

Dear Parents and Graduating Students:

In just a few weeks, you and your child will be taking part in one of the most significant events in the life of your family. Although it is a bit different this year, it is still a time-honored rite of passage that has been reserved for those who have met the challenges and expectations of school from kindergarten through grade twelve. By participating in this culminating activity of the learning process, your child will join the ranks of thousands of proud Millard South graduates. Graduation day is not only a special day for our graduating seniors, but is also a significant milestone for grandparents, parents and the thousands of other loved ones who will gather together for this solemn event. We look forward to you joining us for the first-ever Millard South High School virtual graduation on May 23rd and a live ceremony on July 30th.

CAP AND GOWNS: Caps and Gowns were distributed on April 9th & 13th. If you did not collect yours, you must contact the school to arrange to do so. Students who have not yet ordered one must do so at School Traditions. They are located at 12100 W. Center Road., Bel-Air Plaza Ste. 901. Their phone number is 402-773-0300.

HONOR CORDS: Seniors graduating with honors received special honor cords to wear with their cap and gowns when they picked up their cap & gowns. Honor cords are awarded as follows:

- Cum Laude Graduates: Seniors with a cumulative 3.50 to 3.749 GPA receive a navy honor cord.
- Magna Cum Laude Graduates: Seniors with a cumulative 3.75 to 3.99 GPA receive a silver honor cord.
- Summa Cum Laude Graduates: Seniors with a cumulative 4.00+ GPA receive a gold honor cord.
- Early College Graduates: Seniors who have earned their Associate of Arts degree from Metropolitan Community College as part of the ECHS receive a white honor cord.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: Our traditional commencement ceremony has been replaced with two events.

- **Virtual Graduation:** This will take place at 11AM on May 23rd. Seniors have already received an email this week from MarchingOrder with instructions. More details about this event will be released as they are available.
- **In-Person Graduation:** It is our hope that we will be able to celebrate an in-person graduation at the University of Nebraska-Omaha's Baxter Arena at 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 30th. More details about this event will be released as they are available.
- Walking Practice will take place at Baxter Arena at 10 AM on July 30th.

PARENTS: We are collecting photos to create a slideshow to share before the live graduation ceremony. Please encourage your seniors to share pictures of their high school memories. **Photos will only be accepted if submitted via the student's email account.** Here is the link: [Grad Photos](#). Photos must be submitted by June 24th.

CREDIT COUNTS & GRADUATION STATUS: It is important to be certain of our credit status. If you have any doubt that you will receive the required number or type of credits (page 2 of the 2019-20 Registration Guide), contact your counselor immediately. Classroom teachers must report the names of seniors who are failing a class to the Principal's Office and make parent contact no later than May 18, 2020. All academic responsibilities must be completed no later than 4:00 PM Monday, May 18th.

FINES, FEES, INFORMATION CENTER MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT: All outstanding fines and fees must be paid. Additionally, all school equipment and materials checked out to you must be returned. This includes computers, textbooks, library books, and athletic uniforms. There will be an organized event to take care of these responsibilities on May 13th & 14th. More specific details as to times will be forthcoming.

HONORS NIGHT: Academic Letters and medals will be presented to seniors who earn a 3.50 GPA or above during the first semester. Seniors who have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA each semester for all four years will be awarded a personalized plaque. At this time, we are planning to distribute these honors to seniors during materials collection on May 13th & May 14th.

NAME ON DIPLOMA: Please check Google Classroom to ensure your name appears as you wish it to be printed on your diploma. Check your name and notify your counselor, Mrs. Cinotto, or Mrs. Vanderwal if there are any concerns otherwise your name will be printed as it appears on the list. Diplomas will be distributed at the school by pick-up on May 22nd.

PROFESSIONAL GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHY: Professional photos will be taken prior to the live ceremony on July 30th. A color proof, order form, and return envelope will be mailed to each graduate. Parents and family members are not allowed on the floor of the arena on the day of commencement.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Senior must report all awarded scholarships by April 29th. Regardless of whether a scholarship will be accepted, we wish to acknowledge a list of all awarded scholarships in the program. The dollar value of individual scholarships is kept confidential and will not be published anywhere. Requested dollar totals are only used to report school-wide scholarship amounts. Seniors should complete the reporting form with the link below. The form may be filled out more than once as additional scholarships are awarded. **Scholarship Information**

SENIOR FINALS & LAST DAY: The last day for seniors is Tuesday, May 12th.

SENIOR SURVEYS: There are three surveys in Naviance which must be completed for seniors to be considered completed with their PLP requirements: Millard Senior Survey Class of 2018 & Beyond, the Game Plan Survey, and the Millard Graduating Senior Survey. These must be completed prior to equipment check-in on March 13th & 14th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heidi Weaver
Principal

Mr. Andy Pinkall
Assistant Principal