



MT. CARMEL SUNDEVILS

Mt. Carmel High School End of the Year Information
Class of 2023

<https://bit.ly/MCSunDevilSeniors> (shortened URL for school webpage on Senior Information)

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

Mt. Carmel is excited to share graduation festivities with our community and families for the Class of 2023! Each year during the last week of school, seniors get the opportunity to enjoy planned activities leading up to graduation. Our staff and teachers work hard to ensure that activities are fun and well-planned as your student's k-12 education draws to a close. We hope that the memories that the students make with us will be meaningful and will help them remember their high school experience fondly.

To make sure the upcoming senior class activities will be successful and enjoyable for everyone, we ask that families please read the following information and keep this information for reference.

It is important for Seniors to remember that their academic coursework is a priority as they get ready for post-high school life. Students must complete all class requirements and handle all school activities in a mature and responsible way. Please remember that any poor choices in behavior or lack of attendance at school could preclude a Senior's participation in awards ceremonies, Prom, senior activities, and/or the graduation ceremony. Our goal is for our Seniors to be successful in their classwork, enjoy the planned school activities, and conduct themselves as responsible young adults.

Graduation Requirements

1. Earn 230 credits in PUSD designated subject areas
2. Pass all PUSD required courses

Please direct questions about your student's credit or graduation status to their counselor.

Caps, Gowns, Tassels, School Medallions and Diploma Covers

In June, students will receive their cap & gown sets during Senior Activities at Mt. Carmel as long as families have arranged for them ahead of time. Families have the choice to either purchase or borrow the set. If your family has a cap & gown from a previous graduation, your student can use that for our ceremony again this year also. The deadline to purchase or borrow cap & gown sets from Jostens is Friday April 28.

Please review the enclosed information carefully and keep it in a place where you will be able to reference as dates approach. If you need help with anything regarding graduation, please call Jennifer Adelman at 858-484-1180 x3123 or email jadelman@powayusd.com.

We look forward to a successful end of the Senior year and celebrating student accomplishments!

Thank you,

Dr. Yael Bozzay
Principal

Katie Salo
Assistant Principal



Sanford Carvajal
ASB Director

Upcoming Important Dates and Detailed Information for Sundevil Seniors

<p>CAASPP California Science Testing March 28-29-30</p>	<p>All Seniors take the California Science test during their Civics, Economics or AP Government courses. Students in AP Government will take this exam the week of May 15-19 after AP exams conclude. Students without those courses in the Spring Trimester will be pulled during their English courses to a testing room on campus. Students need their Chromebooks charged and updates for secure online testing. Update procedures will be sent out in a separate communication to Seniors and parents about CAST Testing. Seniors in Civics, Economics and AP Gov may conduct updates during class before testing begins.</p>
<p>Grad Ceremony Auditions April 19-20 & April 26-27</p>	<p>Graduation Ceremony Performance Auditions (speeches/musical acts) Speech auditions are scheduled for April 19-20 and Musical Performance auditions are April 26-27 during lunch. If Seniors are interested in auditioning, sign-ups are available at the MCHS ASB room. Printed speeches and lyrics to songs must be turned in for review with sign-up. Seniors hoping to perform are encouraged to consult with Ms. Schelhorse in room K4 on speeches and Ms. Martinez in G38 on musical performances to prepare for auditions.</p>
<p>Cap & Gown order deadline Friday April 28</p>	<p>Jostens deadline to buy or borrow Cap & Gown in time for the June 9 ceremony https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1006791/Mt.-Carmel-High-School/ Jostens Poway Showroom 858-486-2020 (if you need assistance) 12455 Poway Road #E Poway, CA 92064</p>
<p>May 1-12</p>	<p>AP Exams</p>
<p>Friday May 19</p>	<p>Senior Scholarship Survey Due The Scholarship Survey is part of the mandatory senior checkout process. The electronic form will be available April 1 for students to enter information at this link. https://bit.ly/MCSeniorScholarships23</p>
<p>Tuesday May 30 MCHS Performing Arts Center</p>	<p>Senior Awards This ceremony will honor students who are the recipients of local scholarships and departmental awards. Students and parents will be individually notified and invited to attend.</p>
<p>Wednesday May 31</p>	<p>Senior Yearbook Distribution and Signing Party Seniors are the first students to pick up the MC Horizon Yearbook starting at lunch and can pick them up until 4:15pm for the Senior Signing Party at the stage in the quad. (Underclassmen pick them up June 1-2). MC Horizon yearbooks are on sale for \$80 while supplies last. MCHS School Code 17064 https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/</p>
<p>Wednesday May 31 MCHS Gym</p>	<p>Athlete of the Year Awards Scholar athletes, League, and CIF winners will be recognized for their performances on and off the field. Athletes of the Year will be named and recognized and athletes will be invited to this event.</p>
<p>Wed-Fri May 31-June 2</p>	<p>Senior Final Exams Most seniors will take their finals during class between Wednesday May 31 - Friday June 2. Scheduling of senior finals is at each teacher's discretion. Seniors should return their Chromebooks and Chromebook power cords following their last day needing it for classes. These items must be returned before Seniors can checkout.</p>
<p>Thursday June 1</p>	<p>Final Transcript Request for Colleges/Universities Form Due All transcript request forms must be submitted to Ms. Richardson-Rios in the MCHS Registrar's office no later than 3:45pm on Thursday June 1 through the link below. Active Link for submissions https://bit.ly/MCTranscriptRequest23</p>
<p>Friday June 2</p>	<p>Senior with failing grades following Spring Trimester finals Teachers will turn in final grades for students who have failed a course and parents will receive phone calls from guidance staff if on-time graduation will not happen for your student. Students who fail courses that are graduation requirements (non-grads), will be referred to PUSD New Directions or Adult School in order to complete necessary requirements for a diploma. Students who do not complete 230 credits may not walk in the graduation ceremony.</p>

