



GRADUATION INFORMATION – CLASS OF 2019

The following graduation information is of extreme importance. Please be sure to read through it and follow all the directions. Your cooperation will ensure a successful and positive Commencement.

For your convenience, the following Table of Contents has been included to allow you to reference items of particular interest to you as the date approaches.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you for this culminating Methacton tradition!

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Graduation

Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 13, at 4:00 p.m.** at the High School Stadium.

- The seating area will be open at 3:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. No early reserving of stadium seats will be permitted, except for Post Prom silent auction winners. Guests are permitted to sit on the grass hill, providing their own seat/blanket.
- The ceremony will also be streamed live on the local cable stations (Comcast channel #28, Verizon FIOS channel #42) and online.

Weather

Every attempt will be made to hold the event outdoors, including adjusting the start time.

- In the event of inclement weather, the decision to hold the ceremony indoors will be made by the Administration by 10:00 a.m. on June 13.
- The Methacton School District website will carry the announcement as soon as it is made and will include additional details as needed.

Tickets

Each family will get a total of six (6) tickets for Commencement that will be required if the ceremony is moved indoors – 2 tickets are for gym & 4 tickets for alternate viewing areas, such as auditorium, LGI and library.

- Tickets will be distributed during the rehearsal on Tuesday, June 11.
- One car pass will be provided to each student for parking on the High School grounds.
- Requests for additional tickets cannot be honored due to limited space. Students should ask classmates if they have extras.

Special Needs

Requests for family members who need special assistance, cannot sit in bleacher seats, or require special parking must **contact the Principal's Office by Friday, May 31** at

graduation@methacton.org so we are sure to reserve the space. The email should indicate the graduate's name and if the request is for seating arrangements, parking or both. Please include a contact telephone number.

- For guests requiring special accommodation seating, the student will be given a ticket indicating the guest and one additional person will sit in the handicapped seating section

located on the track. Due to the limited seating on the track, additional seats in this area for other family members is not available.

- Seating will also be available in the last row of stadium bleachers.
- If the event is moved indoors, the high school library will have seating and two large screens for viewing the ceremony.
- Special parking passes may be issued allowing one car to park in the parking lot closest to the stadium. Please let us know in advance so we can reserve the proper number of spaces.
- Please keep in mind, the weather can be quite hot in June. Guests who are sensitive to the heat may wish to view the ceremony at home (if within the district) on local cable station or via the internet from any location through online streaming.
- We will do our best to accommodate the special needs of our guest and require pre-registration by **May 31**. Other requests may be honored based on availability.

Parking

Parents and Family:

- Each senior will receive one parking pass to be used by the family to park on school property.
- Additional cars should park at Fairview Village Church, 3044 W. Germantown Pike and use the shuttles to the school. Please **use the main driveway, not the driveway by the barn**. The shuttles will be available every 15 minutes to transport you to the High School beginning at 2:45 for our families and guests.
- These buses will be available to you after the ceremony to return you to your car.

All Seniors and Faculty guests:

- Off campus parking is at Fairview Village Church, 3044 W. Germantown Pike.
- Please report to the lot before 2:45 p.m. to insure that you do not miss the shuttle bus to the cafeteria.
- If you are being dropped off at the high school, the drop-off location is the east wing and you must be in the cafeteria by 3:15 p.m..
- All seniors must be lined up by 3:45 p.m..
- The procession begins at 3:50 p.m. **SHARP**.
- Following the ceremony, shuttle buses will be available to return you to your car.

