

## **What is a Baccalaureate Ceremony?**

The term generally refers to a non-denominational ceremony held a few days before high school or college graduation. Unlike the massive commencement exercises held in stadiums or arenas, baccalaureate ceremonies offer a quieter, more intimate opportunity to pause and reflect on this rite of passage, hear a keynote speaker, a faculty member and student speakers offer advice to the graduating class and enjoy students' musical talents.

## **Why are we asking for \$15- \$20 per family for this event?**

This event is held at a church and is completely separate from the school activities. It is run by volunteers and is funded completely by the parents. It is a beautiful memory and holds rich traditions for the Eastlake community.

## **What does my money go toward?**

As a committee, we send out information via mail, make invites and programs, pay a church to use their facilities, rent their a/v people, provide refreshments and decor, pay for a keynote speaker, and provide candles for the candle lighting moment.

To donate, you can either mail a check to the school address at 400 228th Ave. N.E., Sammamish, WA 98074, or pay online using PayPal at [www.ehspts.org](http://www.ehspts.org) under Programs.

**We look forward to another year of beautiful memories for our students at Eastlake.  
We appreciate your support.**