

Hill-McCloy High School

Montrose Community Schools
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Dear Senior Parent(s):

I know it is hard to believe that our kids have finally gotten to this point. It feels like we were just dropping them off at Kindergarten yesterday, and now they are graduating this upcoming school year. I am sharing this letter early in the school year to make sure you have a reference for important dates for seniors and their families.

Credits and Graduation

Only those with enough credits to graduate will be allowed to participate in our graduation ceremonies.

Students should make sure that they are on track to graduate at the beginning of the year. It is important to remind your child to keep on top of their grades and make sure they will get to walk in graduation. Seniors should **not** wait until the last minute to finish any online classes. Seniors who fall short or do not complete on-line classes in time will not be allowed to participate.

Senior Fines

A fine list will be posted during the second semester. Seniors need to check the fine sheet for any unpaid fines. Fines and dues need to be paid prior to Cap and Gown Distribution (May 15, 2024). These Seniors with unpaid fines will be not allowed to get their cap and gowns which will result in not being able to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 is Cap and Gown Distribution

Seniors will pick up their graduation gown and cap in the office.

In order to receive your cap and gown:

1. Fines and dues need to be paid.
2. Parking passes need to be turned in or \$10 must be paid to the office.
3. STAR Math and Reading tests need to be completed and within the student's normal achievement range.
4. The student must be on track to graduate (with online credit recovery classes being at least a 60% relative grade).

Friday, May 17, 2024 is the Seniors Last Day and the Senior Walk

One of the great traditions at Hill-McCloy, our seniors will be meeting in the cafeteria at 1:55 pm on the 17th for final instructions about graduation, and then they will take one last walk through each of our buildings while staff and students cheer them on. The students will end the senior walk by the rock outside of the high school.

Parents are welcome to attend the high school portion of the senior walk (by coming in the Hall of Fame entrance before being directed to the athletic wing of the building once the staff member in the gym gets verification from Mr. Schaub that the seniors are in the middle school) and we encourage cameras and Kleenex by the rock. Parents should arrive no earlier than 2:10pm and enter through the Hall of Fame entrance.

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 is Senior Honors Night

This is the night we recognize the academic achievements of our students. We will be handing out honors cords, academic excellence medals, department awards, and scholarships. We send invites to seniors receiving awards and their parents to join us on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Students need to be in the cafeteria by 6:00 pm in their **graduation gown and dressed appropriately, caps are not needed (no hats)**. Please have your child turn in a list of all scholarships and awards that they are aware of to Mrs. Lambert by May 22nd. Cookies and punch will be provided after the conclusion of the awards ceremony in the cafeteria.

Friday, May 31, 2024 is Graduation

We will have a dress rehearsal for graduation at Noon on the football field (gym if it is raining). All graduating students must attend. **Students who miss practice will not be allowed to participate in graduation that night. No need for caps and gowns at practice. There is also no need to dress up for graduation practice.**

All graduates need to be in the cafeteria by 6:00pm on May 31 for graduation. This is a formal event and students are expected to dress for it. Men must be in slacks and a shirt with a collar and no tennis shoes. Women must be in slacks and a blouse, or a dress. Dress sandals are permitted for the girls, but no flip-flops. Students are not to decorate their caps or gowns.

Graduation will begin at 7:00 pm on the football field (in the gym if it is raining). Students will congregate on the north end of the field after graduation for the throwing of the hats and to meet and greet family and friends.

We hope you can join us for all of our graduation activities.

Casey Schaub - Principal

Additional Senior End of the Year Information

1. Lockers must be cleaned out with stickers and tape removed by May 17th. We will be throwing out anything left in lockers starting on Monday, May 20th.
2. Seniors with an on-line class who have not completed them must come in on Tuesday (5/21) at 7:45am to meet with Mr. Schaub.
3. Seniors may not be on school grounds after May 17th during school hours without pre-arranged permission of a teacher, Mr. Schaub, or Mr. Perrin. Athletes may only arrive early on days of contests when students are released early. **Failure to follow this rule will result in loss of graduation privileges.**