



## MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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**John Beltrante**  
*Principal*

March 26, 2021

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians of Seniors:

It is that time of year when senior students and their families begin looking ahead to graduation. Commencement is the highlight of a successful educational experience, and we are committed to making this year's program an amazing experience for our students and their families.

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at the Marple Newtown High School Stadium on **Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The stadium gates will open at 5:00 p.m. Seating is general admission, and depending on health and safety guidelines and capacity limits, wristbands/tickets may be issued. Handicapped seating is available. All seating provides a clear view of our graduates as they accept their diplomas. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Enclosed you will find information relative to graduation, including graduation rehearsals, protocols, dress code, and the commencement participation agreement. Please review this information carefully, and **return the signed Commencement Participation Agreement to my office by Friday, April 16, 2021.**

I look forward to seeing you at MNHS Stadium on June 17<sup>th</sup>!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Beltrante'.

John Beltrante  
Principal

**Enclosed:**

Commencement Participation Agreement  
Commencement Information  
Commencement Dress Code



**MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2021**  
**COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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**Student Consent**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by all expectations for dress and decorum for commencement as contained in the letter about commencement dated March 26, 2021. I accept the conditions contained therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent Consent**

My son/daughter will be participating in commencement on June 17, 2021. My signature indicates that I have read and understand the expectations of the commencement committee. I have discussed with my child his/her responsibility to comply with the conditions and recognize that the administration has the right to revoke my child's privilege of participating if he/she does not comply.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RETURN TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE**  
**or email to [swienckowski@mnsd.org](mailto:swienckowski@mnsd.org)**  
**by FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021**



## **COMMENCEMENT 2021**

The following is a list of basic procedural and behavioral requirements. Please read carefully.

- Commencement will be at the **Marple Newtown High School (MNHS) Stadium**. Graduation will begin promptly at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021**. We anticipate the ceremony lasting for approximately 75 minutes.
- Attendance at the commencement rehearsals during the following times **at the MNHS Stadium is mandatory**:  
**Wednesday, June 16 - First Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.;**  
**Thursday, June 17 - Second Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.** (prior to Commencement at 6:00 p.m.)
- Diploma covers will be distributed during the program, and the actual diplomas will be handed out immediately after the ceremony.
- All participants agree to maintain a formal atmosphere including appropriate dress and decorum (see Dress Code on reverse side).
- Students who demonstrate consistent behavior problems during the year (e.g. excessive disciplinary referrals, suspensions, lateness, etc.) may be excluded from commencement at the discretion of the administration. **Any student suspended from school during the second semester may lose commencement privileges.**
- Any student misbehaving during commencement will be immediately escorted from the ceremony and barred from further participation. Additional disciplinary action will be taken before the diploma is awarded. Police involvement could be included.
- Participation in commencement is a privilege granted to those who agree to abide by the aforementioned standards and expectations. **Each senior who wishes to participate MUST complete the attached Commencement Participation Agreement and submit it to the Office of the Principal by Friday, April 16, 2021.** The opportunity for participation will be limited to those who submit the form on time.
- The Principal will meet with all seniors during the end of April to review these expectations. The administration of Marple Newtown High School is confident that our seniors will have a graduation ceremony of which we can all be proud.

## **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DRESS CODE**

### **Ladies**

- Dress, skirt, or dress pants (no shorts or mini skirts)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers or flip flops) – high heels are not recommended

### **Gentlemen**

- Dress shirt with a tie
- Long dress pants (no shorts)
- Dress shoes with dress socks (no sneakers, flip flops, or athletic socks)

**Students who are not dressed according to these guidelines will not be permitted to participate in Commencement.**