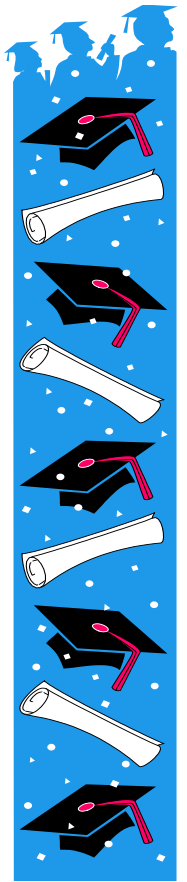




# Important Dates for 2021

## Baccalaureate & Commencement

1. Graduation Rehearsal (all seniors must attend)  
Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ Corn Palace..... 2:30 pm  
Dismissal at 2:15 pm
2. Baccalaureate  
Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Mitchell Performing Arts Center.. 6:00 pm
3. Senior Awards Night  
Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ MHS Performing Arts Center.... 7:00 pm
4. Commencement  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Corn Palace..... 2:00 pm
5. Last Day for Seniors..... Friday, May 21, 2021



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### SENIOR SPONSORS:

Mr. Clayton Gropper, chairperson  
 Mr. Shane Thill, Mr. Ryan Stahle, Mrs. Christina Siemsen, Mr. Clayton Gropper,  
 Ms. Madi Miller, Mrs. Cindy Gerlach, Mr. Jeff Musser, Mrs. Danielle Erdmann, Mrs. Cindy Bierman,  
 Mrs. Bialas, Ms. Huska, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. DeRoos, Mrs. Engebretson, Mr. McGraw, Mr. Royston

### FINAL INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

1. Seniors who have not completely satisfied all requirements for graduation may participate in baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies if they had at least 19.5 credits at semester time. However, they will not receive a signed diploma; they will only receive the diploma cover.
2. All debts must be satisfied, in full, prior to graduation ceremonies.
3. Seniors, you are reminded that your conduct during this final week, including activities following commencement, is a reflection on you, your parents, and your school. You are advised to use good judgment in your activities so that the behavior of each member of the **CLASS OF 2021** reflects well of yourself and your classmates.

### **ANY INFRACTION OF SCHOOL RULES OR CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.**

4. Gold hood/collars will be worn by students who have achieved honors in scholarship. Honor students are those who have a 3.5 to 4.0 grade point average for seven semesters. The gold hoods/collars will be handed out with the cap and gown today.

**THE HOODS/COLLARS ARE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL AND ARE TO BE RETURNED RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION CEREMONIES. Take pictures with your hood before graduation.**

5. Appropriate dress is the cap and gown, which may not be altered in any way. You should wear dress clothes under your regalia. No blue jeans, cutoffs, sport shirts, or sport shoes are allowed for boys or girls.
6. THE SIGNED DIPLOMA INSERTS WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS.
7. Any other specific questions regarding senior year-end procedures may be directed to Mr. Gropper, chairperson of the senior class sponsors.

**CAP AND GOWN:**

1. Caps and gowns will be handed out in the 'main lobby' today.
2. Cap, gown, and tassel are yours to keep if you purchased them. They will be worn for both Baccalaureate and Commencement. If you borrow a cap and gown from the high school, you must return them before the end of the school year.
3. Hang the gown up right away. If pressing is still necessary, **DO NOT USE A HOT IRON**. Use a press cloth over the material while pressing to avoid getting a shine.
4. Caps should be placed on the head with the deep part on the back, tassel draped over the right temple. The gown should be set on the shoulders in the back and fastened all the way down the front. LOOK SHARP!!!
5. Remember: WEAR THE TASSEL OVER THE RIGHT TEMPLE.

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT:**

- Students are to report to MHS Performing Arts Center no later than 6:45 pm, program starts at 7:00pm, Wednesday, May 19.
- Wear your graduation gown (no cap necessary).
- The Senior Awards Night honors seniors and their many achievements and awards.
- The Senior DVD is revealed and played throughout the program with each senior receiving a copy at the conclusion of the evening. If you do not attend the awards night, it is your responsibility to pick up your Senior DVD packet from Mrs. Fowkes in the guidance office. DVD must be picked up before the beginning of the next school year. **DVD IS FREE.**

**GRADUATION REHEARSAL:**

ALL SENIORS WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT MUST ATTEND REHEARSAL ON MONDAY, MAY 10, at 2:30 P.M., AT THE CORN PALACE. PLEASE DON'T KEEP EVERYONE ELSE WAITING---**BE** A FEW MINUTES **EARLY**. THIS IS YOUR ONLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!!!

