

Class of 2023

SENIOR NEWSLETTER



Congratulations!

We are proud of your achievement during your time here at Mishawaka High School. The purpose of this Senior Newsletter is to provide you with important Senior Class information and to ask for you and your Parent/Guardian to assist in helping MHS graduation activities reflect the importance of your Senior achievement.

Please return the SIGNATURE SHEET on the last page of this Senior Newsletter to the Main Office by April 27.



Cap & Gown

Kingsley, INC will be here to deliver a first round of caps & gowns between April and May.

The first delivery date is Friday, April 21 during lunch periods, listen for announcements. There will be another date of deliveries in mid to late May date is TBD.

Please try on your cap & gown prior to Graduation. This is very important. If there are fitting problems we can exchange at any time before graduation if size is available.

Balance of cap and gown/graduation orders are due before or at the time of pick-up.

The Cap & Gown should not be worn on any occasion which might bring discredit upon Mishawaka High School.

Cap may be decorated per MHS guidelines. (see page 6)



Scan Code above to order a Cap & Gown if you have not ordered

Prom

When: Saturday, May 6th
8:00 P.M.- 11:00 P.M.

Where: Holiday Inn Conference Center
1208 E. Douglas Rd., Mishawaka

\$30.00 per Ticket

Ticket Sales start April 17th-May 5

Tickets are sold in the Bookstore.



Prom Guest Forms are located in the Bookstore. All Guest Forms are due to the Main Office before **May 3rd** to purchase Guest Tickets.

If a Guest form is not returned your Guest will not be allowed to enter. Guests must be under 21. No Freshman allowed.

You must have a valid I.D. to purchase tickets and to enter Prom.



Senior Awards Night

Thursday,
May 4, 2023
6:00 P.M.
MHS
Auditorium



Commencement

Sunday
June 4, 2023
2:00 P.M.
MHS East Gym

Diploma Pick-Up Date

Thursday
June 8, 2023 2:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Pool Doors



ELKHART AREA CAREER CENTER

Seniors attending Elkhart Career Center must continue to attend until May 25, 2022. You will have Graduation practice on May 25 & 26 after exams. Please make sure you check and follow all EACC finals and schedules until your MHS finish date.

End of Semester Information!!!

END of Semester: All Seniors are expected to have their work completed. Seniors must have completed their work in order to receive a Diploma.

Low Grades and Failures: Parents or Guardians of Seniors are requested to note carefully the grades which appear on the report card for the fifth 6 weeks' grading period ending April 14, 2023. Any grade below a C- is considered a warning grade. Letters of notification from the Principal will be sent to Parents and Guardians in those cases where seniors are currently in danger of failing courses required for graduation.

Report Cards: Report cards will be digitally posted to Skyward at the end of the semester. If a paper copy is needed, please contact the Main Office at 574-254-7323.

Book Rentals and Library Books: All classroom rentals must be returned to the proper classrooms by May 12, 2023. In order to be eligible to participate in Commencement all library books must be returned to the Library by May 12, 2023. All Book Fees and Student I.D Fines are also due at this time.

Senior Chromebook drop-off will be after Graduation Rehearsals. In order to pick-up Graduation Tickets, all Seniors must turn in their Chromebook during the last two days of school.

Senior Attendance: At Mishawaka High School, we feel that attendance is important all year and especially during the remaining days for seniors. Please do not allow poor attendance to jeopardize your graduation date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and we wish you the best as you close your high school careers.

Final Sprint to Graduation

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The vast majority of Seniors are on track to complete graduation requirements by the last day of school on May 26 and participate in the graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 P.M. in the East Gym.

This applies to both seniors who are on track and those who have some additional work to do:

Senior Timeline

April & May: Seniors must attend class every day and complete their course requirements.

May 6 (Saturday) Prom 8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. at Holiday Inn Conference Ctr.

May 23 Final exam W2 W3 W4

May 24 Final exam M2 M3 M4

May 25 Final exam W1, Graduation Practice, Chromebook Drop-off

May 26 Final exam M1, Graduation Practice, Chromebook Drop-off

June 4 (Sunday) Graduation in the East Gym at 2:00 PM.