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<p>Saturday June 3 7pm-11pm</p>	<p>Junior/Senior Prom Location: it's a secret until tickets go on sale in May Theme: it's a secret until tickets go on sale in May Student ID is required to be able to enter the dance. Guests require approved passes and school dress code applies to this school activity. Guest passes are available starting in May from Ms. Adelman in the Administration building and require a parent signature. Tickets will go on sale approximately 1 month before the dance and can be purchased at the finance window through the Friday before the dance. Students on Tier 2 (loss of privileges due to grades under 2.0 gpa during a 6-week grading period, discipline suspension or attendance problems) must see their Assistant Principal to learn how to earn their way to Prom if they are unsure of how to do so. Ticket prices increase each passing week during the period of ticket sales so it is important to maintain grades and ensure that students have taken care of any issues regarding school attendance.</p>
<p>Monday June 5</p>	<p>Seniors in classes on normal school Monday bell schedule Last chance to turn in Chromebooks and turn in any other materials checked out that need to be returned before Senior Checkout on Tuesday. Teachers will give students direction on what they need to do this day in their classes. It's a great day to give teachers cards and letters before students leave high school if students feel compelled to do so.</p>
<p>Tuesday June 6</p>	<p>Senior Checkout All Seniors must checkout and turn in all school-issued materials before participating in Senior Activities beginning June 7. Once Seniors check out, they do not enter the portion of the campus where classes are being held. Underclassmen will be taking final exams. Please see this guide for what is required for Senior Checkout. https://www.smores.com/nmgwz</p> <p>Senior Exit Survey All seniors will be required to complete an "exit survey". The survey is live on this date the Senior Check Out process, so get it done early!! https://bit.ly/SeniorExitSurvey2023</p>
<p>Wednesday June 7 8am-12pm Lower field</p>	<p>Senior Breakfast, Cap & Gown Distribution This senior activity is mandatory and school attendance will be taken. The Senior class council has planned a fabulous catered breakfast as well as other activities. Caps, gowns, medallions & tassels will be distributed by Jostens at the conclusion of this event. (Diploma covers are given to graduates on the stage at the ceremony). Students are encouraged to bring hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, water, lawn chairs, and picnic blankets. Seniors check in at the gate by the tennis courts. Mt. Carmel has arranged a special surprise for this event also.</p>
<p>Thursday June 8 8am-12pm</p>	<p>Senior Picnic and Graduation Ticket Distribution The Senior picnic will be held at Hilltop Park overlooking MCHS at 9711 Oviedo Way. There will be activities, food, and fun. Students will also be able to pick up their graduation tickets for their family and friends at the conclusion of this event. All Seniors are expected to attend this event as a school activity and attendance is taken at the check-in table.</p> <p><i>Each graduate is issued 14 tickets</i> although students who may need more can get up to 4 more by signing up in Ms. Adelman's office (Campus Safety) starting on June 1st. They will be given out on a first come-first served basis until they run out. Students not using all 14 tickets may give their extras to other students at their own discretion.</p>
<p>Friday June 9 Practice</p>	<p>Graduation Practice Students who do not attend this mandatory practice will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. We will begin in the stadium promptly at 8:00am and should finish up by around 10:00am. Students will be dismissed for the day at the completion of practice. Student music performers and the student speaker will rehearse their portions after the main practice and the other Seniors are released to go home. Hats, sunscreen, and water are recommended for all students along with comfortable shoes for extended standing and walking significant distances.</p>

