



MCHS Class of 2024 End-of-Year Events & Dates

Dear Madison Consolidated High School Senior & Guardian:

MCHS faculty and staff are excited that graduation is just weeks away! Below you will find important information regarding events to take place, including our graduation ceremony. Please remember many of these events are professional and require certain dress and conduct. Read carefully to make sure you are informed about expectations.

ASAP, ORDER CAP/GOWN/TASSEL online at jostens.com. Email Mike Long at mike.long@sakelcampus.com with any questions.

March 12	Jostens Delivery Day, all 3 lunches @ Cafeteria
April 7	Deadline for Google Form from Mr. Lawhead: Vote for a "Last Lesson" Speaker RSVP to Senior Breakfast Express Interest in a Graduation Speaking Part Deadline to submit slideshow baby photo to Mr. Lawhead
April 12 @ 7 p.m.	Annual Custer Contest @ Opal E. Sherman Auditorium
April 15	FAFSA Deadline
April 19	Deadline to register for May 4 SAT @ MCHS (optional)
April 19 @ 8:00 a.m.	4.0 Breakfast <i>by invitation only</i> , Cafeteria
April 20	Jr / Sr Prom @ MCHS (After Prom TBD)
May 3	Deadline Merit-Based Financial Aid Awards from College/University (Submit copy of award letter to Counselors for inclusion at Honors Day)
May 6 -17	AP Exams
May 20	Senior finals period 3
May 21	Senior finals periods 6,7
May 22	Senior finals periods 2,5
May 23	Senior finals periods 1,4
May 23	Senior Device Collection, period 4 Senior Cookout @ Cub Field
May 24 @ 9:00 a.m.	Senior Honors Day, Opal E. Sherman Auditorium (Seniors meet in cafeteria by 8:45)
May 24 @ 11:00 a.m.	Senior "Tour of Graduates" (following Honors Day), Bring Cap & Gown
May 24 @ 2:00 p.m.	School-wide Celebration Event in gymnasium
June 2 @ 8:00 a.m.	Baccalaureate Program @ Opal E. Sherman Auditorium
June 2 @ 9:30 a.m.	MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL & Class Photo,Salm Gymnasium
June 2 @ 12:30 - 1:15	Individual Graduate Photos, Atrium (Optional)
June 2 @ 2:00 p.m.	Commencement (Graduates arrive in Small Gym by 1:15 p.m.)

Graduation Speakers

If you are interested in a speaking part at graduation, sign up to **show your interest by April 7th through the Google form sent from Mr. Lawhead.** Positions are Invocation, Pledge, Welcome, and Turning of the Tassel. **Students who are chosen to speak will be required to remain after graduation practice to practice their speeches.** All seniors are invited and encouraged to vote for the Last Lesson speaker. Vote for the MCS teacher whom you would like to have as the Last Lesson speaker in this same Google form from Mr. Lawhead.

Senior 4.0 Breakfast

Senior 4.0 Breakfast will be held on **Friday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m.** in the MCHS Cafeteria. The breakfast is for seniors who have maintained a 4.0 GPA over the first seven semesters in high school. Attendance is by invitation only, qualifying students and their parents are invited.

Senior Honors Day & Senior Tour

Honors Day will be held on **Friday, May 24 at 9:00a.m.** in the Opal E. Sherman Auditorium. **Seniors meet in the cafeteria by 8:45 a.m. where you'll line up and walk in together.** You will be representing MCHS to scholarship providers and the larger community, professional attire is requested. Following Honors Day at approximately 11:00 a.m., seniors will be provided pizza lunch in the small gym and will travel to MCS elementary and junior high schools for the **"Tour of Graduates."** **Bring your cap/gown for the tour!** **Seniors will return to MCHS for the School-wide Celebration Event at 2:00 p.m in the gym.**

Tremendous generosity will be extended to students on Honors Day, often by families who have lost someone dear to them. Also, great care and much time is spent making scholarship decisions. **SEND NOTES of THANKS** to those from whom you receive recognition; a handwritten and sincere note will be greatly appreciated.

Graduation Practice

Graduation Practice will be held on **Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Salm Gymnasium. Attendance at practice is **MANDATORY** for participation in the graduation ceremony. **Students should not plan on leaving until practice is complete.** Mr. Lawhead will dismiss seniors at the end of graduation practice. (Students who are speaking at commencement will be required to stay after the rehearsal to practice speeches.) During rehearsal, a class photo will be taken and order forms provided for the class photo and individual graduation photos; individual photos are taken in the atrium beginning at 12:30 on graduation day.

Only students who have completed ALL graduation requirements before the deadline in May and attend graduation practice will be able to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Sunday June 2 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. Graduates are to report by **1:15 p.m.** to the small/practice gym. Only students who have completed ALL graduation requirements AND attend graduation practice will be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. The Principal **MUST** review and approve any extenuating circumstances.

Graduation Dress Suggestions:

Males: Dress pants, dress shirt with tie, socks and dress shoes, specifically closed shoes.

Females: Dress or skirt and blouse or pant suit. We recommend that students not wear high heels, as there will be a lot of walking.

Both: Leave purses, cameras, and personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; they may not be taken in during the processional.

Graduation Gowns: Make sure that you bring your cap/gown/tassel set to the ceremony. We will not have extra gowns on hand. Gowns are to look as they did when received from the Jostens. Nothing extra may be added to them. Please carry your cap and gown with care; be especially careful to NOT lose your tassel.

Graduation Cap: The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. Mortarboards may have school-appropriate, APPROVED decorations on them. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony.

Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not being permitted to participate in the ceremony. Principals will do a visual search of all of the graduates.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be distributed alphabetically upon the seniors' recessional from Connor K. Salm gymnasium and into the **small gym; where they will remain in alphabetical order**. Any student who displays inappropriate behavior during the ceremony will not receive his/her diploma.

Final Transcripts

MCHS Transcripts: The college in which you decide to enroll will require a FINAL transcript; this will not be available until after graduation. **You must request your final high school transcript to be sent to your college through Parchment (parchment.com)**, There may be a small fee now that you are a graduate (approximately \$4). If the college you will attend is not available on Parchment, bring \$3 to Student Services and make your request in writing; provide your college's Name, Address, City & State; the student services office closes for the summer on June 27th. Unofficial transcripts can be printed from Skyward Portfolio and off of Parchment "self view".

ITCC Transcripts / Credits: Your **high school transcript is NOT SUFFICIENT for transferring college credits**. You will need to send your **official college transcript** to your college in order to receive college credit for your dual credit / dual enrollment courses. The following information was provided by Ivy Tech to help you in the process: Grades will not be posted for spring and full year courses until the end of the term. Until then, your course grade(s) will only show as IP (In Progress). For college visits and meetings with advisors, you can print an unofficial transcript from your MyIvy account at myivy.ivytech.edu. Once logged in, click the 'Student' link on the left, then 'Course Info', and select 'Unofficial Transcripts'. Once all grades are posted by early June and you have verified on your unofficial transcript that all grades are posted, you may request your official transcript at www.getmytranscript.com.