Seniors report to their assigned area at 12:45 P.M.

Some students have faced some challenges this year and need a little extra time to complete graduation requirements. These students will be able to complete all of their remaining requirements by completing one to three sessions of summer school.

Summer School sign up information will be shared with you in mid-April. There is a path for every senior to graduate. Help us help you.

Summer School Details

- **June 5-June 27(M-F) Session 1 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. & 12:30P.M.- 3:30 P.M.**
(No School June 19)
- **June 28-July 21 (M-F) Session 2 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. & 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**
(note that July 3 and July 4 is a Holiday)
 - **July 24-Aug. 11 (M-F) Session 3 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**
(primarily direct instruction and some Plato).
- Direct/regular instruction available in Math, English, Social Studies and possibly Science.
 - Plato classes available in all subjects with tutoring available.
 - CTE pathway classes available for those who need a pathway to qualify for graduation.

Commencement Information

Seniors will receive more detailed instruction for Commencement activities during the scheduled rehearsal on May 25 & May 26 after finals.

Commencement is **Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. in the East Gym**

On the day of Commencement exercises, Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Seniors are to meet promptly at 12:45 p.m., in assigned classroom.

During rehearsal each Senior will be given a Classroom # to go to upon arrival for Commencement Activities. Seniors will meet in assigned room. A supervisor will take attendance, each classroom will walk to the auditorium before heading to the East Gym "The Cave" for the Commencement ceremony.

Commencement guests will be required to remain in their seats until the conclusion of commencement exercises. **Tickets** will be handed out after turning in your chromebook after graduation practice **May 25 & May 26**. Students may invite up to **8** guests. Students **MAY NOT** share extra tickets.

Please remember that Commencement participation is a privilege, not a required activity. Students will need to follow behavior standards and dress code.

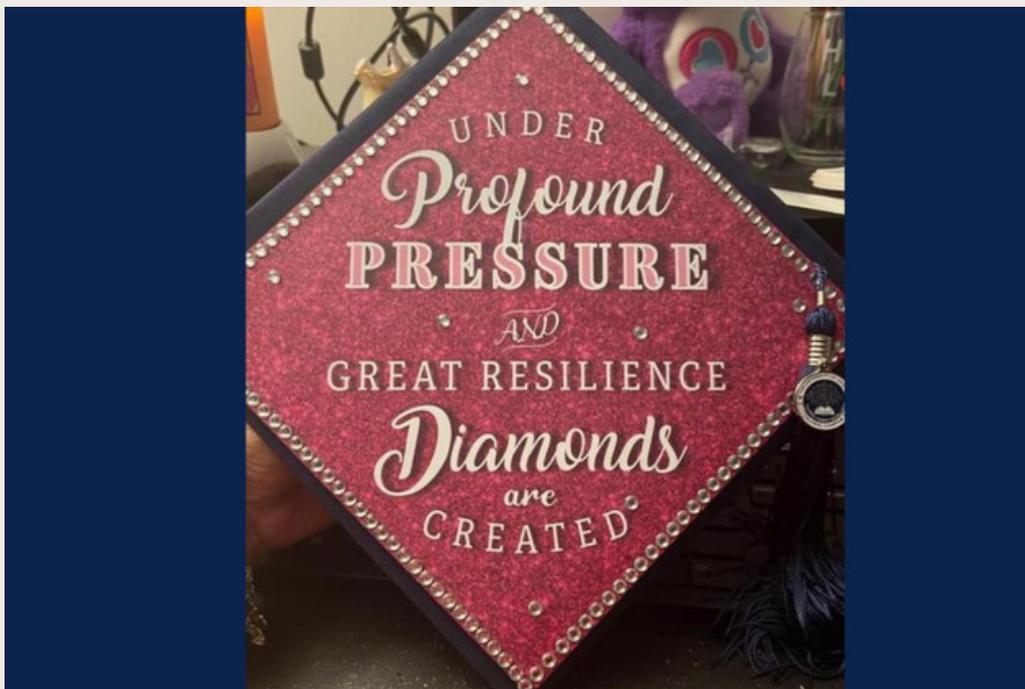
DRESS: Seniors have an obligation to be appropriately dressed and groomed under their gowns. Since this is a voluntary activity and a privilege, anyone who does not want to participate should make it known to Mr. Blair.

