

Dear Class of 2022 and Parents/Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because you have RSVP'd for the John R. Lewis Senior Awards Night and/or graduation. If you have not RSVP'd, you need to do so immediately by emailing Ms. George, alexis.m.george@k12.wv.us. Please read the following information carefully.

### **The John R. Lewis Senior Awards Night Information**

- Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the MHS gymnasium
- Parking around the school is limited as are handicap spaces.
- The Prairie and Edgewood gates will open for parking at 5:00 p.m. Guests may come into the building at 5:00 p.m.
- Seating in the gym is limited. The awards ceremony will not be live-streamed in the cafeteria as we had originally stated. We ask that you limit the number of family members that you bring.
- In accordance with tradition, seniors are encouraged to wear white.
- No tickets are required.

### **Graduation**

- Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. on the MHS football field. However, certain weather conditions (thunder storms, heavy rain or wind) could cause a delay in the start time or postponement to May 29 at 2:00 p.m.
- No tickets are required.
- The gates will open at 8:30 a.m. Graduates need to be on the field by 9:15 a.m.
- Parking is limited, so please plan accordingly.
- Prairie Street and Edgewood Street will be closed unless you need handicap parking. You must have a handicap sticker and must have RSVP'd for a handicap space; however, handicap spaces are limited, so please plan accordingly.
- Free parking will be available at the Spruce Street parking garage and at the surplus parking lot (Lot C) at the corner of Pleasant and Spruce Streets.
- Concession stands will be open. Guests may bring water.
- Umbrellas are permitted.
- Bathrooms will be available.
- An ambulance will be on site in case of emergencies.
- For safety reasons, graduates are requested to wear flat-soled shoes.

- To preserve the dignified tradition of our ceremony, decorating caps, noisemakers, signs, and other distractions are strictly prohibited. Only cords, medallions, sashes that are sponsored by MHS may be worn with graduation regalia.
- Seniors should come dressed in cap and gown. Gowns must remain zipped at all times during the ceremony.
- There will be no graduation practice prior to graduation day; verbal cues will be given during the ceremony.
- Only graduates and faculty members are permitted on the field. Bob Williams Photography will be taking photos as graduates receive their diplomas. Photographs will be made available for purchase.
- To live-stream the ceremony, please go to the MHS homepage on the day and time of graduation and click on the link.
- Mr. Mihalko will hand your diploma to you. If you wish to shake hands, please extend your hand when receiving diploma.
  
- Senior Brunch Reminder: If you have purchased your ticket for senior brunch, this is a reminder that brunch is at the Erickson Alumni Center, Thursday, May 26 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Tickets will be sold until May 20 via School Cash Online. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The Monongalia County Board of Education and the MHS graduation committee are working together to provide the best possible experience for the Class of 2022. Please feel free to contact the MHS office if you have any questions.