

Senior Recognition Information- Class of 2020

The following information is of extreme importance. Please be sure to read through it and follow all directions. Your cooperation will ensure a successful and positive Senior Recognition Ceremony.

For your convenience, the following Table of Contents has been included to allow you to reference items of particular interest to you as the date approaches.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at Senior Recognition!

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Senior Recognition

The ceremony for the Class of 2020 will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2020 in the William Tennent High School Auditorium.

- The auditorium will be open at 6:00 p.m. for seating on a first come, first-served basis.
- We request that guests arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. so that the ceremony may begin on time.
- Guests arriving after the student procession has begun at 6:30 p.m. will not be permitted to enter the auditorium until after all graduates have entered.

Tickets

Tickets will not be required for entry to the auditorium; however, guests should be limited to 6 per senior.

Weather

Since we are inside for the ceremony, we are not affected by the outdoor weather.

Special Needs

The auditorium is fully accessible. There are a limited number of accessible parking spaces that are available on a first come – first serve basis.

Parking

Parents/Seniors

- There are a limited number of accessible parking spaces that are available on a first come-first serve basis.
- There is parking on the campus of William Tennent High School.
- There will be staff members and Public Safety students stationed in the parking lot to assist guests as needed.

Rehearsal

- There will be a rehearsal for our CO-OP students on Monday, June 1, after their normal CO-OP meeting with Dr. Gregor and Mrs. Swoyer. The CO-OP morning session will be at 8:00 am, the afternoon CO-OP session will be held at noon.
- There will be rehearsal for our AM Seniors during the morning session on Thursday, May 28th at 8:00 am in the MBIT Cafetorium.
- There will be rehearsal for our PM Seniors during the afternoon session on Thursday, May 28th at noon, in the MBIT Cafetorium.
- A senior must have successfully completed all the requirements for graduation as articulated in the Student Handbook (page 9). If not, they will not be permitted to participate in the Recognition ceremony.

Cap and Gown

- You will receive your cap, gown, and tassel in the cafetorium during the rehearsal *as long as your debts have been cleared.*
- Gowns will need to be ironed so please make sure you take care of this prior to the ceremony.
- Special Regalia – Some students may be permitted to wear special cords, medals and/or stoles. These **MUST BE APPROVED** in advance by Ms. Pakula or Ms. Doherty. The following are pre-approved:
 - NTHS Stoles – These were provided to you during the National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony.

Obligations/Debts

- Students must return their books, and/or other assigned materials at the time requested by their instructor. If they do not have the item, their instructor will inform them of their obligation. A check can be written to Middle Bucks Institute of Technology to satisfy the obligation.
- Additionally, all lab, parking and discipline debts must be addressed and paid by **Friday, May 28, 2020.**
- If you owe any money or materials to Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, you will not be able to participate in the Recognition ceremony until all debts are settled. Therefore, pay all of your debts immediately.

Attire/Dress

The Recognition ceremony is a very special and dignified occasion. We all work very hard to make this a memorable experience for you. Therefore, we do have requirements for dress.

Young women

- Any dress, skirt/blouse or dark colored dress pants
- Jeans and leggings are NOT permitted.
- Dress sandals, shoes, dress flats or shoes with a “wedge heel” are acceptable. Please remember you should be able to safely walk in the shoes you are wearing.
- Flip flops, sneakers and slippers are NOT permitted.

Young men

- Dark pants, shirt, tie, dark socks.
- Jeans or shorts are NOT permitted.
- Dress shoes are to be worn. No sneakers, flip-flops, sandals or slippers.

Participants’ dress will be checked before leaving the assembly area. Those dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Please see Ms. Pakula or Ms. Doherty if you have any questions regarding attire for the event.

Before the Ceremony

- Seniors are to report to the William Tennent High School Cafeteria no later than 5:45 p.m.
 - Once in the cafeteria – students are *NOT* permitted to leave the area. Restrooms are in the cafeteria area.
 - Only *current* MBIT Staff members and seniors walking in the ceremony will be permitted in the cafeteria.
- Report immediately to your Instructor, put on your cap, gown, and tassel/stole, and move to the area you're assigned to for your assembling.
 - Please affix the tassel so that it hangs on the right side of the hat.
- Additionally, **do not leave any valuables in the staging areas (cafeteria)**. We cannot be responsible for safeguarding them. Please give cellphones, purses, etc. to your family to hold during the ceremony. **The cafeteria will be cleaned immediately following students exiting to go to the ceremony.**

During the Ceremony

- Parents are not permitted to leave their seats to take pictures.
- In order to hear all the graduates' names announced, please refrain from applause, cheering, whistling, or any noise makers until the end.
- Students who engage in disrespectful, distracting, or inappropriate behavior during the ceremony will be removed from auditorium by administration and the certificate will be withheld until the appropriate disciplinary consequences are fulfilled.

After the Ceremony

- The graduates will recess as a group out to the lobby of the Auditorium.
- We welcome all graduates and their families to meet in the lobby and exit the building as soon as possible.
 - Please remember we are guests at William Tennent High School and they must be able to maintain the area for the following school day.

Certificate Distribution

- Students will be given their Certificate of Completion during the ceremony. Please be sure to take it with you when you exit the auditorium.