

## **Graduation Rehearsal**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 3:00-4:00 PM Mt. Pleasant High School Performing Arts Center

All graduates who plan to participate in the ceremony are expected to attend. If you cannot attend rehearsal but still wish to participate in the ceremony, please arrive by 6:15 on graduation night.

## **Commencement Ceremony**

Thursday, May 30, 2019 7:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant High School Performing Arts Center

Graduates are asked to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

## **Ceremony & Tradition Information**

### **Graduate Slide Show Information – Photos and Quotes Needed**

Whether you participate in graduation or not, your name and pictures will be featured in a slide show during the ceremony. You are invited and encouraged to send us your favorite quotes and 5-10 pictures from any period of your life (baby pictures, school pictures, friend/family snapshots from holidays, current pictures, etc.)

#### Photo/Quote Guidelines

- School appropriate content: no alcohol/drugs, profanity/vulgarity, nudity/revealing clothing, negative messages, etc.
- If the photo includes other people, we will assume you have acquired their permission to use their image.
- Submit photos in print or digital format. MPCE will convert print images to a digital format and return the original to you.
- For digital photos, .png formats are preferred but other formats are acceptable. Please retain the highest resolution possible.
- MPCE may edit the photographs for content, size, lighting, resolution, etc., or omit them based on content, or space/time limitations of the presentation.
- You may also submit quotes, dreams, favorite things, etc. that you think represent you. Please follow the same “school appropriate” guidelines when selecting the words you wish to share.

If you don't send us pictures, we will select the best of what we can find from the following sources...

- your permanent school folder which usually contains copies of your school pictures through high school.
- your enrollment photo or pictures we've taken at school,
- social media websites.
- While we would never knowingly choose photos that would embarrass you, please keep in mind that without your input, we will select the pictures we like best. What we like may not be the same as what you like.

### **Deadline to submit pictures/quotes: 5/24/2019**

Ask questions or submit pictures/quotes to Jim Esralian, MPCE

Phone: 989-775-2370 Email: [jesralian@mpps.edzone.net](mailto:jesralian@mpps.edzone.net)

## **Rose Ceremony**

As an expression of gratitude, each graduate will present a rose to someone (family, friend, spouse, child, teacher, etc.) who has been especially supportive, encouraging, or a strong role model. MPCE will provide each graduate with one rose for presentation. If you wish to thank more than one person, you are welcome to bring additional flowers. Please make sure you invite that person/people to the graduation ceremony.

## Cap/Gown/Tassel Information

- You will need cap, gown, and tassel to participate in the ceremony. General description of these items:
  - Cap & Gown Color: Dark navy blue -- not “royal blue”
  - Cap & Gown Finish: Shiny –not “matte”
  - Cap & Gown Style: Knee length (or slightly lower), single zipper front, v-neck. No print, insignias, embroidery, trim/piping.
  - Tassel Color: Navy blue and yellow. May or may not have “2019” charm.
- We do not use sashes, collars, ropes or other regalia.
- Gown sizes are based on height and weight ranges. You will be asked to provide your height and weight when ordering or borrowing a gown.
- If you want to personalize your graduation cap, you will need to provide your own. The decorations must be school appropriate and cannot obstruct the view of people behind you.
- Please select from among the following options to obtain your graduation gear:

<p><b>Option 1: Purchase through Herff-Jones</b> Representative will be at the Oasis building on April 25, 1:30-2:30 PM.</p> <p>Cap, gown and “2019” tassel \$33.00 per set</p> <p>Cap only \$15.00 per set</p> <p>“2019” tassel only \$10.00 each</p> <p>ICE Bling tassel \$18.00 each</p> <p><b>Cap &amp; Gown Ordering deadline: April 25, 2019 after that date contact Herff-Jones</b></p>	<p><b>Option 2: Borrow from MPCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPCE has a supply of caps, gowns and tassels in a variety of sizes that can be borrowed for the evening.</li> <li>• Some sizes are more limited than others.</li> <li>• Gowns will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reservation Deadline: ASAP, First come-first served</b></p> <p>Contact: Tonia Fenn, MPCE Phone: 989-775-2370 Email: <a href="mailto:tfenn@mp.edzone.net">tfenn@mp.edzone.net</a></p>	<p><b>Option 3: Buy new/used (online, thrift store, yard sale, etc.) or borrow from a friend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will not be allowed to participate wearing a gown that does not match in color, finish or style.</li> <li>• The description above may be helpful as a general guide. You are encouraged to stop by MPCE to see a sample gown.</li> <li>• MPCE, MPHS and WAY have used identical gowns for the past couple of years.</li> </ul>
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### Gown care

