

GRADUATION DAY INSTRUCTIONS



Class of 2024

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 5:00pm

Gas South Arena | Convention Center | Exhibit Halls C & D
6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth, GA 30097

GRADUATES ARRIVE BY 3:00PM

ATTIRE DOS

- Arrive dressed in your NAVY Cap and gown, tassel with '24 charm, and white MSHS Stole.
- **Approved Attire:** knee length skirt/dress (**black** skirt/dress if the hem is longer than your gown), or **black** slacks, **black** socks, **dark** shoes, white-dress shirt or collared shirt, **black** tie, **black** dress shoes (*leather Sperry or Sperry-like shoes are allowed*). **Black flats or low heels are recommended for comfort**-There will be plenty of walking and standing. You may wear your ceremony shoes to graduation practice on 5/21 to test your level of comfort.

ATTIRE DON'TS

- Decorated caps and gowns **MAY NOT** be worn during the Commencement.
- Traditional/Heritage stoles or attire **MAY NOT** be worn during the Commencement.
- No jewelry (or anything hanging out of your gown)
- No joggers or pants with elastic bottom
- No jeans, tennis shoes, or flip flops. **Heels and Stiletto shoes are strongly discouraged.**

*** All graduates should plan to arrive to Gas South Exhibit Halls C & D properly dressed (ceremony ready) ***

ARRIVAL TIME: 2:30PM-3:00PM (GAS SOUTH EXHIBIT HALLS C & D). Remain in your vehicle until **3pm**.

STUDENT PARKING & INSTRUCTIONS: (ALL personal belongings should be left inside your vehicle).

1. Plan to arrive early to ensure your safety.
2. **Enter the Satellite Blvd Entrance.**
3. Park in designated **Parking Deck 1** (a parking attendant will direct you). **Parking is validated. NO COST.**
4. **Park or take the elevator to level P3.**
5. Leave **all** personal items (**except your one car key**) in your vehicle or with a family member. This includes purses, wallets, bags, large items or cell phone/electronic devices. Cell phones/electronic devices will be confiscated. Those confiscated will be available for pick up at our school after the ceremony.
6. Cross the bridge to enter the Convention Center.
7. Enter the Gas South Convention Center at **3pm**. Open your gown as you enter in. You can zip your gown after you go through security. You will then be directed to your seat for the ceremony. **BE ON TIME!**
8. Graduates, you may **not** leave once you have arrived and checked-in.

GRADUATE REHEARSAL & CEREMONY SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:

- Rehearsal will begin promptly at 3:15pm.
- Remain in your assigned seat (**You will not be permitted to leave the seating area to visit with family and friends**).
- You should be in place for the Graduation processional into the Exhibit Halls at 4:30pm.
- All graduates will process & recess for the Class of 2024 Graduation.

Please add an audio clip pronunciation of your name to the Senior Class Google link prior

Graduates, you will have a 3x5 card in your seat that includes your name to be read during the presentation of Seniors. Please ensure your name is pronounced correctly by Administration before the graduation ceremony.

Guest Arrival Instructions

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GRADUATION TICKETS

All Graduates will receive **10** Commencement tickets for guests. Tickets will be distributed at Graduation Rehearsal II taking place Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Guests must have tickets ready as they approach the Gas South Convention Center.

GUEST PARKING

1. **Doors open for family and friends one (1) hour before the ceremony at 4:00pm.**
2. Enter the Satellite Blvd Entrance.
3. Park in designated **Parking Deck 1** (a parking attendant will direct you). **Parking is validated. NO COST.**
4. **Park or take the elevator to level P3 and cross the bridge to the Convention Center.**
5. Guests should be ready to enter together.
6. **Only clear bags no larger than 14"x14"x 6" will be able to enter the venue.** If you have a diaper bag or bag required for medical needs, there will be a specific lane through which participants will enter.
7. Re-entry nor gathering on the concourse will be allowed.



GUESTS SEATING:

- Handicap seating is available.
- **Spanish interpretation will be available** in which seating will be reserved for those needing interpretation services.
- **Seating for all other guests is not assigned; first come, first serve.**
- All guests will be seated front to rear of the Exhibit Halls.
- Junior Marshals (dressed in gray blazers) will be available to distribute programs and assist with restroom or water needs.

GUEST DISMISSAL:

- Guests will be dismissed after the graduates recess. **Upon exit, please proceed to your vehicle and exit the property.**
- For safety, all guests are asked to meet graduates at a predetermined location after the event opposed to meeting inside the Exhibit Halls after the ceremony. **Tailgating and loitering are prohibited.**

DIPLOMAS

All graduating Seniors will receive their diplomas during the Graduation Ceremony. Diplomas and diploma covers will be given by our Principal, Mrs. Mosley, to each graduate as they walk across the stage during the ceremony. **Smile!** A photographer will take your official image after you accept your diploma.

IMPORTANT DATES & SENIOR INFO

Graduation Rehearsal I – 5/13/24
Graduation Rehearsal II - 5/21/24 | Noon | MSHS Commons
(Graduation tickets given at this dress rehearsal)
Graduation Rehearsal III – 5/22/24 | 3pm | Exhibit Hall C/D

Please check our senior communication platforms, frequently, for graduation information, as they are constantly updated.

Please be mindful of your behavior during Graduation Ceremony. ALL Gwinnett County Public School rules and policies apply.