CLASS OF 2023

SENIOR DAYS & COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE
TOWER SIGNING
9 A.M. – 12 P.M. & 1 – 5 P.M. | Old Main Tower

SENIOR CARNIVAL
1 – 5 P.M. | Thorson Hall Field

BURNING HOMEWORK
1 – 5 P.M. | Thorson Hall Firepit

TRIVIA & MOVIE NIGHT
9 – 11:30 P.M. | Quad- Under the Stars!

TOWER SIGNING
9 A.M. – 12 P.M. & 1 – 5 P.M. | Old Main Tower

CAMPUS GOLF
10 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | Quad

SENIORS ON ICE
3 – 5 P.M. | Tostrud Ice Arena

NIGHT AT THE GRAND*
8:30 P.M.–12:30 A.M. | Grand Event Center

*Ticket Purchase Required*
FRIDAY, MAY 26

TOWER SIGNING
9 A.M. – 12 P.M. & 1 – 5 P.M. | Old Main Tower
Repeats one last time on Saturday

SENIOR SCAVENGER HUNT
10 A.M. – 5 P.M. | Campus Wide

LAST LECTURE & PARTING WORDS
1 – 2 P.M. | Boe Chapel

DAY IN NORTHFIELD
1:30 – 4:30 P.M. | Bridge Square

NIGHT AT THE SAINTS GAME*
5:15 – 11:00 P.M. | CHS Field

Ticket Purchase Required*
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2023

May 27–28

The 2023 Commencement ceremony will take place on the Campus Green between Mellby and Tomson halls. We hope you will join us for the wide variety of events — including a concert, meals, and other gatherings — that will be held on the Hill in conjunction with graduation.
Celebration Concert
With the St. Olaf Band, St. Olaf Choir, and St. Olaf Orchestra
Skoglund Center, Auditorium

This combined concert provides an opportunity to celebrate the musical talents of the St. Olaf Band, St. Olaf Choir, and St. Olaf Orchestra, as well as the outgoing seniors in these ensembles. This event is free and open to the public.
6 - 8:30 P.M.

**Illumination Social**  
**Tickets: $35/person**  
* **Buntrock Commons**

The Illumination Social will be held throughout Buntrock Commons for graduating seniors and their guests. This dinner reception showcases some of St. Olaf’s most requested menu items. Come when you can, leave when you must. Tickets are required for all guests, including graduating and current students. Ole Cards are not valid for this meal. Attire for this event is Casual and St. Olaf branded apparel is welcomed.

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9:00 P.M.

**Illumination Ceremony**  
* **Mellby Lawn**

This ceremony honors the graduates as they transition from life as a student to becoming a member of the St. Olaf alumni community. The class lanterns will be placed on the Campus Green on Saturday, and students are encouraged to locate their personalized lantern sometime during the day, leaving them in place until after the brief ceremony at 9 p.m. At the end of the evening, students may take their lantern as a remembrance of their time on the Hill.
7:30 – 9 A.M.

Breakfast
Pay at the door
Buntrock Commons, Stav Hall

9 – 10 A.M.

Baccalaureate
Skoglund Center, Auditorium

Graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to gather to worship and give thanks for the life and the community that was shared by the graduating class. This capstone worship service is led by the Campus pastors and also the St. Olaf Band and the St. Olaf Choir. The decision to hold Commencement on the Campus Green or inside Skoglund is announced at Baccalaureate. This event is free and open to the public.

10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Brunch
Tickets: $25 adults, $12.50 children (6-12), free for children 5 and under.
Buntrock Commons, Stav Hall
Enjoy brunch with family, friends, and students. Tickets may be purchased through the online registration process. There is no charge for graduating seniors or current students with an active meal plan. If your current student (non-senior) is planning to attend this brunch and is not under an active meal plan, please select “Adult” when registering this student for brunch online.

11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Academic Department Receptions
Locations across campus

Graduating seniors, family members and guests are invited to meet and celebrate with faculty and staff across campus.

2 P.M.
Senior Line-up
Tostrud Center, Lower Level

Graduating seniors should arrive promptly in cap and gown with tassel to line up and prepare for the Commencement Ceremony.
3 P.M.

Commencement Ceremony

*Campus Green (outdoor)*
or *Skoglund (indoor)*

Commencement is scheduled to be outdoors on the Campus Green between Mellby and Tomson halls; no tickets are required for general seating in this location. In the event of severe weather or major safety hazards, Commencement will be held in Skoglund Center Auditorium, and tickets will be required. Students received three “rain tickets” at GradFest.

Accessible seating including sign language interpreting is available on the Campus Green and in Skoglund Center Auditorium. The Commencement ceremony will be live-streamed in Boe Chapel, Viking Theater and Tomson 280 for guests who prefer to view the ceremony in a temperature-controlled environment. No tickets are required in broadcast locations.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Parking
Guests may park in any of the lots located on campus. Additional overflow parking is available in Skoglund & Tostrud and on St. Olaf Ave behind New Hall. Public Safety will be on site helping to direct traffic.

Handicap Parking
Handicap parking is available in marked spaces throughout the campus with additional spaces in the parking lot between Tomson Hall and Mellby Hall. Improve chances of availability.

Shuttles For Guests with Accessibility Needs
Golf cart shuttles will be available from the parking lots to locations across campus to assist those with mobility concerns. There will be shuttle pickup locations at the parking lots of Skoglund, Buntrock Commons and behind New Hall.

Animals on Campus
We request that you do not bring any animals to the St. Olaf campus other than service animals.

Do I need a ticket?
Saturday evening Illumination Social tickets and/or Sunday Brunch tickets can be picked up starting at 10am on Saturday in Buntrock Commons Crossroads (ground floor)
For the outdoor Commencement Ceremony, there is no limit to the number of guests that can attend and no tickets are necessary. Each graduate has received 3 indoor ceremony tickets, to be used in case of inclement weather or a decision to move the ceremony indoors. The final location of the Commencement ceremony will be announced on Sunday, May 28 at 9 AM.

**Streaming Locations**
The Commencement ceremony will be live-streamed in three indoor locations on campus for those who prefer to view with more distance and in a temperature-controlled environment.

The streaming locations are:

- **Boe Chapel**
- **Tomson Hall, Room 280**
- **Buntrock Commons, Viking Theater**

**ADA Seating**
There will be designated seating areas available for guests with ADA needs. Upon arrival, please ask an usher to help you find the ADA seating section.

**Hearing Assistance**
Hearing assistance devices will be available at the tech booth at the Celebration Concert, Baccalaureate and Commencement. Please ask an usher for directions to the tech booth.

For the sign language interpreter section, please ask an usher.
Dining
Tickets for the Saturday night Illumination Social or Sunday Brunch purchased in advance, may be picked up between 10 am - 8 pm on Saturday, or 7 am - 1 pm on Sunday. Additional tickets may be purchased at Buntrock Commons Crossroads (Ground Floor) at the listed times.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase in the Cage and Stav Hall, both located in Buntrock Commons. Food will be available through normal meal plans or updated dining hours for students not attending the Illumination Social on Saturday night or Sunday Brunch.

Special Dietary Restrictions
All foods will be labeled and will indicate if the item is Gluten Free, Vegetarian, Vegan, Contains Nuts, etc. If you made a specific request in your ticket purchase (i.e. Kosher), please ask one of the servers to connect you to a Bon Appetit Supervisor, and they can assist with getting you the proper meal.

More FAQ
Please reference the FAQ on the Commencement website.

We look forward to helping you celebrate this important milestone for your graduate. Please send all questions to events@stolaf.edu.