for both Lawn Ceremony and Prize Day, which take place under the tent behind the admission building. Wheelchair-accessible seating is available. Parking attendants will direct guests to designated lots, and golf carts will be available to shuttle guests from parking areas to the tent. Please note that Main Street will be closed.

ATTIRE FOR GRADUATES: Commencement at Brooks is a formal occasion. Graduates are expected to wear appropriate attire as follows:

- **Lawn Ceremony (Saturday, May 30)** – Formal dress is required.
- **Prize Day (May 31)** – Graduates must wear:
 - **Option 1:** White pants, a white button-down collared shirt, a navy blue blazer, a Brooks patch, a Brooks tie and dress shoes.
 - **Option 2:** A formal all-white outfit (dress or pantsuit) with dress shoes.
- All graduates will wear a **Brooks School rosette** provided by the school.
- Graduates will receive the rosette at the **Sixth-Form Pinning Breakfast on Sunday, May 31 from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** Students wearing blazers will also receive a self-adhesive Brooks patch to wear during the ceremony. All graduates may choose to receive either a Brooks tie or charm bracelet. The Brooks tie and bracelets will be distributed at the **Sixth-Form Alumni Induction Dinner and Slideshow on May 29**. We recommend that boarding students bring their graduation attire to campus when they return from Spring Break.