

# MNHS SENIOR EVENTS 2017

*We are excited to bring you information about McKinney North's graduation and other upcoming senior events! Included in this letter is all of the information you will need to help you plan for your graduate's big day.*



## **GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION**

Date: Friday, June 2, 2017  
Time: 2:30 PM  
Location: Prestonwood Baptist Church  
Senior Arrival: 1:00 PM  
Doors Open: 1:30 PM  
Practice: Thursday, June 1:30 @ McKinney North Cafeteria (This is **mandatory**)

## **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES**

April 29 Junior/Senior Prom  
May 19 Senior Breakfast @ MNHS Cafeteria - 7:30  
May 19 Senior Awards @ MNHS Gym – 7:45  
May 19 Senior Picnic @ Main Event – Plano Location – 11:30  
May 30 Senior Night @MNHS Auditorium – 7:00 - 9:00  
May 31 Baccalaureate @ High Pointe Church of Christ @ 7:00  
June 1 Graduation practice @ MNHS Cafeteria - 1:30

## **SENIOR DAY (BREAKFAST, AWARDS, & PICNIC)**

The seniors begin their day with Chik Fil A breakfast. This is a time for reflection and to thank a staff member who has impacted their high school career.

Senior Awards is a time for the entire campus to honor the seniors for their dedication and outstanding contributions they have made during their time at McKinney North. The dress code is consistent with baccalaureate and the graduation ceremony, minus the cap and gown. Outfits must be school appropriate. Seating is first come, first serve. We ask that all guests arrive by 7:30 to ensure seating.

The Senior Picnic is where the senior class comes together for one final social event prior to the senior week events. To attend the final senior activity, all seniors must be cleared of any credit recovery hours and fines prior. Students that still owe hours or fines will not be allowed to attend the senior activity. Please see your House Principal if you have any questions. All campus and district rules apply.

## **SENIOR NIGHT**

Senior Night is a gathering of senior students to honor parents for all that they have done up to this point. At this event parents will receive a letter from your child, view a senior slide show, and hear from speakers from various MISD schools. Light refreshments will follow immediately after the ceremony.

## **BACCALAUREATE**

The baccalaureate ceremony is not a required activity for graduation. It is a religious service to honor the seniors prior to the graduation ceremony. The dress for the event is the same as for graduation. The seniors will wear their gown as well. Seating is first come, first serve for guests. Seniors are asked to arrive an hour prior to the ceremony.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the graduation exercises seniors must have completed all graduation requirements, paid all fines, and completed all credit recovery hours. Additionally, all disciplinary consequences (detention, suspension, etc.) must be fully served. Please see your House Office if you have any questions.

## GRADUATE DRESS CODE

- Women – dress or skirt (or dress pants) and blouse, and dress shoes.
- Men – dress slacks, dress shirts, tie and dress shoes.
- Any senior who has a question about appropriate dress should contact your House Office. Proper dress will be checked before students enter the staging area.

## CAPS/GOWNS

Jostens is our service provider. All students should have already ordered their caps and gowns. If you have not done so, it is imperative that you contact Jostens through their website at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Seniors can elect to decorate their cap but must adhere to the guidelines as laid out in the approval form. If a graduate deviates from their approved design they will participate in the ceremony with a new, blank cap. All designs must be submitted to Mr. Greenwood, in E115, by May 19<sup>th</sup> for approval.

## CORDS & MEDALS

Students who received cords and/or medals during the Senior Awards ceremony or extracurricular banquets should proudly wear them to graduation. Any cord, medal, or other decorative attire not approved by Mr. Greenwood will prevent the senior from passing all check points prior to the graduation ceremony. Please remind your child that they may not wear any decorative attire that has not been approved by Mr. Greenwood. Only approved items are allowed. If a student forgets their cord(s) and/or medals the campus does not have replacements at graduation.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

Prior to entering the staging area seniors will have to pass through several check points. In order to keep our staging area clean and organized, graduates may not have personal items in their possession when they enter the staging area. This includes but is not limited to electronic devices, purses, food and drink. Students should arrive without their cap on. They will check in all electronic devices or can leave them with a parent, relative or friend.

## PRE-CEREMONY

Starting at 1:30 we will post pictures to keep you updated of what is happening behind the scene. The pictures will be updated and will continue scrolling until 2:20pm. The pictures will be cataloged using a hashtag, which will be shared with the seniors after the ceremony through their Senior Remind account. You can sign up for the Senior Remind account by texting @mnhssr to 81010.

## POST-CEREMONY

Students will exit the sanctuary after the ceremony. Family will not be allowed past the check points to locate your graduate. Please allow your graduate several minutes to collect their valuables and diploma. It is highly suggested that you designate a pre-determined location to meet back up with your graduate for celebration and pictures. As a reminder there is another graduation following ours and we need all graduates and guests to clear the venue by 5:15pm.

## **TICKETS**

We are aware that other campuses require tickets for admission. We fortunately do not require tickets for our graduation ceremony. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Doors will open to the sanctuary at 1:30pm.

## **PARKING & ENTRANCE**

There is no charge for parking. Please enter the church from the doors facing Park Lane. Areas of the church are restricted for the use of the staff and students only.

## **LIVE/POST TV COVERAGE**

There will be a live broadcast of the ceremony through the McKinney ISD website ([www.mckinneyisd.net](http://www.mckinneyisd.net)) to accommodate family and friends that are unable to attend. Approximately one to two weeks following graduation, the ceremony will be made available for purchase.

## **GRADUATION DVD**

The graduation ceremony will be professionally recorded and made available for purchase. Order forms will be available at the Senior Awards ceremony and in the front office. Payment is due at time of order. The price of the DVD is \$10.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We have arranged for the ceremony to be photographed by Flash Photography and all graduates will have a photograph taken after they exit the stage with their diploma cover. Flash Photography will mail proofs at no charge within a few days after the ceremony. The graduates will receive and fill out forms during graduation practice. You will be contacted by the company with the proofs along with the purchase prices. Flash Photography website: [www.flashphotography.com](http://www.flashphotography.com).

## **TRANSCRIPT**

Colleges and universities require all incoming students to submit a final high school transcript after graduation. Seniors must submit a request through their Naviance account to have a final transcript sent to the college they will be attending. Transcripts will be processed and sent beginning two weeks after graduation; if you have orientation before that date, you will need to take a copy of your report card and/or unofficial transcript. Beginning the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> final transcripts will be mailed out to colleges based on the requests made by students. Please be aware, there has been a long standing myth with seniors that GPA is frozen after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks. This is not true. GPA continues to be calculated until final grades are submitted for the 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. Please make sure that your senior student stays on top of all assignments and final exams.