

March 25th, 2019

Dear Senior Parent,

Congratulations to you and your graduate at this important time in your lives. As you know, the remaining days of school hold many exciting events. This year we will be holding our Commencement ceremony at the Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium. Please read this letter carefully, it contains information on this and other important events.

MILITARY SIGNING DAY

Monday, April 29th @ 12:45pm in the MHS Arena

All Seniors who have officially committed to a branch of the Military will be honored at this special event in the presence of their peers. Family is encouraged to attend in support as well. Seniors should see Becky Oliver in the MHS College/Career Center to get on the list to be recognized.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 11th @ 8:30am at Bella Woods

1888 N 9th St, Midlothian, TX 76065

SENIOR PICNIC

Sunday, May 5th @ 2:00 pm at Midlothian Community Park

3601 S 14th St, Midlothian, TX 76065

BACCALAUREATE

Sunday, May 19th @ 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church Midlothian

The Baccalaureate service is voluntary for all seniors and families who would like to attend. Seniors will need to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and report in appropriate attire. The proper dress for the Baccalaureate service:

- Graduation Gowns (No Hat)
- Dresses
- Dark Slacks or Jeans
- Dress Shoes or Boots
- No Shorts
- No Flip Flops or Tennis Shoes

SENIOR CLASS PICTURE

The senior class picture will be taken Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in the high school arena. We will begin to assemble seniors at 9:00 a.m up stairs. Pictures should be ready for seniors on May 29th and 30th at the stadium after practice. Pricing information will be posted on the MHS Facebook and district website. The proper dress for Senior pictures:

- Males:
- White collared shirt with dark tie.
 - Dark colored slacks or black jeans may be worn
 - Graduation Gown
 - No tennis shoes or Flip Flops
 - No shorts

No Graduation Cap.

Females: Dresses
 Graduation Gown
 No tennis shoes or Flip Flops
 No Shorts
 No Graduation Cap.

Note: To lessen wrinkling, keep gown on a hanger until time for Senior pictures. If gown needs ironing use a cool iron.

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSALS

There will be two **mandatory** rehearsals for Commencement.

Wednesday, May 29th & Thursday, May 30th 9:00 a.m. report to the MISD stadium for practice.

Failure to attend these rehearsals will be recorded as absences.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 30th at 8:15 p.m. at The Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium. The graduates should arrive by 6:30p.m. to be placed in proper order for the processional to begin the ceremony. The proper dress for the Commencement ceremony shall be as follows:

All graduates will wear the cap and gown.

Males: School dress code requirements shall be followed.
 White collared shirt with dark tie
 Dark colored slacks or black jeans may be worn
 No tennis shoes
 No shorts

Females: School dress code requirements shall be followed.
 Dresses are required (no clothing showing in V of the gown)
 No tennis shoes
 No high heel or spiked shoes
 Bring hairpins for graduation cap

Note: To lessen wrinkling, keep gown on a hanger until time for Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises. If gown needs ironing use a cool iron.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS

Students will receive an official Midlothian High School Commencement Program on Thursday, May 30th at the end of the final rehearsal. Students will be directed to take the program home to give to parents/guardians. A paper copy of the Commencement Program will be available to friends and relatives via the MISD website on Thursday May 30th.

COMMENCEMENT DECORUM

All spectators attending the commencement should be aware that the commencement ceremony is a formal event. The use of any noise making device and any items thrown (i.e. confetti, beach balls, etc.) are prohibited and will be confiscated at the entry gates. Midlothian ISD staff members and Midlothian police will be on duty stationed throughout the audience. **Any individuals engaging in disruptive conduct including use of noisemakers will be removed from the ceremony and ticketed by police. Please be sure that all guests you are bringing are aware of these procedures.** This is an important time for student recognition; therefore all normal applause is acceptable. In addition, graduation is an open seating event therefore, **saving seats for family members is not permitted.**

Bottled water will be for sale for \$1.00 via the MHS Band Boosters. All proceeds from the water sales will be donated to the Delores McClatchey Scholarship Fund. Patrons will be permitted to bring bottled water, all other drinks will not be allowed into the ceremony. **No ice chests** will be allowed in the stadium. School personnel will be at entrance gates to enforce this requirement. We appreciate your cooperation.

COMMENCEMENT PARKING AND SHUTTLE

Midlothian High School has worked closely with police and city officials to provide a safe and well-organized traffic plan for this event. Gates at the Multi-purpose Stadium will open at 6:00pm. The ceremony will begin at 8:15 p.m. We suggest that you arrive early if you want to park at the Multi-purpose Stadium. **Patrons will be allowed to park in the open field located north across Don Floyd Drive. It is estimated that we can park approximately 1,500 vehicles in this field.** The Multi-purpose Stadium has a parking capacity of approximately 1,025 regular spaces and 32 handicap spaces. Frank Seale Middle School has approximately 358 parking spaces, and Midlothian High School has approximately 1,200 parking spaces. A total of 12 buses will be available, 4 of which are handicap buses, to provide shuttle service to and from the remote parking areas. The shuttle service will begin at 6:30pm. Shuttle service will be available for 1 hour after the ending of the ceremony to remote parking areas.

PICTURES

The school district partners with Lifetouch to provide photography services during the commencement ceremony. Information about how to purchase and pick up graduation photos will be given out to seniors at graduation practice on May 30th.

Parents and guest will not be allowed access to the field to take pictures of graduates before, during, or after the commencement ceremony. The area designated for parent pictures with graduates will be located in the parking area north of the field house. Please prepare your camera for photos in dark to semi dark settings.

PROJECT GRADUATION

Detailed information regarding the overnight party will be sent in the near future.

SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS

All graduates requesting final transcripts mailed after graduation should fill out a form in the counselor's office before school ends. The transcripts will be mailed after all the information has been recorded.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas may be picked up at the main offices of the high school building during normal summer business hours (Monday-Thursday 7:30-4:30).

Dedicated to student success,

Gary Gates, Principal
Midlothian High School