



Mt. Carmel High School End of the Year Information Class of 2026

[Link to school webpage with Senior Information](#)

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

Mt. Carmel is excited to share graduation festivities with our families and community for the Class of 2026! Each year during the last week of school, seniors get the opportunity to enjoy planned activities leading up to graduation. Our staff and teachers work hard to ensure that activities are fun and well-planned as your student's K-12 education draws to a close. We hope the memories the students make with us are meaningful and help them remember their high school experience fondly.

To make sure the upcoming senior class activities are successful and enjoyable for everyone, we ask that families please read the following information and keep this information for reference.

It is important for Seniors to remember that their academic coursework is a priority as they get ready for post-high school life. Students must complete all class requirements and handle all school activities in a mature and responsible manner. Please remember that poor choices in behavior or lack of attendance at school could preclude a Senior's participation in awards ceremonies, Prom, senior activities, and/or the graduation ceremony. Our goal is for our Seniors to be successful in their classwork, enjoy the planned school activities, and conduct themselves as responsible young adults.

PUSD Graduation Requirements:

1. Earn 230 credits in PUSD designated subject areas
2. Pass all PUSD required courses

Please direct questions about your student's credit or graduation status to their alpha counselor.

Caps, Gowns, Tassels, School Medallions and Diploma Covers

In June, students receive their cap & gown sets during Senior Activities at Mt. Carmel as long as families arrange for them ahead of time. Families have the choice to either purchase or borrow the set. If your family has a cap & gown from a previous Mt. Carmel graduation, your student may use that for our ceremony this year. The deadline to purchase or borrow cap & gown sets from Jostens is Friday April 24th. The cap and gown, purchased or borrowed, cannot be altered in any way.

Pursuant to Section 35183.1 of California Education Code, students may wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance. There is no preapproval process for wearing tribal, cultural, or religious adornments, as long as the item does not cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the ceremony. Please note that floral leis and candy leis are not permitted during the ceremony due to allergy concerns for graduates. If you have any questions, please speak with an administrator. The form for stoll approval can be found [here](#).

Please review the enclosed information carefully and keep it in a place that you are able to reference as dates approach. If you need help with anything regarding graduation, please call Jennifer Adelman at 858-484-1180 x3123 or email jadelman@powayusd.com.

We look forward to a successful end of Senior year and celebrating student accomplishments!

Thank you,

Dr. Yael Bozzay
Principal

Assistant Principal



Sanford Carvajal
ASB Director

Upcoming Important Dates and Detailed Information for Sundevil Seniors

April 1	<p>Graduation Ceremony Performance Auditions (speeches/musical acts) Graduation Audition applications are due Wednesday, April 1. Speech auditions are scheduled for April 14-15 in K4. Musical Performance auditions are April 21-22 during lunch in the choir room. If Seniors are interested in auditioning, sign-ups are available at the MCHS ASB room. Printed speeches and lyrics to songs must be turned in Wednesday, April 1st for review along with sign-ups. Link to Graduation speech/ performance audition application</p>
April 24 Cap & Gown order deadline	<p>Jostens deadline to buy or borrow Cap & Gown in time for the graduation ceremony Jostens Link Jostens Poway Showroom 858-486-2020 (if you need assistance) 12455 Poway Road #E Poway, CA 92064</p>
Thursday, April 30	<p>Senior Scholarship Survey Due The Scholarship Survey is part of the mandatory senior checkout process. The electronic form is available April 1-30 for students to enter information at this link HERE. This information is collected annually for the District.</p>
Saturday May 2 7pm-10:30pm	<p>Junior/Senior Prom Location: TBD Student ID is required to be able to enter the dance. School dress code applies to this school activity. If bringing a guest from another school, guests require an approved guest pass. Guest passes are available from Ms. Adelman in the Administration building and requires a parent signature. Tickets are on sale March 23 - May 1st, and can be purchased at the finance window until the Friday before the dance. Students on Tier 2 (loss of privileges due to grades under 2.0 gpa during a 6-week grading period, discipline suspension or attendance problems) must see their Assistant Principal to learn how to earn their way to Prom if they are unsure of how to do so. Ticket prices increase each passing week during the period of ticket sales so it is important to maintain grades and ensure that students have taken care of any issues regarding school attendance.</p>
May 4th-15th	<p>Advanced Placement (AP) Exams</p>
Tuesday May 19 PAC	<p>Senior Awards This ceremony honors students who are the recipients of local scholarships, military recognitions, departmental awards, academic and merit recognitions and some organizations on campus. Students and parents are individually notified and invited to attend.</p>
Tuesday May 26th Gym	<p>Athletic Awards Night Scholar athletes, League, and CIF winners are recognized for their performances on and off the field. Athletes of the Year are named and recognized and athletes are invited to this event. All athletes are encouraged to attend in support of their respective programs.</p>
Tuesday May 26 at lunch	<p>Senior Yearbook Distribution and Signing Party Starting at lunch, Seniors may pick up the MC Horizon Yearbook until 4:00pm for the Senior Signing Party at the stage in the quad. MC Horizon yearbooks are on sale for \$85 online until April 25th and in the Finance Office while supplies last. We have sold out of yearbooks the last 3 years, so purchase now! Online Ordering MCHS School Code: 17064</p>
Thursday May 28	<p>Final Transcript Request for Colleges/Universities Form (opens for submissions Thursday May 21)</p>

