April 2017

Dear Senior Parent,

Graduation from Mishawaka High School is a special time for all of our students, families, teachers, and the entire school community. Congratulations to you and your family on your student's upcoming graduation from Mishawaka High School on Sunday, June 04, 2017. Your student has worked exceptionally hard over the past few years to reach this tremendous achievement and milestone. Graduating from Mishawaka High School is a sincere accomplishment shared by many parents, guardians, family members, and special people that have assisted all of our students in the learning process throughout the years.

Therefore, we want to make sure that these last few weeks of school finish on a high note for all stakeholders----especially for our senior students. The last thing we need at this point of the school year are behavioral issues or any form of academic failure within the classroom. Please try to impress on your son or daughter the importance of finishing strong in the area of academics and behaving responsibly at school and school functions. With your assistance and cooperation, these final school days of 2017 will be remembered and cherished by all members of this graduation class.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation this school year. We are all very proud of our students here at Mishawaka High School and the many outstanding accomplishments of this year's graduating class.

Sincerely,

Jerome Calderone Principal Mishawaka High School

Mishawaka High School

Class of 2017

PLEASE KEEP THIS BULLETIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE 2017 Graduation Activity Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Activity</u>
April 27 (Thursday) 11:30 – 1:30	Auditorium Lobby	Distribution of Caps & Gowns
May 9 (Tuesday) 9:35 - 1:45	Auditorium Lobby	Distribution of Caps & Gowns
May 10 (Wednesday)	MHS Classes	Senior Cap & Gown Day Seniors wear caps & gowns during school
May 10 (Wednesday)	Auditorium	Senior Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.
May 11 (Thursday)	Auditorium	Distribution of Commencement Tickets and designation of rehearsal seating assignments. Seniors report to the Auditorium at 9:30.
May 24 (Wednesday) Maroon Day	Senior Classrooms	Full Day of Classes. Senior Final Exams Block M2
May 25 (Thursday) White Day	Senior Classrooms	Full Day of Classes. Senior Final Exams Block W3 & W4
May 26 (Friday) Maroon Day	Senior Classrooms	Full Day of Classes. Senior Final Exams Blocks M3 & M4
May 30 (Tuesday) White Day	Senior Classrooms	Full Day of Classes. Senior Final Exams W1 & W2
	Auditorium	Commencement rehearsal at 11:30
May 31 (Wednesday) Maroon Day	Senior Classrooms	Full Day of Classes. Senior Final Exams M1
	Auditorium	Commencement rehearsal at 9:45
June 4th (Sunday) 4:00 p.m. (Students must report to the Auditorium by 2:45 p.m.)	East Gym	140th Commencement

COMMENCEMENT

Detailed instructions for the Commencement activities will be given at the rehearsals scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

In preparation for Commencement exercises, meet promptly at 2:45 p.m. Sunday June 4, in assigned auditorium seats.

Tickets: We will be holding the Commencement Ceremonies for the graduating Class of 2017 inside in the East Gym (Cave) this year. Each senior will be receiving 8 tickets. Seniors who will not need all 8 tickets should turn their extra ones into Mrs. Peebles so that others may use them. We ask that you do not call Mr. Blair for extra tickets. If you should need more, your student should see Mrs. Peebles May 25th during advisory.

The task of organizing and staging a memorable, disruption-free Commencement ceremony is becoming more difficult each year. As has been our past practice, Commencement guests will be required to remain in their seats until the conclusion of the exercises.

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 is simply a way to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with GradImages, so they can provide your complimentary proofs as quickly as possible. To pre-register follow the instructions on the enclosed insert.

In compliance with the law, this year's Commencement will not include school-initiated prayer. This was decided by the United States Supreme Court, which ruled that graduation prayer as conducted in Providence, Rhode Island School District violated the Establishment of Religion Clause of the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution. If there is an outside group or church, which would like to have prayer on Commencement day or sponsor a baccalaureate with voluntary participation, this will be permitted.

Diplomas are picked up in the Commons after the ceremony. If diplomas are not picked up that day, they are available in the Main Office from 8:00 – 3:00, M-F. **They will not be mailed.**

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

End of School Term: All seniors are expected to have their work completed by 9:25, May 31. For seniors who have satisfactorily completed their work, the school term ends at 9:30 on Wednesday, May 31. Seniors must have satisfactorily completed their work in order to receive a diploma after Commencement exercises on Sunday.

