



April 27th, 2020

Hello MHS Parents and Guardians,

As most of you know, Governor Tony Evers has directed the state Department of Health Services to extend the state's safer-at-home order for several more weeks. The order, which was set to expire on April 24 will now end at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26. The order also states all public and private K-12 schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year, which ends June 30.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the alternative plans we have made for our seniors during the month of May due to this new extended order. We made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional events and replace them with virtual programs. We realize nothing can compare to the real experience, but we believe we can still make this a special month for our seniors. They are a part of history in the making, something they'll never forget, and hopefully, by working together will make the best of it.

Please review the following dates and plans for the senior class. An underlined event denotes the change from the traditional format to a virtual one.

5/1 12-2PM	Curbside Cap and Gown Pickup	*Jostens will deliver caps and gowns via MHS front driveway curb through your car window *MHS Staff onsite during pickup
5/1 8-8:30 PM	“Be The Light” event for Spring athletes	*Higley Stadium lights lit for 20 minutes *Senior banners hung on stadium fencing *All students and community invited to drive through parking lot
5/11	MHS Staff “Words of Wisdom” Video	*Seniors will receive a video recorded by MHS staff members giving them some final “words of wisdom”
5/12-14 12 Noon-4 PM 5/15 Raindate	Senior Graduate Videos	*Seniors will report to Higley Field in their cap and gown during assigned times (communicated to students via email) to be video recorded walking through the graduation arch *These videos will be used for our graduation cyber ceremony *Photos will be taken also
5/13	<u>MHS Senior Scholarship Awards Highlight Reel</u>	*Seniors will be contacted and awarded scholarships May 1st *Scholarship Awards Highlight Reel will be shared on May 13th
5/20	<u>MHS Senior Sports Awards Highlight Reel</u>	*Seniors will be notified of their awards via mailed letter by May 8th *Highlight Reel will be shared on May 20th



5/29 8-9 PM	Final Friday Night Lights	*Personalized senior yard signs will be hung on the stadium fencing, football field lights on *Entire community will be invited to drive through for a senior graduation walk
5/30 1 PM	<u>MHS Class of 2020 Graduation Cyber Ceremony</u>	*Class of 2020 MHS Graduation Cyber Ceremony will go live via Marinette School District YouTube channel
8/9 1 PM	MHS Class of 2020 Cap and Gown Celebration	*Graduates will come to Higley Field in their cap and gown for a group photo, tassel shift, and popper release *Refreshments, music and poppers will be provided

We remain committed to ensuring support for our seniors as they work to finish their last semester of high school and graduate. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and engagement during this unprecedented situation. I look forward to working with the high school team and families to make this the best it can be for our seniors.

Please feel free to email me at jbraatz@marinette.k12.wi.us or contact the high school office at 715-735-1300 with your questions.

Warm Regards,

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