



MOUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear MHS Senior Parent/Guardian:

Mountainside staff and administration are pleased to announce the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2024 to be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM**. The ceremony will be held indoors at CCV located at 23601 N. 163rd Ave, Surprise, AZ 85387. Additionally, thanks to the generous support of CCV, graduating seniors will be provided with a light dinner prior to the ceremony upon arrival at the venue. Seniors will be expected to arrive at CCV at 5:15 PM.

We look forward to celebrating with the Class of 2024 for all of their achievements. Please take note of several important dates leading up to graduation listed below:

Senior Scholarship Information Form

All seniors will receive the Senior Scholarship Information Form on Monday, April 15th through their English courses. This form provides information regarding steps to have transcripts sent to a chosen college or school and verifies any scholarships/awards you may have received. This form is DUE to the counseling office by Monday, May 6th.

Senior Checkout Form Pickup (May 13th from 8:45-9:15 AM, Collaboration Room)

Seniors will be able to collect their Senior Checkout Forms on Wednesday, May 13th in the Collaboration Room before school from 8:45-9:15 AM. Senior checkout forms are required to be completed and submitted to counseling during the senior checkout event on May 20th to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors must also obtain their current semester teachers' signatures verifying completion of coursework at the conclusion of their final exams.

Senior Final Exams (May 15th and May 16th)

Senior Final Exams will take place Wednesday, May 15th (class periods 1, 3, and 5) and Thursday May 16th (class periods 2, 4, and 6). Seniors are expected to attend all their classes assigned during both final exam dates. Seniors must collect their instructor's signature on their Senior Checkout Form at the conclusion of their final exam verifying completion of coursework.

Senior Checkout and Graduation Practice (Monday, May 20th from 12:30-1:30 PM)

All seniors who wish to participate in the MHS graduation ceremony are *required* to attend Senior Checkout and Graduation Practice. Students must have their completed Senior Checkout Form to submit to the counseling department with all required signatures. Students will participate in a practice graduation walkthrough for line location and formation, as well as receive their caps and gowns at the conclusion of checkout.

Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony (Wednesday, May 22nd)

Graduating seniors are expected to arrive at CCV at 5:15 PM for check-in. Seniors will be provided a light meal prior to the ceremony. Students are required to wear their cap and gown when participating in the ceremony. Caps and gowns may be purchased through Jostens (Click [HERE](#) to purchase or visit the school website at mhs.nadaburg.org). Please be sure to order in advance, as caps and gowns will not be sold at senior checkout or at the graduation ceremony. While we are excited to celebrate our students' accomplishments, please refrain

from bringing any air horns, silly string, confetti, glitter, or anything that might disrupt or distract from other's celebrating their student's achievement or harm to the venue. The commencement is a semi-formal event therefore, we ask that students dress appropriately for a school event, including any decorations adorned to student caps.

Students will have two opportunities to be photographed, once behind the stage and once while receiving their diploma cover, courtesy of Grad's Photography. Photos will be available for purchase through Grad's photography.

Grad Night – May 22nd from 8:30-10:30 PM (after the graduation ceremony)

Due to a generous, anonymous donation, MHS will be hosting *Grad Night* for our graduating seniors from 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM, after the conclusion of the graduation ceremony on May 22nd, at Fat Cats in Surprise, *free of charge to our graduating seniors*. Seniors will be allowed to invite one guest to attend with them (guests will be required to pay a \$20 charge), pending a guest pass approval (no guests in middle school or younger, or guests over 20 years of age will be allowed). All graduating seniors participating in *Grad Night* will be provided transportation and are required to ride the school bus to and from Fat Cats (including from CCV to Fat Cats, from Fat Cats to CCV, and from Fat Cats to MHS). Graduating seniors who drive themselves to CCV for the graduation ceremony will be allowed to leave their vehicle at CCV during their time at *Grad Night*, however they do so at their own risk.

Grad Night Permission Slip/Guest Pass

Graduating seniors may collect a permission slip to attend *Grad Night* from Mrs. Paine's office. Permission slips will be available to pick up beginning Monday, April 15th. All permission slips will be ***due no later than Thursday, May 8th. Late submissions will not be accepted.***

Guest pass permission forms may also be collected from Mrs. Paine's office beginning April 15th. All completed guest passes are ***due for MHS administrative approval no later than May 8th***. Please note that incomplete forms will not be accepted. Please be sure to give plenty of time to complete the form if inviting a guest from another campus.

Respectfully,



Dr. Kathryn Strevell
Mountainside High School
Principal