



Middlebury Union High School

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Dear Grade 12 Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of your senior student's final year at Middlebury Union High School, we want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your student's education. We have planned a number of activities to help students prepare for and celebrate this end of high school.

For your planning and information, we have enclosed a list of important dates and a summary of upcoming activities. Family and friends are invited to several of these events. We hope to see you there!

Important Grade 12 Dates and Summary of Activities

May 21

Cap & Gown Distribution

A representative from Balfour will be in the cafeteria at lunchtime to distribute caps and gowns. The cost is \$26.00. Cash is accepted, or checks should be made payable to "Scholastic Achievements."

Please Note: Your child cannot get their Cap & Gown if they have an outstanding balance due on their Cafeteria account or Library account. Those students who owe money have a separate letter included in this envelope. If you don't have a separate letter, you do not owe any money.

May 29

Last day of classes for grade 12 students

June 3-4

Graduation Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m. Memorial Sports Center

Students will practice the graduation procedures at least twice prior to the Commencement ceremony on June 6, 2026. Seating and diploma orders are determined at these rehearsals. **These rehearsals will be held at the Memorial Sports Center and are mandatory for students who are planning to participate in the Commencement ceremony.** Please ensure that your student is prompt for each rehearsal. We want graduation to be smooth and organized. Your cooperation is appreciated.

June 3

Senior Raft Race – 5:30 p.m. & Family Picnic – 6:30 p.m. Branbury State Park

Members of the Senior Class and their families are welcome at the Senior Class Raft Race/Picnic. Students construct rafts to be raced at Branbury Beach on Lake Dunmore in a controlled setting. School staff and a lifeguard are on hand to ensure a safe event is held. Rules for the construction of rafts are available in the main office. Students are responsible for transporting themselves to the event.

Following the Raft Race, students and parents/guardians are welcome to enjoy the Senior Class picnic. Food and beverages will be provided. We encourage family members to attend, even if they cannot attend the raft race. Permission forms for the raft race and picnic (blue) are enclosed and must be submitted to Sarah Johnstone in the office by Friday, May 29, 2026. The rain date for the raft race and picnic is June 4, 2026.

June 4

Graduation Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m. Memorial Sports Center

June 5

Final Assembly - 9:30 a.m. Memorial Sports Center

Our Final Assembly recognizes students for achievements throughout the year. Seniors, dressed in cap and gown, will lead our student body in a parade from MUHS to the Memorial Sports Center. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. The MUHS Band will march and play in the parade. All parents are invited to attend. The Final Assembly is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Memorial Sports Center.

June 6

Commencement Ceremony - 10:00 a.m. Memorial Sports Center

Graduation is held indoors at the Memorial Sports Center. Graduates should be at the Memorial Sports Center no later than 9:30 a.m. with caps and gowns. The processional begins at **10:00 a.m. sharp**. Our ceremony lasts about two hours. Scholarships are presented to seniors at Commencement. The ceremony will be live-streamed and available for viewing at middleburrycommunitytv.org. It will also be posted to our MUHS website acsdtv.org/muhs. Please remember that graduation is an important occasion, and we expect students to dress appropriately.

Graduation Parking

Parking will be available at the Mahady Court House, the Recreation Field, Mary Hogan School and at Middlebury Union High School. Accessible parking is available with permit only in the Memorial Sports Center parking lot located off Buttolph Drive. **No parking will be allowed on streets in the areas surrounding the Memorial Sports Center.**

June 6-7

Project Graduation

All seniors, including non-graduating seniors, are encouraged to participate in Project Graduation. The schedule is:

- 6:00 p.m. – Arrive at MUHS for BBQ Sponsored by Middlebury Rotary Club - *Thank you!*
- 6:30 p.m. – All participants need to be present at MUHS for attendance, instructions, and loading of buses.
- 8:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m. – Time at the Shelburne Field House – casino tables, corn hole tournaments, Ladder Ball and Can Jam, mini golf (18 holes)
- 11:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. – Time at Sparetime in Colchester for bowling, video arcade games, laser tag, t-shirts, food, and refreshments.
- 2:45 a.m.-5:00 a.m. – Time at the Shelburne Field House – Marko the Magician, more food, and prizes.
- 5:15 a.m. - Buses depart for the return trip to MUHS.
- 6:00 a.m. - Buses arrive at MUHS

Project Graduation is a drug/alcohol/tobacco-free event. Students are required to ride the buses.

Please complete the enclosed Project Graduation permission slip (green) and return it to Sarah Johnstone in the main office as soon as possible. Students are required to submit a \$5.00 deposit with their permission slip to confirm their participation in Project Graduation.

Parent involvement in Project Graduation is extremely important in making this a successful event. If you are interested in serving as a Project Graduation chaperone, please go to the MUHS website and click on Project Graduation under “Quick Links.” If you have any questions about Project Graduation, contact George Rooney at 382-1160 or grooney@acsdvt.org.

We are looking forward to a safe and joyful culmination of your student's Middlebury Union High School experience. Please call us at 382-1500 or stop by to see us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the end-of-year events.

Respectfully,



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