

HENRY WISE WOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation 2026
Banquet Speaker Application

To be considered as a presenter, students must be:

- a representative of the student body
- able to address a large audience
- an upstanding Henry Wise Wood High School citizen
- willing to consult and work with a teacher advisor

I _____ would like to be considered for one of the speaking roles in this year's graduation banquet. Please consider my name for the role(s) checked below:

1. Master(s) of Ceremonies _____
Name of Co-presenter _____
(Both presenters must each submit individual application forms)
2. Class Historian _____
3. Giving Thanks _____
4. Toast to the Staff _____

***See page 2 for the description of the speaking roles and the requirements for the audition. Please keep the attached sheet for reference purposes.**

My current schedule is:

Period	Class	Teacher	Room
1			
2			
3			
4			

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____
(Print Clearly)

This application form must be submitted to the Grad 2026 D2L shell by **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**.

Auditions will be held during the week of **March 16-18, 2026** at **lunch** in the library conference room.

Upon selection, students will work in collaboration with Mr. Cancilla (room 102) to finalize their speeches.

SPEAKING ROLES/AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

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What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

– Jane Goodall

- 1. Master(s) of Ceremonies (MC)** – As the host and guide for the graduation banquet, the Master of Ceremonies will keep the audience engaged and ensure the event flows smoothly and stays on schedule. The MC will welcome guests, acknowledge the land, introduce and thank the speakers, and manage transitions throughout the evening. Either an individual applicant or a pair of applicants will be selected.

You will present a **2-minute** presentation of a sample introduction. You will be writing your final script under the tutelage of Mr. Cancilla.

- 2. Class Historian(s)** – The Class Historian provides entertainment and insight. The historian will recap major events and collective memories of the past three school years, culminating in the high school experience of the graduating class. Major events at the school include clubs, sports activities, fundraisers, Fine Arts performances/presentations and any other notable happenings at Henry Wise Wood. Reference to the graduation theme must be considered.

You will present your prepared speech (**approximate time: 3 – 5 minutes**).

- 3. Giving Thanks (maximum time: 1 minute)** – Prior to dinner being served, a Grade 12 student will present a tribute of thankfulness and lead guests through a brief time of silent reflection.

You will present a **sample** speech.

- 4. Toast to the Staff (maximum time: 2 minutes)** – A Grade 12 student will acknowledge and give thanks to the Henry Wise Wood High School staff for their support and guidance throughout the past three years.

You will present a **sample** toast.

Prepared speeches will be presented to the Grad Committee during the week of **March 16-18**.

Questions? See Ms. Belliveau (room 115) or Ms. Little (Guidance)