	<p>All transcript request forms must be submitted to Ms. Miller in the MCHS Registrar’s office no later than 3:45 pm on Thursday, May 28 through the link below.</p> <p>Request a transcript</p>
<p>Wed-Fri May 27-29</p>	<p>Senior Final Exams</p>
<p>April 1-May 27</p>	<p>Senior Exit Survey Deadline for Checkout All seniors are required to complete an exit survey. The survey is open April 1- May 27th. It is due May 27, BEFORE the Senior Check Out process, so get it done early!</p>
<p>Monday June 1</p>	<p>Senior Checkout after attending all classes All Seniors must complete checkout and turn in all school-issued materials before participating in Senior Activities. Checkout begins at the end of the school lunch. Line up at the main school entrance by the flagpole, by alpha order of last name. Once Seniors check out they should not remain on campus unless participating in a senior activity. Please see this linked guide for what is required for Senior Checkout.</p> <p>Stations include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Return all school property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chrome books ● Text books, library books ● Athletic equipment ● Instruments 2. Finance Office to clear fines 3. Request Final Transcript online. 4. Complete <u>Senior Exit Survey</u> online before May 27 (All Students)
<p>Tuesday June 2 8:35-12:30pm Lower field</p>	<p>Senior Breakfast - Cap & Gown Distribution This senior activity is mandatory and attendance is taken.</p> <p>The Senior Class organized a catered breakfast, music, and activities. Seniors may bring their yearbooks for signing. Please check in at the gate by the tennis courts. A graduation seating assignment ticket from Senior Checkout is required for entry; those without it must complete checkout at the MCHS Registrar in the Administration Building prior to breakfast. Caps, gowns, medallions, and tassels are distributed at the event's conclusion. Diploma covers are given during the ceremony. Seniors are not allowed to enter campus classroom areas during or after this event.</p>
<p>Wednesday June 3 10am-12pm Lower field</p>	<p>Senior Picnic - Graduation Ticket Distribution This senior activity is mandatory and attendance is taken.</p> <p>The event takes place on the lower field grass at MCHS. Seniors report by 10:00 a.m. near the tennis courts, similar as the previous day. Activities, food, and fun are provided. Students are encouraged to bring yearbooks, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, water, lawn chairs, picnic blankets, shade structures (e.g., EZ-ups), and additional lawn games (e.g., Spikeball, cornhole, ladder golf, Frisbees). Dangerous items like lawn darts are prohibited. Graduation tickets for family and friends are available for pickup at the event’s conclusion.</p> <p>Each graduate is issued 14 tickets Students who need additional tickets can get up to 4 more by signing up in Ms. Adelman’s back door during Senior Checkout.. <u>Ages 2 and under do not need a ticket</u>. Additional tickets are given out on a first come-first served basis until they run out. Students not using all 14 tickets may give their extras to other students at their own discretion.</p>

