

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

May 17	Honors (Awards) Assembly will be held in the West High Auditorium at Noon on Wednesday, May 17. You will be notified if your child will be receiving an award. Proof of scholarship awards are due to your child's Counselor by 3 PM on May 3, 2023 in order for them to be recognized in the ceremony.
May 23& 25	Final exams will be given to all Seniors on Tuesday, May 23 (periods 4,5,6) and Thursday, May 25 (periods 1,2,3)
May 26	Last day for Seniors – Friday, May 26 @ 12:40 PM For those that have work to make up, otherwise last day will be Thursday, May 25.
May 28	Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 28 at 6 PM at the Metra. Students should report to the northwest corner of the Metra (basement) floor by 5 PM.
May 28	Bear Bash for Seniors - West High Gymnasium – 9 PM to 3 AM - Doors will close @ 10 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAPS & GOWNS If your senior has not yet ordered a cap & gown, please contact the Activities Office at 281-5617.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS If you have any concerns about your son's/daughter's status in meeting graduation requirements, contact his/her respective counselor:

Ms. Dana Conway281-5659

Ms. Kim Petersen 281-5610

Ms. Tami Rodriguez-Radakovich.....281-5701

Mr. Dave Spring..... 281-5611

Mr. Levi Grosskop281-5609

Mrs. Beth Tocci281-5612

ATTENDANCE BEHAVIOR In addition to academic requirements, senior students need to be aware of attendance requirements. Regular and punctual attendance is as important in the senior year as it is throughout all school years. Please be reminded of the "The Ten Day Rule" (absences cannot exceed more than 10 days in any class per semester). We need your help to make certain your son/daughter attends regularly. Please remind your student about the importance of reasonable, appropriate behavior during these last days of school. We do not want someone to miss graduation because of poor decision-making.

GRADUATION DRESS It is very important to have your support in making certain that your student wear acceptable attire under the graduation gown. We reserve the right to remove any student from the graduation ceremony who is not appropriately dressed. Also, all gowns are to be zipped up. I will discuss the dress regulations with the seniors at the senior assembly. We will encourage the seniors to wear dress-up attire. They should dress as if they are going to a job interview and not a picnic (i.e., shorts are not acceptable etc.). No graduate will be allowed to receive his/her diploma on stage if dress requirements are not met. If there is a problem with the cost of new clothing, we can assist, so please contact us. Thanks for supporting us with this request. At Billings West High, we intend to maintain our tradition-filled and dignified ceremony. We appreciate your assistance, as family members, in accomplishing this.

GRADUATION HATS We are allowing you to decorate hats (mortarboards) this year. Decorations must be flat without obstructing anyone's view, they can't extend beyond the graduation mortarboard, decorations must meet school dress code expectations (no sexual/hidden messaging that can harm, no slogans, no alcohol or drug referencing, no singling people out to hurt or harm, no religious or hate messaging, no harmful number sequencing etc.). If decorations do not meet expectations, you will be asked to remove decorations or purchase a new hat. You must have a mortarboard to participate in the ceremony.

CHECK OUT & FINES Senior transcripts and diplomas will not be released if equipment/materials are not checked in and/or fines are not paid.

TRANSCRIPT The Registrar and Counseling Secretary will mail one final transcript to each senior student's college of choice. They had the opportunity to provide the name of that college through their post-secondary survey given by the Counselors on May 3 (last day to submit). All transcripts will be available and mailed by June 26, 2023.