1. Avoid getting liquid on the gown. The material is easily discolored by any liquid, even water.
2. New gowns are creased and wrinkled from packaging and used gowns may be wrinkled from storage. The following are recommended ways to remove wrinkles:
  - a. Steam the gown. Use a clothes steamer if you have one, or hang the gown in a steamy bathroom. Be careful not to get water on the gown.
  - b. Iron the gown. Use the lowest setting on the iron. Place a clean, dry bath towel or a folded sheet on your ironing surface to help protect the gown fabric from overheating and discoloring. Turn the gown inside out and lay it on top of the towel/sheet. Iron the inside of the gown. Keep the iron moving. Do not use water, spray starch, or any other liquid.
3. After ironing, static cling may be a problem. If so, spray your clothes, not the gown, with Static Guard or similar product.

### **Gown Pick-up Day**

If you are ordering items from Herff-Jones or borrowing cap/gown/tassel from MPCE, you can pick up these items at MPCE between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Gown return/donation**

If you borrow a gown from MPCE, you will need to return it on graduation night. We will have a staff member checking in the borrowed gowns in the staging area after the ceremony.

MPCE also accepts donations of used gowns. At some point in the future, if you wish to donate your gown, please drop them off at MPCE.

### **Graduate Dress Code**

In the past, students have often asked us what they should wear under their gown. This information is intended to clarify the standards that are commonly expected of graduates.

The commencement ceremony is a milestone event and celebration which also serves to confer an official document recognizing completion of high school. It is an event which deserves the hallmarks of formality as well as celebration. Graduates should dress in a manner that honors the importance of the occasion. Dressing as if you are going to a job interview is a good guideline for your appearance. The foundation for appropriate dress always starts with cleanliness and neatness of your person as well as your clothes; freshly showered, clean & neatly combed hair, clothing is clean, fits well, and in good repair (no rips, stains, missing buttons, wrinkles). If shoes have laces, they should be tied. Clothing should also meet the “school appropriate” standards.

- For men, dress pants, slacks or khakis with a button-down shirt (with or without a tie) or polo shirt would be appropriate.
- For women, dress pants, slacks, khakis, or a skirt with a blouse, or a casual dress would be appropriate.

We do not want a dress code to be the reason you don't participate in graduation. Besides that, with your diploma at hand, you may have an immediate need for this type of clothing for interviews. We want to ensure that you are fully prepared for the career and college future ahead of you. If you feel that you do not have clothes that are appropriate for the occasion and cannot afford to obtain them, please contact us and we will be happy to assist.

**Completion of Credits Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on May 24, 2019**

**SURVEY - Please respond by May 24, 2019**

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Mail: 3480 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

1. Your diploma is a legal document. Clearly print your full, legal name.

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First

Middle

Last

Suffix, if any  
(Jr., III, etc.)

2. Phone Number

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Can we send text

messages to this number? YES

NO

3. Email address:

4. Social Media sites/user names

5. A.) Of the methods listed above, circle the best/preferred way to contact you.  
B.) When is the best time to contact you?

6. Whether you participate in the ceremony or not, your name and future plans will be read during the ceremony. For example, for a student with no specific college/career goals, I might say something like, "Marshall Bruce Mathers, the Third..... Marshall will continue to refine his writing, poetry and storytelling skills and someday hopes to self-publish a collection of his work as a comic book series." For a student who goes by her middle name and has applied/been accepted to college, I might say, "Joan Ruth Bader.....In the fall, Ruth plans to study government and law at Cornell University. Someday, she hopes to become notorious." ...You get the idea. Anyway, I need you to tell me the information I should use to fill in the blanks for you. What are your college and/or career plans after graduation? (Type of work, name of employer, field of study, name of college, if you've been accepted or still in the application process, etc.)

7.	<p>Pictures for the slide show....</p> <p>____ YES, I will provide you with 5-10 pictures &amp; quotes to include in the slide show.          (submit pictures to Jim: <a href="mailto:jesralian@mpps.edzone.net">jesralian@mpps.edzone.net</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR...</p> <p>____ NO. SURPRISE ME!</p>
8.	<p>Can you attend rehearsal? <span style="float: right;">YES      NO</span></p>
9.	<p>Are you planning on participating in the Graduation Ceremony? <span style="float: right;">YES      NO</span></p>
10.	<p>Do you need to borrow a cap, gown, or tassel from MPCE? <span style="float: right;">YES      NO</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, circle the items you will borrow from MPCE  <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">             Cap                  Gown                  Tassel           </div> </li> <li>• If you plan to borrow a gown from us, we will need to know your height and weight.  <div style="margin-left: 40px;">             Height ___ft. ___in.      Weight _____lbs.           </div> </li> </ul>