

MARBLE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Graduating Seniors and Senior Parents:

As the magic day of May 26, 2023 gets closer I thought it would be appropriate to get this letter to you to help make sure we don't forget anything in the last-minute rush towards graduation and to hopefully answer any questions you might have. If you have any concerns or questions not answered here, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs. Crystal Perez at Marble Falls High School.

1. **GRADUATION REHEARSAL:**

Mandatory Rehearsal- Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 8:30am in the Max Copeland Gym. Seniors who are not at the rehearsal may not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

2. **CAPS & GOWNS :**

If you have not purchased or made arrangements for a cap and gown, please call Herff Jones immediately at 512-243-7901. We recommend trying on the gown prior to graduation night. Herff Jones will be at the Graduation ceremony in the Max Copeland Gym to handle any last-minute problems with caps and gowns. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING MAY BE WRITTEN OR PUT ON THE CAPS.**

3. **DRESS UNDER THE GOWNS:**

Males: Males must wear a button-down shirt or nice collared and slacks or dress jeans (no shorts) with close-toed dress footwear (no tennis shoes or sandals) for the ceremony.

Females: Females must wear an appropriate dress (nothing strapless) or slacks or dress jeans (no shorts) with an appropriate top (nothing strapless) with dress footwear (no tennis shoes). Shoes cannot be spiked heels; flats are strongly encouraged.

4. **GRADUATES ARRIVAL & PARKING:**

Seniors will arrive for graduation at **7:00pm** and report to the Max Copeland Gym. Seniors should have their Cap & Gown in hand upon arrival. Parking for Seniors who are participating in Project Graduation will be at the baseball/softball complex behind the visitor's stands of the Mustang Stadium. (Only students and staff are allowed in the Max Copeland Gym.)

5. **ADMISSION TICKETS:**

Tickets are not needed for the ceremony if held in the Mustang Stadium.

6. **FAMILY & GUEST PARKING:**

For your convenience and to expedite traffic before and after graduation, we will have two parking areas available. Parking Lot #1 will be the lot in front of the high school that is accessed from Hwy 1431 & Mustang Drive. Parking Lot #2 will be the "Visitors" lot that is located at the North end of the stadium. It is accessed from Hwy 1431 & Manzano Mile.

Handicap Parking will be accessed from the main High School parking lot (#1). PLEASE NOTE-Other than Handicap Parking there is no reserved parking for the graduation ceremony.

7. **PHOTOGRAPHY, LIVE FEED & DVD Purchase:**

A professional photographer will take pictures of every graduate receiving their diploma. Information on viewing and purchasing these photographs will be posted on our high school web page as soon as they become available. A **Live Feed** of the ceremony will be available and the link will be posted at www.marblefallsisd.org.

Love & Inspire

Since we have professional photographers at graduation, no one else will be allowed on the field. In order to remain fair to all seated guests, **please do not move to the front railing to take pictures during the ceremony** as this obstructs the view of those guests seated in the lower areas.

8. INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN:

In case of bad weather there will be a weather delayed start at 9:00 p.m. For the latest information about this year's MFHS commencement activities, follow @MarbleFallsISD on Twitter.

9. HANDICAPPED SEATING:

Wheelchair Access and Handicapped Seating will be available in the appropriate area of the stadium as well as on the field. To accommodate all of our guests, only one person will be allowed to sit in the handicapped area with the person requiring assistance. Should you have other special needs, please call Mrs. Perez at the high school.

10. EXPECTATIONS OF SENIORS:

Seniors will report to the Max Copeland gym at 7:00pm. Upon arrival, students will be inspected to ensure they meet the dress expectations. Students are only permitted to keep a single vehicle key with them during the ceremony. **All other items** will be collected and returned after the ceremony. It is strongly suggested that students not bring anything additional with them to the ceremony as MFHS cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of any type of intoxicant will not be allowed to participate. There should be no talking during the ceremony and the utmost attention should be given to presenters and speakers at the podium. Graduation is a dignified, formal occasion. You have worked a very long time to get to this point in your lives. Please do not do anything to bring discredit to yourself, your family, your classmates or your school. Students causing any such disruption may be escorted off the field and away from the ceremony.

11. NOISE MAKERS-AIR HORNS ETC.

So that each parent/guest can hear their graduates name called as they receive their diploma, we would like to respectfully request that all guests refrain from using noise makers, air horns or from making any excessive noise during the roll call of graduates. All spectators, including parents, should remain in the stands or in their seats until the end of the school song.

12. DIPLOMA PICK UP:

In the excitement after graduation, do not forget to go to the table in front of the Visitor's stands to pick up your Graduation Packet from your Counselor. (In the event of inclement weather, packets will be picked up in the Max Copeland gym.)

As seniors this is your year: the culminating experience of thirteen years of education. This is a special year for you, one of memories and challenges, achievements and decisions. As your principal, it has been a privilege to have worked with you and I'm looking forward to your graduation with this class. You have done everything in an exemplary manner. Please continue the tradition with the graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

Dr. Damon S. Adams
Principal
Marble Falls High School