

SENIOR WEEK 2025

Congratulations, Families and Grads!

It's hard to believe that Graduation Day arrives faster than we can imagine! We want to make sure that you have all of the information you need to prepare for the big day. This same document lives on the "Seniors!" page all year long and also sent out to families via SchoolMessenger one month prior to Senior Week.

NEED TO KNOW:

- 1. For the 2025 and 2026 school years, Senior Week is spread out over two weeks due to Spring Sports State Championships scheduling. We want as many seniors to be able to participate in our various Senior activities as possible.
- 2. Even though our soon to be graduates do not have classes to attend after Senior Checkout (Wednesday, 4 June 2025), they are still Mead Senior High School students through the graduation ceremony. Therefore, PLEASE remind your graduate(s) to make good choices that do not jeopardize participating at graduation or receiving their diploma.
- 3. Any updated information added after initial publication (Friday, 8 November 2024) will be added in RED.

SETTLE THOSE STUDENT ACCOUNTS

- Find any checked out Library books or textbooks from previous years and turn them in ASAP (and throughout the year) to the Library/Media Center to clear book fines/fees.
- Check your PowerSchool student profile for fees and fines. Get them paid at the MHS Business Office.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

- Wednesday, May 21, from 6:30-8:30 PM.
- MHS Main Gym
- We will acknowledge and celebrate Valedictorians, Department Awards, Specialty Awards, and Commissions.

PROM!

- Saturday, May 31, from 7:30-10:30 PM.
- Spokane Convention Center Rooftop

Important information regarding Prom:

Student safety is our number one objective. Graduation is only a few days away from Prom. Each year, we work to improve our safety and security measures.

To address concerns of drugs and/or alcohol being present not only <u>during</u> prom, but also before and after the event, these are the measures we are taking:

- We planned extra security and law enforcement on site during the event, as well as additional security sweeps.
- There will be bag searches and mandatory bag check-in (even small purses). No large bags or backpacks are allowed.

Prom is a school-sponsored event hosted on an off-site location. Any students who come to Prom under the influence, or sneak in contraband and partake at Prom, will be subject school discipline (10-day suspension), athletic/activity code violation discipline, and consequences by law enforcement. A student who breaks school policy and rules will not be allowed to participate in senior class activities and walk at graduation.

Thank you for partnering with us to make sure Prom remains a safe and fun event for all.

SENIOR FINALS

- Tuesday, June 3, 2025: Periods 4, 5, & 6.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025: Periods 1, 2, & 3

SENIOR CHECKOUT

- Wednesday June 4, 2025: 11:25 AM in the MHS Theatre.
- Make sure Chromebooks are ready for turn-in:
 - Remove all personalized stickers and decorations. Do not remove any district labels.
 - Charge the Chromebook enough so that IT techs can see that it works.
 - Don't forget your DISTRICT ISSUED charging cable. If you know your original charging cable is missing, pay that fee now at the MHS Business Office.
- Bring any Library books and/or textbooks used this year that you have not already turned in.
- We will go over graduation rehearsal and grad day information.
- Grads will get their cap and gown.
- Haven't ordered your cap and gown yet? Contact Jostens <u>HERE</u>.

Elementary Grad Walks

- Thursday, June 5 @ 8:15 AM
- Didn't attend an elementary school in Mead? That's okay! Go with a friend.

• Graduates should arrive at the elementary schools with their cap and gown in hand.

GRADUATION DAY PREP

- 1. Prep that ceremony gown as soon as you receive it during Senior Checkout (Wednesday, 4 June 2025). We share with graduates during Senior Checkout that they should remove the gown from the bag immediately and hang it to allow the wrinkles to fall. This process *should* eliminate the need to iron. IF ironing is needed, then use only the lowest setting otherwise the material will melt.
- 2. Encourage your graduate to put their name (first and last) in their cap!

Cap Decorations

- Graduates ARE allowed to decorate their caps! This information is also shared with graduates during Senior Checkout:
 - ALL decorations MUST lay FLAT on the cap. Nothing can lay perpendicular (projecting off of the cap) thus allowing us to see the decoration beyond eye level.

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Thank/honor a loved one: a parent, grandparent, teacher, guardian, etc.
- Recognize the university or other future program you will be attending.
- Acknowledge a program (sport, music, club) you've been involved with at MHS

It is not appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Offensive language, sayings, nicknames, pictures, or lyrics.
- Political statements.
- o Objects such as signs, stuffed animals, bells, flowers, or any 3D object.
- o Noise makers... Seriously. No bells, chimes, horns, etc.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL 1 | At Mead High School

- Thursday, June 5, 2025, Mead High School Gym, 12:30-2:30 PM (we will start promptly at 12:30 PM).
- Graduates will receive the seating chart by 8:00 AM via their school email.
- Graduates do not need to bring their cap and gown.
- Why an "at school" rehearsal the day before the ceremony? Reduces graduation day anxiety; Allows us to run through all names; counts as a school day in accordance with RCW 28A.150.220; provides graduation morning for families, and reduces traffic at GU.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL 2 on GRADUATION DAY | At McCarthey

- Friday, June 6, 2025, Gonzaga University (McCarthey) @ 2:15 PM
- Graduates arrive to McCarthey by 1:45 PM for security check-in and line-up.
- Please drop off your grad, if you can, at GU to reduce parking issues.

- **Grads:** Arrive with your gown draped over your arm and cap in hand.
- Enter McCarthey at the loading dock on the south side of the building.
- No purses or large bags; No balloons, inflatables, food, or noise makers.
- Make sure to eat before you arrive at Gonzaga. We will provide a small snack and water at the end of rehearsal in prep for the big show!

GRADUATION DAY | INFO FOR FAMILIES!

- Friday, June 6, 2025, Gonzaga University McCarthey Center, 5:00 PM
- No tickets required: Bring the family and friends!
- Doors open at 4:15 PM for seating.
- No large bags or purses; <u>please bring a small, clear bag to make security checks easier</u>.
- Please remember that noise makers, inflatables, and balloons are not allowed in the arena. The Gonzaga Security Team emphasizes these rules.
- PARKING INFORMATION AND ENTRY INFORMATION:
 - Please click here for parking information in and around Gonzaga.
 - Note that the BARC Garage will be open.
 - Enter McCarthey Center on the south side at the corner of Cincinnati and Lower Kennedy.

• AFTER THE CEREMONY:

 Meet your graduate on the Herak Lawn on the south side of McCarthey along Lower Kennedy Drive.

Senior All Nighter

- Friday, June 6, 2025 at 10:00 PM Saturday, June 7 4:30 AM @ Triple Play in Hayden Lake, ID.
- Parent-sponsored event.
- Attenders arrive at Mead High School at 8:30 PM. Buses leave from MHS.

DIPLOMA PICK-UP

- Monday, June 9, 2025 MHS South (Main) Entrance, 8:00 -11:00 AM.
- Student fees must be paid to receive your diploma.

*ALL dates / times are subject to change.
We will do our best to provide ample notice in the event of changes.