

President's Order of Events 2022

Academic Processional

[When all students have processed in and “Pomp and Circumstance” stops playing, step up to the podium and say:]

“Good **afternoon** and welcome to the commencement ceremony for the Red Land High School Class of 2022. I ask that you please take a moment to silence all cell phones.”

[Pause for 15-20 seconds to allow people to check their phones]

“Please rise, and gentlemen remove your caps, for the playing of our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.”

[When the National Anthem is finished, face the flag, and lead the pledge.]

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

[stay standing and wait for the entire JROTC color guard to leave **the field...** when they are at the **threshold going out**, you say:]

“Please be seated.”

Welcome (Prologue) by Class President

“Good afternoon parents, family members, friends, faculty, administrators, and my fellow classmates, the class of 2022. My name is Billy Carlisle, your senior class president, oh I was expecting applause, and I am extremely honored to be guiding today’s ceremony. We truly have had a high school experience unlike any other. It almost makes me want to go back through high school again now to get the full experience... HAHA just kidding. Seriously though, I believe our generation will know how to adapt to new situations better than any other. Especially our class. It honestly felt like I had only 2 NORMAL years of high school. From in person to online to in person again to online again to in person again and so on. You get the point. But the bigger picture is, we have developed a quickness, a skill that will give us a competitive edge in our future. A future full of success, happiness, and love.”

[Pause for applause]

“It is now my pleasure to introduce the district administration **seated on the platform.** Dr. Todd B. Stoltz, Superintendent of the West Shore School District.”

[Pause for applause]

“And, I ask that the rest of the administrative team of the district please stand to be recognized.”

[Pause for applause]

“I would also like to recognize the school board **seated on the platform.** **Mr. Brian K. Guistwhite,** School Board President.”

[Pause for applause]

“Additionally, I invite the rest of the West Shore School Board to rise and be recognized.”

[Pause for applause]

“Thank you all for attending this **afternoon** and for your involvement in hour ceremony.”

“We work diligently to bring pride and honor to Red Land, and flourish under the guidance of the professionals who are dedicated to hour success. In that spirit of the Red Land family, many of hour teachers have joined us this **afternoon**, dressed in a reflection of their academic paths and to honor hour journey as well. As they celebrate our accomplishments, let us take a moment to thank them for their commitment to us. I ask them to stand at this time to be recognized, and I invite you all to join the class in a round of applause.”

[Pause for applause]

Introductions of Student Speakers by Class President

“Our first speaker is Salutatorian Katrina Bui. Katrina is attending Lehigh University, majoring in mathematics, with a possible minor in actuarial science. Katrina enjoys performing in choir and musicals. She is also avid volunteer for the school’s Key Club, and plans to continue her service to the community after high school. She also enjoys participating in movie marathons with her friends...this summer, she plans to watch Harry Potter, Marvel, and Star Wars.

The class Valedictorian is Kajal Mehta. After graduation, Kajal will attend Carnegie Mellon University to major in information systems. Kajal relaxes by reading and listening to audio books, mostly fictional pieces written by authors from various cultures. She also enjoys spending time with her grandmothers and listening to their stories of growing up in India. At this time, please welcome our class speakers.”

Speeches by Katrina Bui and Kajal Mehta

Epilogue by Class President

“Thank you, Katrina and Kajal. Now I would like to finish off with a quote from Kobe Bryant. He once said “Those times when you get up early, and you work hard. Those times when you stay up late, and work hard. Those times when you don’t feel like working, you’re too tired, you don’t want to push yourself, but you do it anyway. That is actually the dream, that is the dream. It’s not the destination, it’s the journey.” For me, I think it’s not about where you’ve been, AND it’s not about where you’re going. What’s most important is where you are now, in the moment, and making the most of each and every day. So, when you go off to college, or the workforce, or where ever you want to go, remember to work hard and enjoy the journey. So now today, looking back on all my years at Red Land. I can proudly say, I was living the dream. AND I encourage you all to continue to work and adapt and live your dreams. Thank you.”

[Pause for applause]

"Commencement awards will now be presented by **Mr. Thomas Moore**, Senior Guidance Counselor, and **Mzz. Jen Taylor**, Senior Class Assistant Principal.”

[Speeches for Commencement award winners]

“Mrs. Melissa Herbert, Red Land Principal, will now present the Class of **2022.**”

[Class presented to the Board]

“Dr. Todd B. Stoltz, Superintendent of the West Shore School District, will now accept the Class of **2022.**”

[Superintendent accepts class with a speech]

“Diplomas will now be awarded by Mrs. Melissa Herbert, Principal; Mrs. Shelly McGowan, Mrs. Jennifer Post, and Mzz. Jen Taylor, Assistant Principals; and Mrs. Heather Wolfe and Mrs. Taylor Wiggins, Senior Class Deans.”

[Diplomas awarded]

“Will the class members please rise and join me in the turning of the tassels.”

[Tassels turned...Note: tassels go from right to left]

“Congratulations, Class of 2022!”

“Will the Class of 2022 and our guests please rise and sing the Red Land Alma Mater, led by the Senior Chamber Singers.”

[Alma Mater played by the band...wait for short intro before singing...
step back from podium so mic doesn't pick you up!]

“We thank you for joining us this afternoon. We ask the audience to remain in the stands while the Class of 2022 exits together for the last time during the Academic Recessional.”

[Exit with class]