<p>Thursday June 4 8:35am</p>	<p>Graduation Practice Students who do not attend this mandatory practice are not permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. We begin in the stadium promptly at 8:35am and finish around 10:30am.</p> <p>Hats, sunscreen, and water are recommended for all students along with comfortable shoes for extended standing and walking. Students are dismissed for the day at the completion of practice.</p> <p>Student music performers and the student speaker rehearse their portions after the main practice.</p>
<p>Thursday June 4 4:30pm</p>	<p>Graduation (THE BIG EVENT!) Mt. Carmel Stadium Admission for guests by ticket only (Livestream on YouTube channel linked to Senior Information page on MCHS website)</p> <p>4:30pm - Senior Graduation Line-up (MCHS Gymnasium)</p> <p>Graduating Seniors begin checking in at 4:30pm. Students are required to carry their cap and gown (not wear them) for check-in. Entry for graduating Seniors is through the Gym doors on the north side of the building that's facing the locker rooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO personal items (including but not limited to clothing hangers, cell phones, purses, cameras, backpacks, shopping bags, and make-up bags) are permitted in the staging area or on the field until after the ceremony. Students are required to discard them in order to enter the staging area – the Gym does not re-open to let students pick up items left behind. <p>5:45pm - Processional begins</p> <p>6:00 pm - Ceremony begins and ends at approximately 8:00 pm</p> <p>Audience and Graduate Conduct Expectations In order to allow each graduate and his/her family to fully enjoy their moment of honor, activities that could detract from the ceremony are strongly discouraged. Audience members are asked to not use noisemakers of any kind, and items are subject to confiscation upon entry to the stadium. Parents should check with their student to determine which side they should sit in the stadium.</p> <p><u>Balloons, EZ-Ups, tarps, umbrellas, noisemakers, cowbells, air horns, vuvuzelas, and other such items are not permitted in the venue.</u> These items obstruct the view for others and prevent people in the stands from seeing and hearing the program. Guests bringing them in are asked to discard them or return them to their vehicles until after the ceremony.</p> <p>Graduation Ceremony Attire In accordance with the formal rite of passage and dignified tone of commencement, students are expected to wear “dressy” attire under their caps and gowns. Only the official cap and gown is permitted, along with cultural, tribal, and academic regalia.</p> <p>Students need to have all regalia with them when they are admitted to the staging area.</p> <p>Recommended Dress (Continues on next page)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slacks ● Button-down shirt with collar ● Tie ● Dress or skirt outfit that includes a top

 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pansuit • Dress shoes, wedges, or flats are recommended. Heels are discouraged to avoid injury, damage to track and turf, and improve comfort for long periods of standing. <p>Graduation Ceremony Parking Stadium gates open at 4:15pm. Parking and seating fill up early. The parking lot is closed when it fills. Unless you are very early, you may need to walk from streets in the surrounding neighborhood. <u>Carpooling</u> is strongly encouraged. Cars parked in the fire lane, dirt, or lawn areas of the school grounds are subject to towing and/or ticketing.</p> <p>Special Accomodations A limited number of golf carts are available to transport guests needing assistance up the grade of the stadium ramp as it may be challenging for some audience members. There is a designated waiting area for golf cart pickups at the bottom of both home and visitor ramps to the stands. Handicapped seating is located at the top and bottom of the bleachers on both Home and Visitor sides of the stadium.</p>
<p>June 4 9pm-5am (overnight)</p>	<p>PTSA’s “Grad Night” and Yard Signs (these are NOT PUSD or MCHS-sponsored)</p> <p>Check the PTSA website for Grad Nite information Senior yard signs are also available through PTSA</p>
<p>Summer 2026</p>	<p>Diploma pick-up MCHS Diplomas are distributed to students on the field at the graduation ceremony after they walk the stage.</p> <p>If unable to attend graduation, diplomas are available in the MCHS Records Office anytime during office hours over the summer. Summer Office hours are 8am-12pm M-Th. Location: Administration Building Records Office Contact: Registrar Steffanie Miller stmiller@powayusd.com</p> <p>Graduates must show a student or other photo ID. Family members may not pick up diplomas.</p>
<p>June 30</p>	<p>Official Ceremony Photos Ceremony photography is offered by Brett Alan Photography. Digital downloads and print services are available from the following website for a fee.</p>