Mandatory Rehearsals

Reminders for the rehearsals:

- Students are not excused from ANY rehearsals. Students who do not attend all rehearsals may not participate in graduation. Please note that failure to satisfy all obligations by the deadline may result in missed rehearsal. This is not excused.
- Please do not schedule any conflicting appointments for medical, dental, or other services during Commencement rehearsals on June 11 (9:30 a.m.), 12 (10:00 a.m.) and 13 (9:00 a.m.).
- A Senior must have successfully completed all requirements for graduation (including a minimum of 23.5 credits in the prescribed courses and demonstration of proficiency/progress toward State Standards). **If not, they will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement exercises.**

Obligations

- Students must return their books, calculators, or other similarly assigned materials at the time of the final exam. Chromebooks and chargers may be returned to the library beginning Monday, May 27. If they do not have the item, a check can be written to **Methacton School District** to satisfy the obligation. We encourage all students to be responsible and on time with these obligations.
- **Seniors** must satisfy **all obligations, INCLUDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS** (Food Service POS debt and fees for unreturned books, equipment, uniforms, fines, restitution, and/or other items owed) and outstanding detentions **to receive their diploma**. Students with any outstanding obligations will **not** receive a diploma and final transcripts may not be sent to colleges until the obligations have been satisfied.

Attire

All graduates will wear a Methacton Green cap and gown.

Young Men

- Dark pants, white/light blue dress shirt, **tie** and dark socks (no bow ties, or string ties please).

- No jeans or light colored pants (khakis).
- Dark dress shoes are to be worn. No sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, moccasins, slippers, slides, etc., please.

Young Women

- Dress or dark colored dress slacks and blouse combination with **dress shoes**.
- No (spike) high heels, sandals, flip-flops, clogs, sneakers, moccasins, slides, slippers, etc., please. (We are concerned with the safety of the girls as they walk across the football field. Lower wedges can work.)
- No excessive jewelry, flowers, or corsages for the ceremony.

Failure to follow these guidelines will keep you from walking with your class.

Before the Ceremony

- Pin the tassel to the hat and wear the tassel on the RIGHT side, in the center of the straight edge of your hat. (Hats are marked inside so you know the front and the back). During the graduation ceremony, tassels will be moved from the RIGHT side of the cap to the LEFT side of the cap at a pre-determined time. This will be practiced at rehearsal.

During the Ceremony

- Photographers are NOT permitted to leave the stands to take pictures. Lifetouch photographers will be on hand to capture the moment each student receives his or her diploma. Photos will be online at events.lifetouch.com ten days after the ceremony. Visit events.lifetouch.com to receive notification when your proofs are online and ready to order.
- Please refrain from prolonged applause, cheering, whistling, air horns, and other such behavior while graduates are presented. Such behavior detracts from everyone's name being heard. This is a formal and special event to mark the culmination and success of every graduate. In this way, everyone has the opportunity to relish this very special occasion.
- Students who engage in disrespectful, distracting, or inappropriate behavior during the ceremony may be removed from the field by the administration and the diploma and student records withheld until appropriate disciplinary consequences are completed. Adequate time and opportunity will be afforded during the ceremony for the class to celebrate this serious and important formal ceremony. Disrespect and disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. We appreciate your support of this important culminating event.

- Students, no chewing of gum during the ceremony, please.

Diploma & Cumulative Records Distribution

The distribution of diplomas along with health records, and other academic records will be in the cafeteria **immediately** following the ceremony. This area will close one hour after the end of the graduation ceremony. Diplomas that are not picked up will be available in the Counseling office during regular business hours.

Please Note: These are the **ONLY** copies of these records so please keep them in a safe place as replacements cannot be made available because copies do not exist.

A Special Request of Parents and Families

We respectfully request the help of parents and families to help our graduating seniors exercise good judgment and self-respect in their appearance and behavior during Graduation. Like you, our school community looks forward to celebrating the successful completion of many years of hard work by your sons and daughters as well as you, their support system. There will be time after the official ceremony is over for the celebration to take place. We are asking for your help to insure that we can conduct a formal ceremony of which we can all be proud. Therefore, we are requesting your cooperation and help with your graduate. If any member of the class fails to abide by the standards set for these ceremonies, he/she will not be permitted to participate, and that is not a decision administration wants to make.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

We look forward to enjoying a memorable event!