

GRADUATION NEWS FOR SENIORS 2023

We know there is a lot of excitement that comes with the end of high school as students prepare for graduation, and we hope this information will help you in your planning. We want this to be a special time for students, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Completion of all final exams and attendance at senior meetings and rehearsals from May 12, 2022 to May 23, 2023 is MANDATORY. Seniors must attend all three (3) graduation rehearsals listed below in order to participate in graduation.

Mandatory Events for Seniors:

May 17 – 7:25am to 9:30am – Graduation Rehearsal. MTH Auditorium.

May 18 – 7:25am to 10:10am – Graduation Rehearsal. MTH Auditorium.

May 22 – 8:00am to 11:00am – Graduation Rehearsal. MTH Auditorium.

May 23* – 8:30am to 11:30am – Senior Awards. MTH Auditorium.

*(You will be notified if necessary to attend)

If a student experiences an emergency illness on the day of a scheduled rehearsal, the student's parent or guardian must email mhhsabsence@hcpss.org and brittany_gutierrez@hcpss.org by 7:30am to explain the reason for the absence.

This information was provided through a community eBlast on Monday, March 27 and again here with the expectations that your student can prearrange work schedules and avoid potential conflicts. Employment is not an excused reason to miss events or practices. Seniors who decide not to participate in the graduation ceremony are still expected to attend school from 7:25am to 2:10pm. each day through May 22.

Prompt arrival and perfect attendance at all required events will ensure a smooth and dignified ceremony that you will be proud to attend. We need the support of all parents and students to make our 2023 graduation a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Please ensure you and your students have read the graduation instructions and calendar included in this packet, and reach out to us if you have any questions. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2023 will be streamed live online and available on demand within minutes of each ceremony's end. See hcpss.org for more information. In keeping with the dignity of the graduation ceremony, we ask that both our seniors and their friends and family refrain from using noise makers, throwing beach balls, or acting in other ways that would detract from the solemnity of the event.

Sincerely,

Joelle Miller

Dr. Joelle Miller
Principal

Brittany Gutierrez and Leigh Miles
Graduation Coordinators

GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory. Students who elect not to participate in the ceremony are still expected to attend school from 7:25am to 2:10pm during each school day through May 22, 2023. All students must have an approved absence or early dismissal note for any absence from school. Although participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary, **attendance at all senior meetings/rehearsals is mandatory**. Students need to be on time and stay for the full event.
2. If a student experiences an emergency illness on the day of a scheduled rehearsal, the student's parent or guardian must email mhhsabsence@hcpss.org **and** brittany_gutierrez@hcpss.org by 7:30am to explain the reason for the absence.
3. Caps and gowns are required attire for the Commencement Ceremony on May 24, 2023.
4. Graduates should wear business dress attire. All shirts are to be buttoned, and collars are to be worn inside the gown. **No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, flip flops, or other such footwear is allowed**. Please be aware, large earrings and bracelets that can get caught on caps and gowns.
5. Students who are recognized for school-based academic accomplishments are welcome to wear that organization's cord or stole.
6. When students receive their graduation gowns, **they should hang it up!** Wrinkles can be removed by hanging the gown in the bathroom, where the steam will smooth the material.
7. **Each graduate will receive 10 graduation tickets**. If extra tickets are needed, the student must submit the [Additional Ticket Form](#), which can be found on the school website under "Class of 2023" or may be picked up in the front office. On the form, students must designate to whom the first 10 tickets will be given and must include a justification for the number of extra tickets requested. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian and must be brought to the auditorium during graduation rehearsal on May 17, 2023.
8. Students will not receive tickets until all school obligations (textbooks, chromebooks, instruments, athletic uniforms) have been fulfilled.
9. **Questions?** Call Ms. Gutierrez or Ms. Miles at 410-313-2880 or email at Brittany_gutierrez@hcpss.org or Leigh_Miles@hcpss.org

MHHS SENIOR TIMELINE of EXAMS, ACTIVITIES & COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2023

DATE	EVENT
Friday, May 12, 2023 B DAY	Regular Classes for Periods 1-5 Period 6 – Exam LAST DAY FOR SENIORS AT ARL *Students must take their scheduled AP exam and work with their teachers to make up the missed final exam. AP exams this day: Music Theory, Physics 2, German & Latin
Monday, May 15, 2023 A DAY	Period 1 – Exam Period 2 – Class Period 3 – Class Period 4A – Class Period 5 – Exam Period 6 – Class- <i>unless students have an early dismissal note</i>
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 B DAY	Period 1 – Class Period 2 – Exam Period 3 – Class Period 4B – Exam Period 5 - Class- <i>unless students have an early dismissal note</i> Period 6 - Class- <i>unless students have an early dismissal note</i>
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 VIKING TIME A DAY	7:25 – 9:30am Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium) Period 3 – Exam Period 4A – Exam 12:35 – 2:10pm KONA ICE TRUCK (outside on basketball court)
Thursday, May 18, 2023 B DAY Senior Grades Due	7:25 – 10:10am Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium) Pds 4, 5 & 6 Seniors will go to class or make up exams <i>unless they have an early dismissal note</i> Senior Class Night: 6:00–9:00pm The Great Room at Savage Mill 8600 Foundry Street, Savage, MD 20763

Friday, May 19, 2023	SCHOOLS CLOSED for all students
Monday, May 22, 2023 A DAY	8:00–11:00am Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium) 11:00-2:00 Senior Picnic- Alpha Ridge Park (Pavilion 2) Permission Slips REQUIRED
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 B DAY	8:30-11:30am Senior Awards - Auditorium Seniors will be notified if they need to attend
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	GRADUATION 7:00pm Seniors in your seats for attendance at 6:00pm Merriweather Post Pavilion