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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is here, along with some welcomed warmer weather, and senior end of year activities are underway. We enjoyed a beautiful evening, this past Friday, at the Senior Prom in Princeton. It was wonderful watching our students interact, dance and enjoy being young adults. I am looking forward to our Senior Trip to Disney, Senior Barbeque, Senior Awards and other upcoming culminating activities, celebrating the end of one chapter and the start of the next one.

AP Exams are underway. I ask that you remind your child to get a good night's sleep on the evenings prior to testing and to eat a good breakfast each morning. Just a reminder, we will not be conducting final examinations this year. **Final report cards for the 2020-2021 school year will be viewable on June 22nd via Genesis Parent Resources.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 609-466-7602.

Our final season of athletics, four seasons this year, is in full swing. We have had many individual and team accomplishments. The Boys Golf Team won the Group IV Central Jersey Sectional Title and the Skyland Conference title, while the Girls Golf Team won the County Tournament. The Boys Tennis Team is en route to win the Skyland Conference Raritan Division Title. The Boys Track 4x100 Relay Team won the County Relays as did the Girls Distance Medley Relay Team. In addition to our spring sports teams, our Robotics Team won the coveted District Chairman's Award which qualifies them to compete in the World Chairman's Competition. Our MHS Theatre Program will be premiering *Look to the Silver Lining* this Friday at 7:00 P.M. Online tickets can be found on the District Webpage. Congratulations to all of our Montgomery High School athletic programs, clubs and activities.

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and news that follow this letter. **Graduation information is located in this letter and is posted on the MHS website.** Additionally, please visit department webpages for summer reading assignments. Thank you and enjoy the warm weather and final days of the school year.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Popadiuk
Principal

Advanced Placement Examinations and Schedule

AP examinations began on Tuesday, May 18th and conclude on Friday, May 28th. This is often a stressful time for students involved in AP courses. I ask that you remind your child to get a good night's sleep on the evenings prior to testing and to eat a good breakfast. Please review the following exam schedule, taken from the College Board site:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17	18	19	20	21
	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 12pm - English Literature 4pm - Computer Science	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 12pm - US History 4pm - Art History Macroeconomics	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 12pm - US Gov't and Politics AP Art Portfolios Due at 12pm	<u>Paper Exams in School</u> 7:20am - Spanish 11:15am - French German
24	25	26	27	28
<u>Paper Exams in School</u> 7:20am - Calculus AB/BC 11:15am - Physics C: Mechanics	<u>Paper Exams in School</u> 7:20am - Chemistry Physics C: E&M 11:15am - Statistics	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 12pm - English Language	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 12pm - Biology 4pm - Environmental Science	<u>Digital Exams at Home</u> - 4pm - Microeconomics

I wish everyone the best of luck during the exams!

Highlights of Other Culminating Activities

National Honor Society Induction, May 20, will be held outdoors at Cougar Stadium from 7:00 to 8:45 P.M. Students must dress appropriately (see Ms. Matthews for details).

Senior Awards Night, May 26, will be held outdoors at Cougar Stadium from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Senior Trip to Disney, Jun 1-5. Students who have any further questions, please see Mr. Girvan.

Community-run Senior Parade and Senior Sunset, June 14, 5:00 P.M. to sunset. More details T.B.A.

Senior Barbeque, June 16, will take place outside, under the science wing, at 12:00 noon. Parents of seniors conduct this activity, which is funded by the senior class. All seniors, hybrid and online, are invited to this event.

2021 MHS Graduation Information

Commencement Ceremony

On **Friday, June 18th**, the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2021 will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. The ceremony will take place in Cougar Stadium. Graduates will assemble in the Main Gymnasium at 5:15 P.M. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary. As such, any student may choose not to participate in the commencement exercise. Should you choose not to participate in commencement exercises please contact Ms. Matthews in the main office as soon as possible (lmattews@mtsd.us).

In case of inclement weather, the Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 19th at 9 A.M. or 6 P.M., depending on the weather conditions.

Code of Conduct

- Members of the Class of 2021 must be in their assigned seats on time for all graduation rehearsals. Failure to attend or an unexcused lateness to the rehearsal sessions may jeopardize a student's privilege to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.
- All members of the Class of 2021 are asked for full cooperation during rehearsals. The sooner you get it correct, the sooner you will be dismissed.
- Please do not bring beach balls, silly string, air horns, water guns, or any other "items of distraction" to rehearsal or to the Commencement Ceremony. The Marshals will be checking students prior to the ceremony to ensure that these items are not present.
- Cell phones must remain in the "OFF" position during graduation rehearsal and the Commencement Ceremony.
- Cameras and yearbooks are not permitted during either the graduation rehearsal or the Commencement Ceremony.

