Graduation Landing Page

Principal Message	Congratulations! You are approaching the end of a long journey. The next couple of months are going to be special. They will be marked with many exciting events and some sadness as things at Marathon High School come to an end. We need to work together to have this ending be as smooth as possible. Below is a list of important dates and items to pay close attention to. This page will be updated as more information is finalized so be sure to check back often. Last updated 5/4/26 Mr. Beranek
What are the expectations of a MHS senior?	• Continue your commitment of working hard through the last day of school. • Complete all course credit for participation in the graduation ceremony. • Attend school until the final bell on the last day of school, as senior skip days can impact your ability to participate in the ceremony. • Return all school property (e.g., textbooks, Chromebooks, uniforms) • Pay any outstanding fees, fines, or lunch accounts, prior to the graduation ceremony. • Continue to exhibit the effort, attitude and engagement that you have been known for throughout your high school careers. • Serve any detentions. They must be served prior to the last day for seniors or they will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. • This is a very special day for your families, for the school, and for your community. Please be very respectful of all. Be safe in these remaining days of school, and throughout the graduation weekend.

	Please do not make the mistake of missing checkout items or practice, and please do not come to practice or the ceremony after consuming alcohol or after the use of illegal drugs. You will be removed from the ceremony.
Did you order your cap and gown?	Graduation items were ordered earlier this year through the Jostens website. Caps and gowns will be delivered to the school and distributed by Jostens this Spring. It is suggested that you take it out of the package before the day of the ceremony to let the wrinkles settle out of the fabric.
What is our Class Flower?	**Red and White Tulips** Updated 4/10
Class Colors	**Red and White** Updated 4/10
Senior Class Meeting Presentations	April/May -Handout cap and gowns and update students on end of year timelines. **Update 3/25-Students who ordered invites have had them handed out at school.** **Cap and Gowns will be handed out by Jostens on April 20, at 10:30 during RE** 4/23 Senior Students Class meeting to review end of year-Auditorium RE
When & where is Graduation?	**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 2:00 PM, Main High School Gym**
Is there a Graduation Rehearsal?	There is a **mandatory** graduation rehearsal on **Friday, May 22** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the main gym. Students should arrive at the school no earlier than 8:30 A.M. for final checkout. **Students that are late or miss practice will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**
What time should we arrive on graduation day?	Graduates need to be at MHS no later than 1:15 PM.
How Long is Graduation?	Typically graduation takes around 1 hour from start to finish.

What should graduates wear?	Caps and gowns will be red for all participants. Semi-formal attire is encouraged (e.g., slacks / dress shirt, dress, skirt / blouse, dress shoes). Wearing extremely informal attire can draw attention to an individual and take away from the ceremony. On April 9, 2026, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers signed 2025 Wisconsin Act 222, allowing Native American students to wear traditional tribal regalia at graduation. **Graduates wearing altered or incorrect attire will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. This includes any cords, sashes not approved by the school board.**
When do students receive cords?	**NHS** (white) and **Honor Cords** (Yellow) will be given to students at the graduation rehearsal practice. If a student is an Eagle Scout and will be wearing Eagle Scout Cords or a Badger Girl and will be wearing Badger Girl Cords, they must inform Mr. Beranek prior to Friday, May 22. **No other cords are permitted.** **NTC is no longer supporting the dual credit cords.*
Adornment	Students are not permitted to change or decorate their cap and gowns. Students will wear the red caps and gowns and school provided cords only. If it does not meet the required dress, or if they have altered or adorned their cap and gowns, they will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Where should my family park?	Parking will be available in both the front and back parking lots of school.
What entrance do we use?	Both the main entrance to the school, side entrance, and the back entrance will be open before the ceremony.
How many guests can I invite?	While there will be no limit to general seating for the ceremony (bleachers and several rows of floor seating) each graduate will receive **2 tickets** for the front rows at graduation practice. It is the graduates responsibility to hang on to/share these tickets with whomever they choose. The ticket holders will need to bring these tickets with them on graduation day.
How can I watch online?	LIVE Streaming- Hudl cam link https://fan.hudl.com/usa/wi/marathon/organization/30575/marathon-high-school