## **MARCH ORDER:**

1. For graduation, plan to meet in the upstairs ARMORY no later than 1:30 p.m.; May 23. For baccalaureate plan to meet at MHS Performing Arts Center no later than 5:50 p.m.; May 16.
2. Get into your lines promptly. Honorary marshals will lead you, and they will also assist you up and down the stairs when you get the diploma cover. Two of them will lead in; the other two will usher each row out and bring up the rear.
3. You will be assigned a particular row and chair at the practice session. Leave empty the places of those unable to attend. REMEMBER YOUR PLACE. Know who is behind you and who is in front of you in the march order. Go to your proper seat after entering, after musical selections in which you participate, and after receiving your diploma cover.
4. After entering, remain standing until all graduates have entered.
5. Contact Mr. Gropper if you find that you will not be able to attend baccalaureate and/or commencement.

## **BACCALAUREATE:**

1. Due to federal guidelines, baccalaureate will be under the supervision of the Mitchell Ministerial Association. Mitchell High School will assist as needed.
  - o Plan to meet at the MHS Performing Arts Center no later than 5:50 p.m. on Sunday, May 16.
  - o Honorary marshals will lead you in and out of your rows. Fill in the seats of those not attending.
  - o Remain standing by your seat until all have entered. Boys will remove their caps before the invocation and should leave them off during the entire service. Try to do this in unison. (It is not customary for girls to remove their cap at any time.) Everyone remain standing until after the invocation. The "AMEN" is the signal for all to sit. At the close of the service, stand for the benediction.
  - o Maintain an arms-length interval while marching into the PAC. Don't stampede - but do not march too slowly either. When marching out of the PAC, the intervals may be closer and you may go out at a regular walking pace.
  - o A copy of the program will be available for your use, and you may have a copy with you. Be familiar with the order of events so that you can respond appropriately. You will not be allowed to leave before the service is finished.

## **COMMENCEMENT:**

1. Boys should remove their caps simultaneously prior to the invocation and replace them at the close of the invocation. The girls should not remove their caps at any time during baccalaureate or commencement.
2. All graduates will stand when presented by Dr. Childs to the School Board President for graduation. (Dr. Childs will ask you to rise.) All rows, except the first row, will sit when given a nod from Dr. Childs. One row at a time will file to the stage, beginning with the first row. (Dr. Childs will nod.)
3. The first person in line will proceed directly to the steps at the north end of the stage; second in line

waiting at the bottom of the steps. As the diploma cover is presented, the second in line should start up the steps. Dr. Childs will read your name as you reach the top of the steps. As the last student in this row receives their diploma cover, the first student from the next row should ascend the stairs. There will be a continuing line.

4. When two students remain in the row being presented their diploma covers, the next row should begin to file to the steps. Don't bunch up at the foot of the stairs.

5. Take the diploma cover with the left hand and shake hands with the right hand. 'Thank you' is a sufficient comment.

6. WALK WITH DIGNITY ACROSS THE STAGE. STAND STRAIGHT WHILE IN LINE. NO TALKING IN LINE. BE QUIET ON THE FLOOR. DO NOT CHEW GUM.

7. When all have received their diploma covers, Dr. Childs will then say, "Class of 2021, I Congratulate You."

8. There will be no benediction at the close of the ceremony. When the last graduate has received their diploma and returned to their place, the recessional will begin and the junior marshals will lead you to the Armory.

9. As you return to the Armory, remain in the same order as you marched in so that gold hoods/collars may be returned.

**Students: If you have relatives that with special mobility needs, please let Mr. Gropper know so that they can make special arrangements at the Corn Palace.**

CONTACT MR. GROPPER IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BACCALAUREATE OR COMMENCEMENT.

**A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND ENERGY HAS GONE INTO THE PLANNING OF PERFECT GRADUATION FOR YOU. IN RETURN, WE EXPECT YOUR 100% COOPERATION. LET'S DO IT UP RIGHT.**

**A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!!!**