



9/19/2023

Dear Class of 2024 Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

Graduation is on May 11, 2024, at Mt. Pleasant High School at 10 a.m. in the W.C. Johnson Gymnasium. To make sure that this long-awaited event goes smoothly, please read and pay close attention to the details in this letter.

The last day that seniors who are graduating will attend classes this year is May 3, 2024. Those who are passing and turn in their signed permission forms on time will participate in the Senior Walk on May 3, 2024. Grades are due for all seniors no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, and senior students must meet all MCPS graduation requirements by this date in order to participate in the MPHS Commencement Ceremony. (This includes any credit recovery or other work to be completed. Seniors must have a passing grade in **ALL** classes by May 7 at 4 p.m.)

Debts owed to the school *for any reason* (lost books, computers, fundraisers, band camp, uniforms, parking fines, library fines, club dues, etc.) must be paid in full to Mrs. Stofel, before May 7, 2024. *Students who do not satisfy their obligations will not be able to participate in any graduation activities, including the Commencement Exercise, unless their obligations are met.*

Graduation practice will be on May 10, immediately following the Senior Breakfast. Senior Breakfast will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on May 10. Students will report to the gym at **9:30 a.m.** for Graduation Practice. Students will be dismissed when practice is over and may not enter the main school building after practice without permission. Graduation practice is important and should not be taken lightly; seniors should listen to instructions and follow directions.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WHO MISS GRADUATION PRACTICE, OR WHO DO NOT ARRIVE TO PRACTICE ON TIME, WILL NOT MARCH IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE. In the event of an emergency, the administration will make the final decision.

Graduation tickets will be distributed after the Senior Walk and Senior Group picture (May 3). Each graduate will receive fifteen (15) tickets to the graduation ceremony. Everyone five years of age and older will need to have a ticket to attend.

Caps and gowns will not be necessary for practice; however, they will be required for the Senior Walk, Senior Picture, and Graduation. Both ladies and gentlemen will be in blue gowns and wear the appropriate dress code for graduation as explained below.

(Our Josten's rep will meet with seniors and give out order forms soon. Additional order forms for Josten's will be available in the Counseling Center after his visit or online at jostens.com. Required items are \$55—cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover.)

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, all graduating seniors MUST be dressed in caps and gowns and report to the MPHS Cafeteria at 9 a.m. Parents and guests will be permitted into the Gym starting at 9:15 a.m.

Attire for graduation is as follows:

Ladies: Appropriate length dress or dress pants and nice blouse. NO high necks that show under gown, no cut-outs in the dress that expose flesh.

Gentleman: Collared shirt, dress pants (no jeans, no sweatpants, no shorts, etc.), and clean, nice shoes.

FLIP-FLOPS, SLIDES, T-SHIRTS, OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. ANY SENIOR NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATORY DRESS CODE FOR GRADUATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MARCH DURING THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE.

PHOTOS: The final class group photo will be taken inside the MPHS Gym on the same day as the Senior Walk. Caps and gowns will be required for this date; please purchase these early to make sure these have arrived by the date of picture and for graduation. Information concerning the class photo will be sent in a later announcement to seniors and parents. Individual pictures of seniors receiving diplomas will also be available; specific information will come in a separate announcement as graduation nears.


CORDS/STOLES/MORTARBOARDS, ETC: Only approved stoles/cords may be worn with our caps and gowns. The honors organizations approved to wear stoles/cords have been determined by the MPHS Leadership Team. The organizations' sponsors have provided a list of all students who have been approved to wear these stoles/cords. Students may decorate mortarboards (graduation caps), but all decorations must be approved.

DIPLOMAS: Please be advised that the diploma covers given to the graduates during commencement will **not** contain diplomas. Graduates will receive diplomas from their homeroom teachers in the cafeteria after the ceremony. Each student will be required to sign for the receipt of his/her diploma. **DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

SPECIAL NEEDS: We want to ensure all guests can comfortably participate in this special event. Accommodations for physically challenged guests will be available. Please contact Mr. Pelkey (ppelkey@mauryk12.org) or 931-379-5583 with any questions concerning these accommodations prior to May 3.

Thank you for your positive attitude and continued support. MPHS is eager to work with you to achieve the best possible graduation for the **Class of 2024**. For more information regarding graduation activities and events, please visit <https://www.mauryk12.org/mphs> and click on the "Seniors 2024" link under "For Students" on the left side of the home page or contact Mrs. Brewer at 931-379-5583 x. 3028.

Respectfully yours,



Eric Hughes
Principal

Please sign and return the attached contract to indicate that you have read and understand all rules and guidelines regarding graduation. Students must submit the Graduation Contract signed by student and parent to participate in graduation; contracts need to be returned by October 6, 2023.



Calendar Of Senior Events:

May 3 :

- ★ **Senior Walk**
- ★ **Senior Group Picture**
- ★ **Graduation Tickets Distributed**

May 7:

- ★ **All work completed**
- ★ **Senior grades due**
- ★ **All debts paid**
- ★ **All materials returned to school**

May 10:

- ★ **8:30 Senior Breakfast**
- ★ **9:30 MANDATORY Graduation Practice**

May 11

- ★ **10 a.m. GRADUATION!!!!**

Graduation 2024!!!



We have read and understand all the requirements to be allowed to participate in the 2024 MPHS Graduation Ceremony. We agree to abide by all requirements set out in the contract with MPHS.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name
(print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- www.ecampustours.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.chegg.com
- www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch
- www.dosomething.org
- www.suntrust.com/offtocollege
- <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>
- <https://myscholly.com/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.nextstudent.com
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.supercollege.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.collegeexpress.com
- www.campusexplorer.com
- www.unigo.com
- www.educationplanner.org
- www.scholarshipmonkey.com
- www.collegegreenlight.com
- www.niche.com



Senior Timeline

FALL

- ❖ Register for TN Promise at www.TNPromise.gov
- ❖ Know the additional ACT* and/or SAT administration dates. Register online by the deadline if you are going to take them. See www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com
- ❖ Be sure to have your ACT test scores sent to the colleges for which you are applying.
- ❖ Make a list of your college choices. Confirm you meet the requirements for the college you apply to such as GPA and ACT score, pay attention to due dates for everything!
- ❖ Ask a teacher or counselor for recommendation if needed, 10 days in advance.
- ❖ Get started on any essays to be included with your applications. Ask teachers and others to read and give feedback.
- ❖ Complete a Transcript Request Form in the Counseling Office to have your transcript sent.

WINTER

- ❖ Work on scholarship applications and submit according to deadlines.
- ❖ Complete and submit your college financial aid application and the FAFSA as soon as possible Go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❖ Register with the Selective Services if you are a male, U.S. citizen, 18 yrs. of age. (www.sss.gov)

- ❖ Contact the admissions office and financial aid office of the college/s to which you have applied to confirm all your information has been received and that they have everything they need from you.

SPRING

- ❖ When you decide on a college, notify them by accepting and getting deposits turned in by the due date. Be sure to check any deadlines that may apply.
- ❖ Request a final transcript, in the Counseling office, to be sent to the college of your choice before you graduate.
- ❖ Participate in any orientation programs for incoming freshmen
- ❖ Complete 8 hrs. of community service by July 1st to qualify for TN Promise.
- ❖ Know what you have to do to maintain or reapply for any scholarships you received.

