

4/26/2023

Good afternoon Senior Families!!

April showers bring May flowers – and the flowers are in bloom all over the Mount Vernon High School Community! Our Seniors are coming down the home stretch and have only 33 days left until graduation. Mrs. Rogers and I are visiting all senior English classes over the next few weeks sharing our message of “Finishing Strong”. We are talking about focusing on Academics, Attendance, and Behavior to ensure that all of our seniors push through these last few weeks of Prom, classes, final exams and finally Graduation. I am incredibly proud and honored to have played a small role in their lives during high school and to share in this time with you as we close this chapter and turn the page to the next steps for our Seniors.

Karen Boyd

Graduation Information:

Senior Dues – All seniors are required to pay their senior dues (\$75.) This covers the cost of the cap & gown, class shirt, diploma and diploma cover, and various other graduation expenses. Dues can be paid via MySchoolBucks.com or by check (payable to MVHS) or cash in the subschool.

A reminder when logging into **My School Bucks** (myschoolbucks.com), navigate to the school store and click on Class of 2023. Senior dues should be the only fee associated to that icon.

All student obligations must be paid before students are issued caps and gowns. Contact Ms. Cronen, (703)619-3225, with questions.

Tickets – There are no tickets for graduation. All are welcome!

Graduation Ceremony – Graduation will be held at Eagle Bank Arena on the George Mason University campus, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, VA 2203 on June 12 at 9:30. All seniors driving to the Arena should plan to arrive by 8:15am.

We will be offering bus service for students to and from Eagle Bank Arena for graduating seniors. There is no cost for using the bus. We are not able to provide this service for family members or guests. Students taking the bus to the Arena need to be at the school by 6:45am at door 4. Graduating seniors who select to ride the bus to Eagle Bank Arena in the morning do not have to ride the bus back to MVHS.

[Use this form to reserve a seat on the bus.](#)

Guests - All guests can enter the Arena at 8:30am and should plan to be seated by 9:20am. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30am. If you need handicap parking or handicap seating, please contact Araceli Cronen at aacronen@fcps.edu.

Cap & Gown – The tassel is the only thing to be worn on the cap. Only school provided and nationally recognized honor society cords and stoles are appropriate. Nothing is to be attached to the gown except school-issued cords and stoles (no flowers, messages, etc.)

Prom – This year's Prom is being held at the Westin in Old Town Alexandria. Prom is Friday, May 26th from 8:00pm-12:00am.

FCSP Senior Survey – All Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 12th grade students are asked to complete a brief senior survey at the end of their 12th grade year. The survey has eight questions that ask students about their postsecondary plans, college admission decisions, financial aid (if applicable), and work-based learning experiences during school. The survey is also used to notify student services which college you want us to send your final official high school transcript, and the results are reported annually to the Virginia Department of Education.

Senior Class Trip to King's Dominion Wednesday, June 7 – There will be a cost associated with the class trip. The Senior Class will help off-set the cost of the entry ticket and bus; total cost to each senior will depend on the number of seniors planning to attend. Food will not be included in the cost. All students who attend the class trip must ride the bus to and from the park with the group.

[If you are interested in attending the trip to King's Dominion, please use this form.](#)

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsals June 8 & 9 – Students are required to attend both graduation rehearsals if they are participating in the Graduation Ceremony.

June 8 - Students should arrive by 8:30am and be in their seats in the Field House by 8:45am. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00am. Rehearsal will run from 9:00am-12:00pm. Following this rehearsal, students will be issued their cap and gown.

June 9 - Students should arrive by 1:00pm and be in their seats in the Field House by 1:15pm. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 1:30pm. Rehearsal will run from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Senior Sunset/Seniorfest will follow this rehearsal in the stadium.

Senior Laptop Collection - Seniors should plan to turn in their laptop and charger on the following days/times:

June 6 in the afternoon

June 8 after graduation rehearsal

June 9 before graduation rehearsal

Charger replacement cost is \$23; laptop replacement cost is \$481.

Elementary School visits June 8 – Students who wish to visit their ES will wear their cap/gown and travel to the elementary school they attended. They will participate in a parade through the halls of their elementary school as the students cheer them on. Any senior who did not attend one of our feeder elementary schools, can choose any of the elementary schools and go with friends. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the elementary schools and should arrive by the times listed on the form below:

[Use this form to let your elementary school know that you will be coming.](#)

Senior Awards June 8th – MVHS Student Services is hosting the senior award night on Friday June 8th from 5:30-630pm in the Little Theatre. Students receiving awards will be contacted directly by Student Services. Students attending should arrive by 5pm and check-in at the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend and will receive communication from Student Services.

Senior Sunset/Seniorfest June 9 – The Class of 2023 Parent Counsel is hosting a Senior Sunset/Seniorfest on Friday June 9 from 4:30pm – 8:45pm. There will be activities, games, food, music, and raffles. Senior Sunset/Seniorfest will take place at MVHS in the football stadium grounds. This event is a single-entry event; once students leave, they are not permitted back into the stadium.

Interfaith Baccalaureate Service June 11 – Good Shephard Church is hosting a brief non-denominational service for our graduates who wish to attend on Sunday, June 11 at 4pm. We are eager to get your input as we plan this event. [Use this form to help us make our plans.](#) Input from family and students is welcome!

Graduation Ceremony June 12 – The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30am at the Eagle Bank Arena on George Mason University campus. It is Mount Vernon High School's tradition to treat our graduation as a formal ceremony. By doing so, we ensure that every student receives the respect and acclaim they have earned. Thus, formal attire is required for graduation.

Formal Attire includes collarless dresses or blouses, a suit or dress slacks with a white collared shirt, and appropriate shoes. All seniors will process in and out of the Arena and walk across the stage to get your diplomas.
Consider this when selecting your shoes.

Important Contacts

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