



# MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Member of the Class of 2021 and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to the Madera South High School Class of 2021! In a short time, you will experience one of the major landmarks of your life...high school graduation! We are excited that we are going to be able to celebrate your graduation with an in person graduation at Memorial Stadium. Although health guidelines limit the number of people that we can have attend this event, we believe that this ceremony should be one where each student has his or her "moment in the spotlight". The MSHS Faculty and Administration are committed to continuing the tradition of a commencement ceremony that allows every member of the graduating class to be honored in a festive, but highly dignified manner.

The following information is provided to assist you with your graduation planning and preparation. It is our desire that you have an unforgettable graduation experience.

**GRADUATION PRACTICE:** Graduation practice will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10th at Memorial Stadium. *You will be required to submit a health screener via student square before attending practice.* **If you do not practice you will not participate in the ceremony.** Senior clearance must have been fully verified in order to participate in graduation practice. Please make arrangements to be at the practice. Practice should be complete by approximately 11:00 a.m. There will be no bus transportation for graduation practice.

**TICKETS:** Each graduate will receive 4 tickets for family/friends to attend the Graduation Ceremony. Graduates will receive tickets at the conclusion of graduation practice. Children 3 years of age and younger will not need a graduation ticket.

**GRADUATION DRESS CODE:** Graduations are traditional and formal events. To assist you, the following dress guidelines have been established for the ceremony:

Long pants  
Collared shirt

Dresses or slacks that fit under the gown  
**Flats preferred**

**GRADUATION STAGING AREA:** The MSHS Graduation Ceremony will be staged at Madison Elementary School. Room assignments will be given at graduation practice. All graduates are required to be in their assigned rooms by 6:30 p.m. for roll call and line up. Graduates should bring their cap and gown and plan on putting it on in the classroom.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Graduates **may not** bring items such as Hawaiian flower leis, balloons, beach balls, frisbees, noisemakers, etc., that might be used to distract from the ceremony. Such items will be confiscated and will not be returned. **Graduation stoles and sashes may only include district-approved**

items such as pathway completer chords, sashes and medals for academic honors, and objects that have a cultural or religious significance.

\*No food or drinks will be allowed into the stadium, with exception of senior citizens and infants. Sealed bottled water is allowed.

**NO BALLOONS ALLOWED:** Due to the risk of damage to overhead powerlines, balloons are not allowed. Guests that bring balloons will be asked to leave the balloons in their cars. Guests may bring flowers.

**All graduates and spectators are required to wear masks because this is a large outdoor event.**

**ALL VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH**

**GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS:** To enhance your graduation experience, we have established the following expectations for graduating members of the Class of 2021:

- sit quietly and be attentive to the proceedings
- refrain from displays that detract from the recognition of others
- decorating of gown is not allowed
- treat the ceremony with respect and dignity
- caps may be decorated. Decoration should be school appropriate and should not hang over the cap in any way.

Graduates who behave in a way that detracts from the ceremony will, unfortunately, have to be removed from the ceremony.

**GRADUATE PARKING:** Graduates who drive themselves may park for free in a special participant lot reserved in the back of the Madison campus. They must enter off Santa Cruz Street which runs behind Madison. Security will identify you as a graduate by checking your cap & gown. Family members may not park in this special participant lot.

**MEMORIAL STADIUM OPENING:** For parents and other spectators, the gates to Memorial Stadium will open at 6:00 p.m. All guests will need to have their graduation ticket to enter. The Commencement Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Photographer will take a picture of each graduate just after they receive their diploma. These professional photos will be available for purchase.

**POST CEREMONY:** Students will be leaving the stadium and returning to Madison to pick up diplomas. Spectators will not be allowed onto the field at any time. Graduates will be released to be either picked up or drive home from the Madison campus. Please plan for photo opportunities and family celebrations away

**GUEST PARKING:** MSHS booster clubs will offer guest parking for \$5.00 at three separate lots... on the Madison campus (please enter off Stadium Road), the MHS Frosh Baseball field (enter off "L" Street), and the lot across from the MHS Varsity Baseball field (enter off "Coyote Lane").

**HANDICAPPED PARKING:** Handicapped Parking is offered only to guests with designated handicapped plates or stickers and will be located on the grass area between the field house and home side concession stand. Please enter on Coyote Lane (next to the Varsity Baseball field) and you will be directed to the parking areas. A shuttle for those individuals needing assistance will be provided to take them into the stadium area where handicapped seating will be provided.

Congratulations to the 2021 Madera South High School graduating class! I look forward to the successful completion of the 2020-2021 school year and your Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 10th.. Let's make the 2021 MSHS Commencement Ceremony an unforgettable experience, one that brings pride and honor to our Stallion heritage.

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