

May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians/Seniors:

The school year is coming to an end, and our thoughts are turning toward graduation. We would, therefore, like to discuss important information regarding end-of-the-year senior events. The second page of this letter lists those events for May/June.

Please be reminded that attendance is counted until the last day of school. Credit will be withheld, as per Board of Education policy, from courses where seniors have exceeded the 10% rule for absences. As mentioned in her letter to the community dated March 18, 2019, the Superintendent, Dr. René Rovtar, expects all students to be in school the days following the prom. Students who are not in attendance the days following the prom may jeopardize any credit appeals regarding absences, as well as participation in senior year activities. Seniors who have not met the requirements for graduation will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, regardless of when they are informed. In addition to the attendance requirement, all other senior obligations must be satisfied in order to be eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held on the field on June 20, at 7:00 p.m. Seniors must participate in rehearsal on June 20, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, and they must arrive promptly at the high school by 6:00 p.m. on graduation day in order to participate in the ceremony. If a senior does not expect to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, Mr. Nadzak must be notified in writing prior to the day of practice.

At this time of the year, we ask for your help in ensuring a safe and successful conclusion to your child's high school career. Please be aware that all Board of Education policies, school rules, and procedures will be enforced through the last day of school which includes the graduation ceremony. We expect our seniors to end well what they began well. Our behavioral and academic expectations will not diminish as the school year comes to an end. Seniors who do not conform to school standards will receive consequences accordingly and may lose the following privileges: attendance at the Senior Events (i.e., Breakfast, Prom, Dessert Feast, and Picnic) and participation in the Graduation Ceremony. Our young people are our most precious resource, and, by working together, the Class of 2019 can have a memorable, safe, and healthy end to their years at MTHS.

The Graduation Ceremony is a dignified and important occasion for all involved. All families of graduates are requested to refrain from sponsoring graduation parties prior to the ceremony. Please be advised that any student found carrying items such as balloons, beach balls, etc., will be removed from the Graduation Ceremony. Any occurrence of serious student misconduct during the Graduation Ceremony will result in immediate removal of offending students and possible termination of the commencement exercise. Students are required to dress appropriately. Specifically, female students should wear dress pants, dresses, or skirts of an appropriate length, while boys should wear dress pants with a shirt and tie. Students are not permitted to wear jeans or flip-flops. Your cooperation in addressing these items is appreciated since participation in the ceremony is voluntary.

The seating for this year's Graduation Ceremony will include a VIP section. This section will consist of town officials, Board of Education members, parents of graduates who are speaking at the commencement, and specific high school faculty members only. As in the past, parents of graduates will have the opportunity to sit on the field behind the Class of 2019. Each family will receive two green tickets which will enable them to sit on the field. Bleacher seating on both sides of the field will continue to be available for other family members and friends with no tickets needed. In case of inclement weather, each family will be given two ivory tickets

which will admit parents into the old gymnasium for the indoor ceremony. Additionally, each family will be given four yellow tickets to be used for family members wishing to view the indoor ceremony via live simulcast in the auditorium or new gymnasium. Please bring both sets of tickets to the ceremony in the event we are required to move the ceremony indoors.

All graduating seniors are invited to attend an alcohol and drug free graduation event organized by the Drug Awareness Council. Project Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 20, from approximately 11:30 p.m. – 3:00 a.m., at *Spirit Cruises* in Weehawken, NJ. Students attending Project Graduation must report to the high school starting at 9:15 – 10:00 p.m. in order to be transported to the event. This year, Project Graduation will feature a river cruise that will take our graduates around the tip of Manhattan, showcasing the iconic skyline and landmarks, like the Statue of Liberty. The cruise will include food and entertainment. The anticipated return to the high school will be 3:30 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. on June 21, 2019. Tickets for Project Graduation are \$50 and will be sold at the Senior Dessert Feast and the Senior Picnic and in the school nurses’ office. For further information about the event, please contact mthspjgraduation@gmail.com.

Date	Activity	Time
May 24	Senior Breakfast at Crystal Plaza—Livingston	9:00 – 12:00 noon
May 30	Senior Prom at Mayfair Farms—West Orange	6:00 p.m.
June 6	PTC Senior Dessert Feast in the MTHS Café	8:31 – 9:26 a.m.
June 6	Senior Awards Night in the MTHS Stafford Theater	7:00 p.m.
June 10	Mustang Senior Sports Awards Dinner at Hanover Manor	6:30 p.m.
June 13	Senior Picnic at MTHS/Recreation Center *distribution of: caps, gowns, and yearbooks	9:00 – 12:00 noon
June 14	Senior final exams: Period 4 Period 8	7:40 – 9:25 a.m. 10:10 – 11:55 a.m.
June 17	Senior final exams: Period 3 Period 7	7:40 – 9:25 a.m. 10:10 – 11:55 a.m.
June 18	Senior final exams: Period 2 Period 6	7:40 – 9:25 a.m. 10:10 – 11:55 a.m.
June 19	Senior final exams: Period 1 Period 5	7:40 – 9:25 a.m. 10:10 – 11:55 a.m.
June 20	Graduation rehearsal at MTHS gymnasium/field Boys in the MTHS Café Girls in the MTHS Media Center Graduation Ceremony at MTHS Project Graduation	8:30 – 12:00 noon 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 – 10:15 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Graduation Ceremony on June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Douglas Sanford
Principal

David Gelber
Assistant Principal

Kenneth Nadzak
Assistant Principal