Gowns must remain zipped and caps worn.

NO SHORTS, JEANS, FLIPS-FLOPS or TENNIS SHOES will be permitted.

Caps may be decorated, but must follow MHS guidelines.

Senior students should wear dresses or a blouse & skirts or shirt and tie, dress slacks and dress shoes, heels etc.



All decorated caps must be accepted by your Assistant Principal - please turn in idea or photo idea BEFORE you decorate.

Graduation Cap Decoration Rules Restrictions:

Absolutely no slander, discrimination, or illegal references

No derogatory words

No hate speech or symbols

No excessively bright or neon colors

No Heavy 3-D objects (bows are ok)

No language or symbols supporting drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, contain vulgar or profane language, or is sexually suggestive, or promotes gang or cult activity.

Encouraged:

Decorations to commemorate sports, clubs, societies, etc.

Future college/endeavors

Pictures of family members or influential educators who have played a role in the students education

Encouraging quotes



GRADIMAGES



In order to eliminate the picture-taking crowd of friends and relatives who gather around the Graduation platform, a professional photographer will photograph all students as they receive their diploma.

GradImages is the official commencement photographer for our school. Your proofs will be ready to view online as soon as 48 hours after the ceremony.

In order to notify you when your images are available, GradImages sends emails and mails paper proofs, along with optional text message notifications. Your information is never shared and privacy is guaranteed.

Pre-registering will be available soon.



MISHAWAKA ALUMNI

Looking for a "Memorable" graduation gift for your Senior?

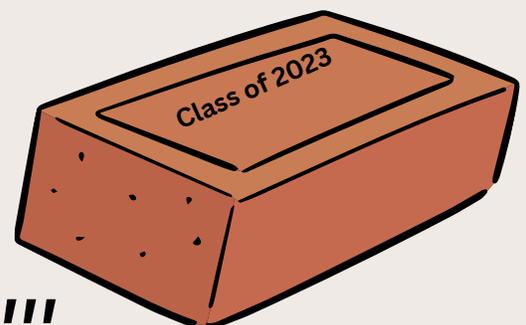
Memory Brick with Personalization.

Price: \$125.00 (reg. price \$250)

Size: 8' X 4"

May 8 - June 12 ONLY

Get your Graduates name in Alumni Plaza!!!!!!



SCAN ME



BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS & CUSTOM CLASS APPAREL

THAT FEATURES EVERY GRADUATE'S NAME ON IT!



flower bouquets, graduation kukui necklaces, and graduation bears will be available at the commencement!

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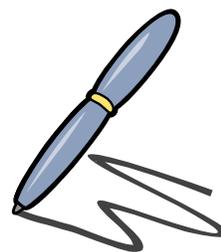
PREORDER FOR EASY PICKUP THE DAY OF



Scan the code above to order flowers or gifts for your Graduate on graduation day! Preorder for easy pick-up on June 4th!



April 2023



Dear Senior Parents and Students,

Senior Students and Parents should read all Senior information provided concerning Commencement and Senior Activities.

It is imperative that Seniors promptly report to the Auditorium on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 12:45 P.M. to prepare for Commencement exercises. Appropriate attire and behavior are a condition of participation in graduation activities. We consider the Commencement ceremony to be a privilege, not a right. Your cooperation is necessary to facilitate a graduation ceremony, which will be complimentary to you and your guests.

This form is due in the Principal's Office no later than Thursday, April 27, 2023. Your signatures, both student and parent, certify that you have received and reviewed the Commencement expectations. Your signatures also signify your promise and willingness to comply with prescribed Commencement guidelines. This signed form is required for a Senior to receive tickets and participate in the Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.



Student Signature



Parent Signature