Dress Code

All students must be dressed in appropriate attire for graduation. Appropriate attire includes:

- Dresses, skirts, dress pants with a blouse under their gown.
- Dress pants, dress shoes, and a dress shirt with a tie.
- Jeans and shorts are not permitted.
- Flip-flops and sneakers are not permitted.
- If you have a question about your graduation attire, please speak with Mrs. Pino in advance of the graduation ceremony.

Note: Students in violation of the Code of Conduct or who do not comply with the Dress Code as stated above may jeopardize their privilege to participate in the Commencement Ceremony and may be removed from the ceremony. Remember, participating in graduation is a privilege, not a right.

Diplomas

- **All fines and obligations must be paid prior to Wednesday, June 9th**, for students to receive their diplomas. Unpaid fines and obligations will delay the delivery of diplomas.
- Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the Commencement Ceremony under the Science Eave.

Distribution of Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns will be distributed on **Wednesday, June 16th** and **Thursday, June 17th**. Distribution will take place starting at 10:40 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. both days. Caps and gowns can be picked up from under the Science Eave.

Pictures

- Montgomery graduates and parents will be able to purchase professional graduation pictures through Milan Rose. Graduation pictures will be of the individual student receiving their diploma and will be available for purchase.
- Order envelopes will be sent electronically, a hard copy will be available in the main office, and a downloadable form will be available on the MHS website. Payment must be received prior to the Commencement Ceremony.
- Completed order forms with payment should be submitted to the Main Office prior to the Commencement Ceremony.

Commencement Ceremony Estimated Run-Time

The graduation ceremony normally runs approximately 2.5 hours.

Special Seating and Parking

Families who are in need of Special Seating and/or Handicapped Parking are asked to contact Mrs. Lori Matthews at lmatthews@mtsd.us. **Please contact Mrs. Matthews by Tuesday, June 8th with your request.** We will do our best to accommodate every request. As a reminder, handicapped seating will require one of your tickets upon entry.

Tickets

- Distribution of tickets will occur on **Wednesday, June 16th** and **Thursday, June 17th**. Distribution will take place starting at 10:40 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. both days. Tickets will be given out under the Science Eave.
- The Commencement Ceremony will be held in Cougar Stadium.
- Each graduate will receive a total of two (2) tickets for Cougar Stadium.

Schedule of Events Friday June 18, 2021

8:00 A.M. – The Class of 2021 will check in under the Science Eave and be directed to the Main Gymnasium for graduation rehearsal.

8:25 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Outdoor Graduation Rehearsal.

- Dismissal is dependent upon the cooperation of the class and successful completion of rehearsal in preparation for the Commencement Ceremony.
- **Students must attend the entire rehearsal session in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Students who miss rehearsal or leave prior to the conclusion of rehearsal will not be eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Please do not schedule appointments prior to 1:00 PM on Friday June 18th.**

5:15 P.M. – Members of the Class of 2021 participating in the Commencement Ceremony report to the Main Gymnasium

6:00 P.M. – Commencement Ceremony

Attention Parents and Guardians of Sophomores and Juniors

Listed below are some projected costs associated with both the junior and senior years. These are approximations and are presented for planning purposes only. For further details, contact Erin Reynolds and Gale Murphy, Senior Class Advisors, Bryan Upshaw and Vincent Figueroa, Junior Class Advisors, or the Guidance Office at (609) 466-7602.

College Applications	\$50 - \$90 <u>each</u>
SAT Score Reports	\$15.00 for each college
Senior Pictures	Varies depending on the selected package (\$70 and up)
Senior Prom	Average cost is approximately \$130 per person
Senior Trip Payment	Payment schedule and information will be mailed home in July. Total cost is estimated to be approx. \$1500.
Yearbook	\$85 approx.

Upcoming Senior Pictures (Class of 2022) will be taken June 9th - June 17th in the MPAC. Mr. Pachuta will be sending out more information from Milan Rose in the next day or two.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All school events can be located on our website. Please go to www.mtsd.k12.nj.us and then select Montgomery High School. The calendar is available under “Upcoming Events” on the right-hand side of the screen. The calendar is updated weekly.