<p>Commencement Ceremony Friday June 9</p>  	<p>Graduation (THE BIG EVENT!) Mt. Carmel Stadium Admission for guests by ticket only.</p> <p><i>4:30pm Senior check-in begins</i></p> <p><i>5:45pm Processional begins</i></p> <p><i>6:00pm Ceremony begins</i></p> <p>Audience and Graduate Conduct Expectations In order to allow each graduate and his/her family to fully enjoy their moment of honor, activities that could detract from the ceremony are strongly discouraged. Audience members are asked to not use noisemakers of any kind and items are subject to confiscation upon entry to the stadium.</p> <p><u>Balloons, EZ-Ups, tarps, umbrellas, noisemakers, cowbells, air horns, vuvuzelas, and other such items will not be permitted in the venue. These items obstruct the view for others and prevent people in the stands from hearing the program. Guests bringing them in will be asked to discard them or return them to their vehicles until after the ceremony.</u></p> <p>Graduation Ceremony Attire In accordance with the formal rite of passage and dignified tone of commencement, students will be expected to wear “dressy” attire under their caps and gowns. Only the official cap and gown from Jostens is permitted along with academic regalia such as stoles and honor cords. Students will need to have all of their academic regalia when they are admitted to the facility and staging area.</p> <p>Recommended Dress (goes on to next page)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slacks• Button-down shirt with collar• Tie• Dress or skirt outfit that includes a top• Pantsuit• Dress shoes, wedges, or flats are recommended. Heels are discouraged to avoid injury, damage to track and turf, and improve comfort for long periods of standing. Pointed heels will sink into the turf on the field and will be uncomfortable and unstable for walking. <p>Graduation Ceremony Parking Stadium gates will be open at 4:15pm. Parking and seating will fill up early. The parking lot will be closed when it fills. Unless you are very early, you may need to walk from streets in the surrounding neighborhood. <u>Carpooling</u> is strongly encouraged. <u>Cars parked in the fire lane, dirt, or lawn areas of the school grounds are subject to towing and/or ticketing.</u></p> <p>Special Needs A limited number of golf carts will be available to transport elderly or disabled guests up the grade of the stadium ramp as it may be challenging for some audience members. There will be a designated waiting area for golf cart pickups at the bottom of both home and visitor ramps to the stands. Handicapped seating is located at the top and bottom of the bleachers on both Home and Visitor sides of the stadium.</p> <p>Senior Graduation Line-up 4:30pm (MCHS Gymnasium) Graduating Seniors will begin checking in at 4:30pm. Students will be required to carry their cap and gown (not wear them) for check-in. Entry for graduating Seniors is through the Gym doors that face the locker rooms.</p>
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<p>Friday June 9</p> <p>Missing the ceremony for some reason?</p>	<p>Diploma pick-up MCHS Diplomas will be distributed to students on the field at the graduation ceremony after they walk the stage.</p> <p>Tuesday June 13th 8am-12pm Diplomas also will be available in the MCHS Records Office anytime during office hours over the Summer. Summer Office hours are 8am-12pm M-Th. Location: Administration Building Records Office Contact: Registrar Steffanie Richardson-Rios srichardsonrios@powayusd.com Graduates must show student ID; family members may not pick up diplomas at the office.</p>												
<p>June 30</p>	<p>Official Ceremony Photos There is no obligation to purchase an official ceremony photo. Ceremony photography will be done by Brett Alan Photography and digital downloads will be available from his website for \$15 per download. He also has print service available through his website if families wish to order prints directly from him. https://www.brettalanphotography.com/</p> <p>Print Pricing (per print)</p> <table> <tr> <td>4x6 Lustre \$2.95</td> <td>4x6 Glossy \$2.95</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5x7 Lustre \$5.95</td> <td>5x7 Glossy \$6.95</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>8x10 Lustre \$7.95</td> <td>8x10 Glossy \$8.95</td> <td>8x10 Metallic \$9.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11x14 Lustre \$14.95</td> <td>11x14 Glossy \$15.95</td> <td>11x14 Metallic \$16.95</td> </tr> </table>	4x6 Lustre \$2.95	4x6 Glossy \$2.95		5x7 Lustre \$5.95	5x7 Glossy \$6.95		8x10 Lustre \$7.95	8x10 Glossy \$8.95	8x10 Metallic \$9.95	11x14 Lustre \$14.95	11x14 Glossy \$15.95	11x14 Metallic \$16.95
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<p>June 9-10 9pm-5am (overnight)</p>	<p>PTSA's "Grad Night" – Sober Graduation Celebration This optional event is run by and sponsored by the MCHS PTSA and will take place from 9pm on Thursday to 5am Friday. Signed permission slips are required and only MCHS Class of 2023 graduates will be admitted. Tickets can be purchased online now for the lowest price available. Tickets will also be available for purchase in person at the senior breakfast, senior picnic, senior checkout and after graduation. Please see the website for ticket prices, permission slips, waiver forms and more information. (Prices go up April 1, May 1 and June 1) Scholarships are available! https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/HS/MCHS/STUDENTS/Student-Groups-Activities/Grad-Nite</p>												

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