What if I need special accommodations?	Please reach out to David Beranek at 715-443-2226 x-4106 dberanek@marathon.k12.wi.us
How does the name reading process work?	Senior class officers will read off each name that the senior students provided for their diplomas.
Will there be photos from the ceremony?	**Midnight Sun Photography** An email was sent to parents on 5/4 with registration information. Parents/guardians should complete the registration form prior to graduation. This ensures access to a private gallery dedicated to your graduate, where you will be able to view and purchase high-resolution digital images and order professional prints from the ceremony. **Updated 5/4**
	Important Dates for Seniors **Year Ending Schedule**
April, 2026	Mr. Jacobson will email seniors instructions on how to transfer students' School Google drive and gmail files to their own private accounts if they wish to save items.
By Friday, May 1, 2026	Complete 5th Year Plans form Complete Outside Scholarships form
Wed., May 6, 2026	Senior Athletic Banquet @ 6:00 PM in the High School Cafeteria/Auditorium.
Wed., May 13, 2026	Senior Scholarship Night at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Students receiving a scholarship will be notified by May 1, 2026.
Thurs., May 14, 2026	Library materials due/fines paid. Complete library check-out section of Senior Check out form and receive a signature from Mrs. Riesgraf/Ms. Hornung.
Friday, May 15, 2026	• By May 22nd all seniors must request a final MHS transcript through **Parchment**, regardless of post-secondary plans. Select “Hold For Grades” in Parchment.

	○ ***Be sure to change the account to your private email.*** If you leave your account with a school email you will be locked from your account and will need to contact Parchment directly as we do not have access to these accounts. See Ms. Aune prior to leaving school if you need assistance. ● For students that completed college or dual credit courses please use **this link** to request your college transcripts. Marathon High School DOES NOT send college transcripts. Students, if you have not already done so, make sure you save your college login and password information in case you need to access it in the future. MHS does not have access to these accounts. ● Send your **Advanced Placement (AP) scores** to colleges to receive college credit. ● Senior Class Trip Permission form due.
Monday, May 18, 2026	Seniors should pick up their checkout sheets if they have not already. Senior walk in cap and gowns at St. Mary's and MAES/MVA. 9:35 load bus at MHS to MAES, walk through MAES/MVA at 9:45-10:00, bus to St. Mary's and walk through at approx. 10:05. Return to MHS after. All students must have their field trip consent form filled out and turned into the office no later than Friday, May 15, 2026. ***Permission Slips will be available on 4/27/26**
Wed., May 20, 2026	**TENTATIVE DATE SET** 2026 Class trip. All students must have their field trip consent form filled out and turned into the office no later than Friday, May 15, 2026. ***Permission Slips will be available on 4/27/26**
Wed., May 20, 2026	All-school picnic and yearbook handouts. Seniors will have a free morning at the Sawmill Trampoline Park, including entrance and food/snacks. Paid for out of class monies. Students will have to fill out waiver or parents will to participate. Updated 4/22/26
Thurs., May 21, 2026	**Last class day for seniors.** Seniors must have all check out items completed to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. ● All coursework & textbooks must be turned in by the end of the day. ● Completed senior check-out form, including all teacher signatures, library signatures, and locker checkout signature, should be completed prior to leaving at the end of the day.

	• Chromebook and chromebook charger returned. If the chromebook is damaged, or charger lost, be sure to check with Mr. Jacobson prior to the last day so that the correct fine can be paid. • All detentions, and/or fines paid by the end of the day to walk in the graduation ceremony. **Turn in your check-out sheet Friday morning before pracgtice. Pick up items in the office.**
Fri., May 22, 2026	9:00 - 10:00 AM - Graduation Practice and Decorating Main Gym. **Students must be on time for practice.** If you are late or miss practice you will not walk in the graduation ceremony. 10:00 AM-12:00 Decorating and pizza party until the gym is ready. The senior class is responsible for decorating the gym.
Fri., May 22, 2026	Submit your **Parchment request for Final Marathon High School Transcripts** to be sent to colleges/universities/self. Select "Hold for Final Grades." Requests must be received by **May 22nd.** **Submit college transcript requests** to each institution that you have taken a class through to have college grades sent to the institution you plan to attend in the fall. View ***College Credits Earned While in High School*** to gain easy access to each institution's transcript request page.
Sat., May 23, 2026	Mandatory Speech Practice-9 AM-MHS Gym-class officers, Valedictorian, and Salutatorian
Sun., May 24,2026 1:15 PM Graduation Ceremony	• Doors open at 1:00 PM • Graduating seniors arrive at the school no later than 1:15 PM. • Seniors will line up at 1:45 PM . • The ceremony begins at 2:00 PM sharp!