

Class of 2017 - Senior Information

Senior Photo Details

Senior students have been asked to turn in three items to JoAnn Gage, our yearbook advisor:

- A vertical head-and-shoulder senior portrait. You may have your photographer email a senior picture to Mrs. Gage (jgage@mountvernon.k12.ia.us) or you can have the yearbook staff scan in a wallet-sized photo.
- A baby picture that will be used for both the yearbook and the senior video shown at commencement. Please include name on the back of the photo.
- A quote from the senior. Information about this quote has been given to seniors.

The baby photo and quote were due in December and should be turned in as soon as possible if they are late. We would like to have senior pictures by April 1st. If this is an issue, please contact JoAnn Gage at the above email address.

Senior Awards Night and All-School Picnic – Monday, May 15th

On Monday, May 15th, we will follow a 12:30 p.m. dismissal schedule to accommodate for the annual school picnic in the afternoon. **All students are expected to remain in school until 3:15 p.m.** Our senior recognition event is scheduled for Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon District Auditorium (located in the Middle School). Seniors should meet inside the Middle School Band Room no later than 7:10 p.m. Recommended dress for this event is business casual. The wearing of shorts and/or jeans is discouraged. Senior scholarships and other student accomplishments will be recognized during this ceremony.

Seniors' Last Day and Graduation Rehearsal – Thursday, May 18th

Seniors' last day of school is Thursday, May 18th at the conclusion of graduation rehearsal. MVHS will be running a Thursday block schedule on this date (Periods 1, 3, 5 & 7) with rehearsal scheduled during 7th block (1:45pm-3:15pm). **Caps and gowns will be distributed by our Jostens representative at this time.** Students will practice the commencement processional (in/out) with junior ushers, learn how to enter/leave the stage during the awarding of diplomas and fill out final transcript requests. All outstanding school financial obligations will need to be settled at this time and all school items returned. **Seniors are required to attend this rehearsal.**

Commencement Exercises – Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Seniors will graduate on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the MVHS Gymnasium. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Unlimited seating for the families of graduates will be available in the gym bleachers and on the gymnasium floor. Easy access seating will be available on the main floor for those who need special seating arrangements. Seating for all spectators will be based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seniors should arrive at the high school no later than 1:30 p.m. Graduates will gather in Room 124 (Mrs. Lynner's classroom) to dress in their cap/gown and line up for the commencement processional at 1:45 p.m.

Dress for commencement is business casual. Males will wear dress pants, dress shoes and buttoned shirts. Females will wear dresses or dress tops/pants. Flip flops should not be worn to commencement. The wearing of shorts and/or jeans would be inappropriate for a formal ceremony AND these students will be asked to change into appropriate attire or will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Transcripts – Available by the week of June 5th

Seniors who wish to have their transcript sent to a particular institution and/or employer should fill out a transcript request during graduation rehearsal. Transcripts will be mailed to post secondary institutions after all senior grades have been finalized.

Immunization Records

Included in the packet your graduate will receive at Commencement will be a signed copy of his/her immunization record as well as any original immunization documents previously submitted. Also included will be a letter listing vaccine recommendations and the date the next tetanus shot is due.

Alcohol Free Graduation Party Signs

Graduation signs are available for anyone wishing to support local youth during graduation season. The signs say, "We Support Alcohol Free Graduation Parties". Help create an environment in Mount Vernon showing young people alcohol free graduation celebrations can be a fun way to honor the achievements of all graduates. Stop by the High School office or call 895-8845, x1006 to request a sign.