



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

CLASS OF 2019



It is an exciting time of year for you and the staff at MHS is looking forward to celebrating the commencement of the class of 2019! Included in this newsletter are some critically important points that are essential for a smooth experience. MHS staff wants the seniors to have a safe, enjoyable and memorable end to their high school careers. Please celebrate your accomplishments in a positive way and **SHOW YOUR CARDINAL PRIDE!**

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Senior Trip Sign Up | Through May 24 | Online Only | mcpasd.feepay.com |
| Scholarship Night | Wednesday, May 15 | 7:00 PM | PAC |
| Books Returned/ Fines Paid | Tuesday, May 21 | By end of day | Teachers and LMC |
| Yearbook Distribution | Friday, May 24 | ASR | Varsity Gym |
| Academic Awards | Wednesday, May 22 | 7:30 PM | PAC |
| Senior Exams | May 28 & 29 | Blocks 1 – 4 Blocks 5 – 7 | |
| Senior Trip | Thursday, May 30 | Check in 8:30 AM Depart 9:00 AM Return buses at 1:00 and 7:00 PM | Varsity Gym (enter through the Concourse) |
| Graduation Practice & Gown Distribution | Friday, May 31 | 9:00-11:00 AM | Varsity Gym/Concourse |
| Senior Walk | Friday, May 31 | 2:00 PM | Elementary Schools |
| Graduation | Sunday, June 2 | Doors open: 12:45 PM Arrive by 1:15 PM In line by 1:45 PM Ceremony: 2:00 PM | Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum |

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed on May 24 during ASR. In order to receive a yearbook students must satisfy all school fee obligations, including LMC. If your student isn't sure whether they have any outstanding obligations, please have them see Ms. Babiuk in the Business Office or call her at 829-9926.

LMC MATERIALS RETURNED

All LMC materials are due and all outstanding fees or fines must be paid before the Senior Trip via Fee Pay. Yearbooks will not be distributed to anyone with outstanding LMC fees/fines/overdue items. To inquire about LMC obligations or report lost items to be added to fee pay, please have them stop by the LMC or call Ms. Shaw at 829-9875.

SENIOR TRIP

The Senior Trip to Devils Lake State Park will take place on Thursday, May 30. Students should report to the concourse at 8:30 AM. We plan to leave at 9:00 AM. Senior trip sign up will be online through May 24.

LEAVING MHS

Senior Responsibilities: Please have all LMC books and materials returned. All textbooks should be returned to teachers and all fines paid by May 21.

- **Future plans:** It is important to let MHS know your post-graduation plans. This information is to be reported to the Department of Public Education for every graduate. A survey will be sent to all seniors via their Infinite Campus account during the 1st week of May. It will only take a couple of minutes to fill out and submit. The survey must be completed by May 17.
- **Transcripts:** Seniors must request a final MHS transcript for the college/university they plan to attend next fall. If you applied via The Common Application, please contact your counselor and ask that they submit a final transcript to your account. If you did not use The Common Application, or if you are attending a college that is not on The Common Application, you will need to use Parchment to request your final transcripts for colleges and/or NCAA. Final transcripts will be processed, after grades have been posted in mid-late June.
- **Immunization records** may be requested through the MHS Health Office or your primary care physician. The records may be necessary for entrance into colleges or other educational institutions.
- **Alumni Registration Form:** The Cardinal Alumni Network would like to gather permanent contact information that seniors will be using after they have graduated from MHS. The information collected will help us contact you in the future to tell you about class reunions, e-news, and ways to support your hometown schools. In early May all senior advisors will begin having seniors fill out this short digital form during advisory with the intention of all advisories completing the form by the end of May.

Take your data with you!

Most of your data is stored in Google Drive or locally on your H:\ drive or Media Server Folder. Files on the H: drive or the media server can be copied to a USB drive or moved to Internet storage like a personal Google Drive or Cloud Storage account.

You can export your data directly from Google Apps by using Google Takeout: <https://takeout.google.com/settings/takeout>

Accounts will be deleted August 1st, so data must be removed by then.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Cap and gown distribution will be immediately following graduation practice on May 31 in the MHS Concourse. In order to receive your gown on the 31st you will need to have your order paid in full. If for any reason this presents a challenge or concern please contact your counselor.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Practice will be on Friday, May 31 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in MHS Varsity Gym. Immediately following practice you will be able to pick up your cap and gown in the Concourse.

SENIOR WALK

The Senior Walk will be held on Friday, May 31 at 2:00 PM. All district elementary schools and St. Francis Xavier will be participating. If you did not attend one of these elementary schools, please feel free to take part at any participating school. If you are taking part in the Senior Walk you should arrive at the school by 1:45 PM with your cap and gown.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 PM at the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Please arrive no later than 1:15 PM and go directly to the staging area and begin to line up for the processional. Proper attire is expected (dress clothes/shoes). Students **may not** adorn their caps and gowns with special messages to friends and/or relatives. (*Parents/Guardians: Please do not provide your graduates with flowers for commencement*).

The ceremony will be approximately 90 minutes in length and no tickets will be distributed for seating, as no limitations apply. Parking is included and currently no other events are planned at the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum for that day. However, the graduation invitation may be used as a parking permit if any questions should arise.










LIVE STREAM OF GRADUATION CEREMONY

This year we will be streaming the ceremony live starting at 1:50 PM. To view the live stream go to the [MCPASD YouTube Channel EduChannel96988](#) on June 2 to acquire the link.

DIPLOMA PICK UP

The actual diploma is not in the case received at the ceremony. Graduates need to pick up their diploma **immediately following the ceremony**. School counselors and teachers will be in the staging area (the same place where the graduates line up) to distribute the diplomas. The lines are alphabetical. For students who do not attend the ceremony or who forget to pick them up, diplomas will be available in the MHS Administrative Office beginning Monday, June 10. We cannot mail diplomas; graduates must pick them up at MHS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADUATION

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|  | <p>Which building?</p> | <p>Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center.</p> |
|  | <p>Which entrance?</p> | <p>Please use the EAST entrance to the Coliseum.</p> |
|  | <p>When is practice and gown distribution?</p> | <p>Friday, May 31 9:00 – 11:00 AM Students are to report promptly at that time to the Varsity Gym.</p> |
|  | <p>When will we receive proof from the professional photographer?</p> | <p>ALL students will have their pictures taken for the class composite and holding their diploma. Proofs will be sent via email directly from Empire Photography after graduation day. If you do not received them, or require a different format, please call Empire directly at 800-747-2941.</p> |
|  | <p>Can I take a picture of my student receiving his/her diploma?</p> | <p>Yes. There will be a parent photo section to use when your student crosses the stage. <i>Please do not stand anywhere else as you may block the view for others.</i></p> <p>In addition, professional photos will be taken of each student receiving their diploma. (Proofs will be sent to parents following Graduation.)</p> |
|  | <p>When is the ceremony?</p> | <p>Sunday, June 2, 2:00-3:30 PM It is approximately 90 minutes in length. Students are expected to stay in the lower level and line up promptly at 1:30 with cap and gown and appropriate attire (dress clothes/shoes).</p> |
|  | <p>Are there limits to the number of tickets per family?</p> | <p>No. Tickets are not needed as there are no limitations on seating due to the size of the coliseum.</p> |
|  | <p>Are there special accommodations available if needed?</p> | <p>Yes. There is an elevator at the WEST entrance. The west doors will be open. There are also accommodations for those using wheelchairs.</p> |
|  | <p>Where does my student pick up his/her actual diploma?</p> | <p>Students need to stop and pick up their diplomas in the staging area on the lower level immediately following the ceremony.</p> |