

MHS Class of 2020 Activities

Graduation Commencement

Saturday, May 30, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Allen Event Center

200 E. Stacy Road #1350

Allen, Texas 75013

Balfour

MISD has an agreement with Balfour to provide all graduation needs: announcements, diplomas, caps and gowns, and senior rings. Balfour will be on campus numerous times speaking to the seniors about their graduation needs. Your child will receive a packet with information they need for their graduation orders. If you would like to email Balfour directly, you may do so at: Chris@texomabalfour.com or you may order online at www.balfour.com

Caps and Gowns

Caps and Gowns are purchased from Balfour and are the graduates to keep. Students will be measured at school for their graduation cap and gown. The caps and gowns will be distributed to students in the spring. Any outstanding balances must be paid in full to Balfour in order to pick up the cap and gown.

Mortar Boards

Seniors are allowed to decorate the top of their mortar boards. Decorations can include inspirational quotes, inspirational sayings, or post high school plans. Decorations may not dangle down the sides of the mortar board. The decorations must be approved by school administration by the date of graduation practice on May 27th. Students need to bring their mortar boards to graduation practice for final approval.

Graduation Attire

Gentlemen must wear slacks with a collared shirt and tie and closed toe shoes and ladies must wear dresses or blouses and slacks and dress shoes. Graduates should not wear jeans, t-shirts, flip flops or tennis shoes.

Senior Awards Ceremony

The *Junior/Senior Awards Ceremony* will be held on ***Tuesday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m.*** in the school gymnasium. All seniors and their families are invited to attend. An invitation reminder will be mailed to the home of each graduate approximately two weeks before the event.

Senior MEF Scholarship Ceremony

Melissa Education Foundation scholarships will be awarded on ***Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.*** All students being awarded will be notified 2 weeks before the scholarship night. For questions, contact Kellie Maynard at kmaynard@melissaisd.org

Senior Walk/Picture

On **Tuesday, May 26th**, seniors will be part of a senior walk at Melissa Elementary schools. All students need to be at the High School dressed in their cap and gown by **8:35 a.m.** Immediately following the senior walk, a senior class picture will be taken.

Graduation Practice

All seniors are required to participate in graduation practice. Graduation practice will be held on **Wednesday, May 27th at 12:30 p.m.** at Melissa High School. A picnic will be provided for all seniors beginning at 11:30 so all seniors can enjoy one last memory.

Seating for Graduation

Seating for graduation will open for guests at 2:00 p.m. Seniors must arrive by 2:00 p.m., fully dressed and ready to graduate. Guests should be seated by 2:45 p.m. so the processional may begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Diplomas

Official diplomas are not distributed at the graduation ceremony. Diplomas and final transcripts may be picked up from the school office beginning **Monday, June 8th** during regular business hours. Three official final transcripts will be provided to each student. Students who need transcripts mailed to colleges and universities should complete a *Transcript Request Form*, which can be found online using the following link:
<https://www.melissaisd.org/schools/melissa-high-school/guidance-counseling/college-career-prep/>

We are honored to be the graduation coordinators and look forward to serving the *Class of 2020*. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mark Your Calendars:

- *October 1, 2019 – FAFSA application window opened*
- *March 21, 2020 – Prom*
- *May 13, 2020 – MEF Scholarship Night*
- *May 19, 2020 – Junior/Senior Award Ceremony*
- *May 26, 2020 – Senior Walk/Senior Picture*
- *May 27, 2020– Senior Picnic/Graduation Practice*
- *May 30, 2020 - Graduation*

Sincerely,

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