

EXPECTATIONS FOR GRADUATION

Good evening parents and students of Milton's Class of 2016!

As we get closer to our Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, May 26, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate the expectations for **ALL STUDENTS**.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXERCISE

It is a much revered ritual in educational institutions everywhere. At the end of every school year, graduating students, whether they're little kids in grade school or young adults in college, walk solemnly towards the stage elegantly garbed in their robes and tassels. One cannot underrate the significance of such a moment as every student's journey towards graduation is filled with all sorts of trials and challenges.

However, graduation is not so much an ending but a new beginning. For grade school students, graduation is the beginning of their adolescent adventures as they let go of their parents' embrace and test their wings in high school. For high school students, graduation is the beginning of their journey to self-discovery as they unravel what it is that they really want out of life in college. For college students, graduation is the beginning of their "real" lives as they fly out from the warmth and comfort of the university.

Graduation serves as a catalyst for students to relish in academic achievements and a way for parents to celebrate how proud they are of their children. This landmark in everyone's lifetime is a moment that is definitely worth remembering and cherishing. The graduation ceremony itself is a symbolic event that represents all of the hard work and accomplishments that students have partaken in to earn their status as a graduate.

GRADUATION PRACTICES

TUESDAY, MAY 24 1PM – MILTON AUDITORIUM

In order to get through the practice in a timely manner ***we will begin practice exactly at 1PM***. This means that the auditorium doors will be shut at 1 PM. Students arriving at 1 PM will not be allowed into the auditorium.

STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN ON CHECKING IN FOR PRACTICE BY 12:40.

12:40-1:00 – Graduating Senior Check-In

1:00 – Auditorium Doors are shut – ***LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED***

1:00-1:30 – Review of Expectations for GRADUATING STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AFTER SR. BREAKFAST – MILTON AUDITORIUM

We will check students in during the Senior Breakfast.

Review of Expectations for GRADUATING STUDENTS

GRADUATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 26 7 PM

Check-in for graduation will begin at 7 PM in the CAFETERIA.

Students MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 7:30 – ***STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 7:30 WILL NOT BE ADMITTED***

EXPECTATIONS DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Students will be dressed appropriately (see requirements below)
- Students will not bring any items with them (keys and cell phones will be the only things students may have in their possession)
- Students who come to graduation intoxicated or under the influence will be removed from graduation exercises and face charges
- Students are to remain in their seats during the ceremony. Students who leave their seats during the exercises (other than recognition or getting diploma) will be immediately removed
- Students who cause any disruption of the graduation ceremony will be immediately removed
- Students who bring anything causing a disruption during the graduation ceremony will be immediately removed

REQUIRED STUDENT ATTIRE

Girls:

Dress or skirt and blouse or dress pants and blouse (no jeans)

Low-heeled dress shoes (high heels are not conducive to safe walking on the stadium turf and stage ramps)

Boys:

Dress pants (no jeans or shorts)

Dress shirt and tie

Dress shoes (no sandals or athletic shoes)

****Beach flip flops and tennis/athletic shoes are not appropriate for either girls or boys.*

****Caps and gowns are not to be altered or decorated. The only additions allowed are academic/honor insignia issued through the school.*