

Class of 2023 Graduation Details

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The Marion L. Steele High School Class of 2023 plans to hold its Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 27th at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center. Doors will open at 2:00 pm and the ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00pm. Seniors should arrive backstage by 2:00 pm.

At this time, no tickets are needed for the ceremony as there is unlimited seating at the Wolstein Center. All graduating seniors will receive one parking pass for the CSU Parking Garage.

The commencement ceremony will be streamed live on Comets Live's YouTube channel which can be found at www.youtube.com/cometslive.

Graduates should dress appropriately in formal attire for the commencement ceremony. For safety reasons, flip-flops are not permitted. School administration reserves the right to determine if a graduate's attire is not appropriate for participation in the commencement ceremony. Any questions regarding attire at graduation should be directed to an administrator.

GRADUATION PRACTICE AND CLAP-OUT

There will be a MANDATORY graduation practice on Thursday, May 25th beginning promptly at 8:00 am in the Cafetorium. In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, seniors must be in attendance at graduation practice. All students will receive their parking ticket for commencement at practice.

In order to receive their cap and gown at graduation practice, seniors must return their school-issued chromebook/charger and pay all school fees. Chromebook collection will take place on Tuesday, May 23rd in the CLC. Seniors should see Mrs. Doehr in the financial office with any questions or to set up a payment plan. Diplomas and transcripts will be held if there are any outstanding fees.

Graduation practice will conclude with a clap-out procession to Pomp and Circumstance for the Class of 2023. Seniors will walk through the halls of Nord and then be escorted by APD to AJH and Powers. This tradition began in 2019 and allows Amherst students and staff the opportunity to congratulate our seniors.

SENIOR SEND-OFF

Another tradition that was started with the class of 2020 has become a hit as well! Amherst Schools, along with the Amherst Police Department, will be holding a Senior Send-Off on Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 pm for the Class of 2022. There is a rain date of May 26th. The Amherst Police Department will lead seniors in an extended route from Powers Elementary School to Marion L. Steele High School. Staff members from Powers, Nord, AJH, and Steele will be along the route to wish the seniors farewell and good luck.

Seniors participating in this event must abide by the following guidelines approved by the Amherst Schools and Amherst Police Department.

1. All seniors must have a parent/guardian driving the vehicle. ***Graduates are not permitted to drive.***
2. Each vehicle must not exceed its established occupancy rules.
3. Seniors are permitted to make signs and decorate their vehicle for this fun event.
4. Please arrive at Powers Elementary via the entrance off of South Lake Street. All seniors should arrive at 5:40 pm to allow plenty of time for our staff to line up the cars in the Playground Parking Lot.
5. Amherst Schools Administration and the Amherst Police Department reserve the right to remove any participant from the send-off who is in violation of these guidelines.

The route for the send-off begins in the Powers Playground Parking Lot and continues as follows:

- A. Out the Playground Lot via AJH's driveway.
- B. Right onto Milan Ave.
- C. Left onto N. Main St.
- D. Right onto Sipple Ave.
- E. Left onto Lincoln St.
- F. Through Nord Middle School's Front Parking Lot. Right out of Nord's lot.
- G. Right onto Sunrise Dr.
- H. Right onto Washington Ave.
- I. Through Marion L. Steele High School's South Lot.

Exit via Axtel Street.