Low Grades and Failures: Parents or guardians of seniors are requested to note carefully the grades which appear on the report cards for the fifth six weeks' grading period ending April 21. Any grade below C - is considered a warning grade. Letters of Notification from the Principal will be sent to parents and/or guardians in those cases where seniors are currently in danger of failing courses required for graduation.

Report Cards: Report cards will be mailed to seniors after Commencement.

Rental Books, Library Books, and Fees: All rental books must be returned to the proper classroom by 9:30 on Wednesday, May 31. In order to be eligible for graduation, library books must be returned to the library by Monday May 8. All school fees and ID fines are also due prior to May 31.

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.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Fees: The balance will be due from seniors at the time they pick up their cap and gown unless payment was made when originally ordered.

Dress: Seniors have an obligation to be appropriately dressed and groomed under their gowns out of respect to themselves. Since this is a voluntary activity and a privilege not a right, anyone who does not want to participate should make it known to Mr. Blair. Gowns must remain zipped up and caps worn. NO SHORTS, JEANS, FLIP-FLOPS OR TENNIS SHOES will be permitted. The young ladies should wear dresses or a blouse and light-colored skirt or dress slacks. Gentlemen should be attired in a shirt and tie, regular slacks, socks and dress shoes.

Instructions: Good care should be taken of the cap and gown. Try on the cap and gown. If either does not fit, see Mr. Blair in the Social Studies Office. Caps and gowns can be worn on Senior Cap & Gown Day (May 10), Senior Awards Night May 10 and at Commencement (June 4). Seniors will not wear cap and gowns at Commencement rehearsals. The cap and gown should not be worn on any occasion, which might bring discredit upon Mishawaka High School. Decoration of your Cap is not permitted.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium, the Senior Awards Program, which honors those members of the Class of 2017 who have achieved significant distinction, will also feature addresses by the Salutatorians. Seniors are asked to wear their caps and gowns for this evening. Parents, relatives, and friends of the class members are cordially invited to attend. Parents of students who will be receiving awards that night will be notified by mail.

Scholarships: Any senior receiving a scholarship (\$ amount information is not necessary) and an invitation by mail to attend the awards night, should report such information to Mrs. Peebles in the Principal's Office by Friday, April 28 so that the senior will receive recognition at Senior Awards Night. Information that is turned in past April 28 will not be accepted.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

IMPORTANT - Graduating seniors are invited by the Junior Class (Class of 2018) to attend prom on Saturday evening, April 22, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 Midnight at the FOP.

Guests: Any senior, as well as any junior, may bring a guest. No freshman guests or anyone age 21 or older may attend. The MHS class member assumes the responsibility for his/her guests observing all school regulations.

A junior or senior who wishes to bring a guest other than a Mishawaka High School student must register his or her guest with Mrs. Jennifer Mammolenti and obtain from the high school bookstore a special guest form. This guest form must be returned to Mrs. Mammolenti before 3:10 p.m. Tueday, April 18, 2017.

Admission: Admission to the prom is by ticket only. Tickets for seniors, juniors and for guests of juniors and seniors are \$ 25.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and must be purchased with cash only. **CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**. No tickets will be sold at the door. No passes out will be issued.

What to Wear: Girls wear formals. Reminder, girls cannot wear dresses that show any midriff. It is entirely proper for boys to wear suits.

Seniors need to report by 2:45 p.m. on Commencement Day Please be on time!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jerome Calderone Principal

John Ross Associate Principal

Nathan Blair Senior Class Sponsor

> Return this signed form to MHS Main Office by Friday May 5, 2017

Dear Senior Parents and Students,

Senior students and parents should read and be familiar with the enclosures, which have been included in this graduation information mailing.

It is imperative that seniors report for graduation rehearsals on Friday, May 26 at 11:35 a.m. and Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. It is equally important that seniors report promptly at 2:45 p.m. to the Auditorium on Sunday, June 4, to prepare for Commencement exercises. Appropriate attire and behavior are a condition of participation in graduation activities. We consider the Commencement exercise 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 signed form is due in the Principal's Office no later than Friday, May 5, 2017. Your signatures, both student and parent, certify that you have received and reviewed the graduation expectations. Your signatures also signify your promise and willingness to comply with prescribed graduation guidelines. This signed form is required for a senior to receive Commencement tickets and to participate in the Commencement exercises on June 4, 2017.

Student's PRINTED Name	
Student's Signature	
Parent's Signature	
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