

Timeline for MBHS Seniors

Student Service Learning

Hours

Deadline for Certificate of Meritorious Service – April 6, 2018

AP Exams

May 7 - 18, 2018

Yearbook Signing Event

May 21, 2018 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SAC

Prom Ticket Sales

April 30 - May 11, 2018 both lunches attendance office
SSL hours must be completed & obligations cleared.

Academic Awards Night

May 2, 2018
Reception - 6:00 p.m.
Awards - 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

Junior/Senior Prom

May 12, 2018, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
No Admittance after 10 p.m. /No re-entry
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

After Prom

12:00 a.m. (midnight) - 4:00 a.m.
Enter on Colesville Road side ONLY
No Admittance after 1:30 a.m. /No re-entry
Montgomery Blair High School

All Sports Awards Night

May 23, 2018 6:30p.m. SAC

Cap/Gown/

May 31, 2018 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Small gym
(Student, parent or guardian may pick up)

Ticket Distribution

Mandatory Graduation

June 4, 2018 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Auditorium

Rehearsal

Graduation:

June 5 2018 9:00am
Xfinity Center
University of Maryland
2001 Paint Branch Drive

Special Needs Information

Handicapped Patrons:

Accessible parking through the Terrapin Trail garage. Seating on the top of sections 109 and 110 on the Plaza level, at the top of sections 105 and 106

Sign Language:

Individuals who require **sign language interpretation** should **contact Ms. Roxanne Fus at 301-649-2820 by May 8, 2016**

Graduation Information

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 9:00am.

*Location: Xfinity Center
University of Maryland
College Park, MD*

Graduation Requirements:

A student must complete 22 credits, 75 service-learning hours and pass or meet the Maryland High School Assessments requirements for English, Algebra/data analysis and Biology to receive a diploma. For a detailed breakdown of credits needed, see Montgomery County Public Schools website:

<http://apps.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coursebulletin/Home/Basic#top>

Students are not required to participate in the ceremony to receive a diploma. If a student will not be participating in the ceremony, please notify in writing Principal Renay Johnson. Students who do not participate in the ceremony will receive their diplomas after June 6, 2018.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY

Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Group Picture: (cap & gown required) Monday, June 4, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Students who choose to participate are expected to conform to all rules and policies. Students **MUST** be on time and be cooperative during rehearsal in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students who do not participate in the rehearsal will not participate in the commencement ceremony.

Rehearsal Schedule:

<u>Monday, June 4, 2018</u>	8:15 a.m.	Seniors arrive in auditorium
	8:30 a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Graduation rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Students move to the gym for senior picture in cap and gown
	12:00 p.m.	Seniors parade in cap/gown down Blair Blvd., exit through SAC doors
		Dismissal

Day of Graduation Information

NO PURSES OR BACKPACKS

Dress Code:

Students will wear a red or white academic robe and mortarboard with a white and red tassel. The cap should be worn parallel to the floor (flat on your head). You may use bobby pins to secure the cap. During the processional and through the awarding of diplomas, the tassel is worn on the *left side*. A senior class officer, on the stage, will instruct graduates to shift the tassel to the right of the cap.

Suggested Attire for students:

Collared button down dress shirt with tie, long dress pants, dress shoes with socks. Students should not wear a suit jacket because it will be too hot under the gown. (no flip flops or tennis shoes).

Dresses or pant suits, and dress shoes that they can walk comfortably in across the stage (no flip flops or heels more than three inches).

*Clothing, jewelry, and accessories should not be visible on the outside of academic robes. Purses, chewing gum, sunglasses, signs, decorations, cosmetics, hairbrushes, electronic devices, cameras, and balloons are **NOT PERMITTED**. Cell phones are permitted if turned off during ceremony and in a pocket*

****STUDENTS MAY NOT DECORATE THEIR CAP—DECORATED CAPS WILL BE CONFISCATED**

Graduate's Meeting Location:

Arrive at Xfinity Center at 7:30am – enter through the doors on ground level- report to the pavilion area (small gym) Graduates will not join their families until the conclusion of the ceremony. Please designate a meeting place for your family following the ceremony. All graduates will exit through the loading dock, parents may not enter this area.

Cord/ Tassel Designation:

ACES= purple/white cord

Blair Students Interning for Student Success –BLISS = sky blue cord

Bilingual Achievement- multi colored

Certificate Of Meritorious Service - 260 SSL Hours = purple tassel

Communication Arts Program = black cord

Edison- royal blue and red cord

Entrepreneurship = blue cord

Global Educational Certificate- teal/gold

Human Service Professions = orange cord

International Studies and Law = purple cord

Media, Music and The Arts = green cord

National Art Honor Society = multi-colored cord

National French Honor Society = blue/white/red cord

National Honor Society = gold stole

National Latin Honor Society = purple/gold cord

National Spanish Honor Society = red stole

Principal's Advisory Council = red/gold cord

Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Program = silver cord

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math = red cord

Tri-M Music Honor Society = light pink cord

W.E.B. Dubois = black/gold cord

Travel Information for Parents

Students need to arrange their own transportation to graduation.

From Baltimore and points North:

- Take 1-95 South to 495 West
- Take Exit 27 and then follow signs to Exit 25 (US Route 1 South toward College Park)
- Proceed approximately one mile south on Route 1, take the exit 193 West (University Boulevard)
- At the first light , turn left onto Paint Branch Drive
- The Xfinity Center will be on your right

From Virginia and Points West

- Take exit 25 (US 1 South toward College Park)
- And follow above directions

Parking will be available in lots 9b, 11b, 11c, and 4j for guests, parents and students.

Parking signs and campus patrols will be available to provide assistance.

Note: You cannot drop off passengers in front of the main entrance. You must proceed to your assigned parking lot.

Graduation Information

Admission Information:

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Each student will receive twelve commencement ceremony tickets (TICKETS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER Xfinity center). **Tickets will be distributed on May 31, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the small gym.** Tickets are not needed for infants (12 months and younger). If you need additional tickets, please negotiate with other graduates. Montgomery Blair High School staff will not be coordinating extra ticket requests.

Montgomery Blair High School Graduation Program:

Programs will be distributed at Xfinity Center upon arrival. Content will include senior candidates, guests, musical presentations, and awards.

Awarding of Diplomas & Ceremony Etiquette:

Diploma covers will be handed to graduates on stage. Diplomas will be distributed following the ceremony in the loading dock area by LAST NAME. **Please hold applause until all graduates have been recognized.** This is a dignified ceremony - whistling, yelling, etc., are considered inappropriate behavior. Staff members will be alerted to withhold the diplomas of any senior who fails to exhibit appropriate behavior during the ceremony.

Security:

Security personnel have the authority to remove individuals from the commencement ceremony who are not in compliance with established ceremonial guidelines. Xfinity reserves the right to inspect all bags and prohibits large backpacks and bags. **All guests will be scanned with a hand held metal detector by security,**

Videotaping/Photography:

Montgomery Blair High School will record a commencement ceremony video on DVD. Orders were submitted with the senior package; however : if your student did not pay for the video with their senior package, you may order one now by filling out the “Graduation DVD Order Form” at the back of this handbook. The form along with payment should be turned in to the attendance office. The cost of the DVD is \$30.00. DVD’s will be mailed out during the month of July.

Concession Stands:

Food items will be available for purchase (for guests only, **not graduates**)

Graduation Ceremony

Processional Line-up:

- Students will form alphabetical queues in the Pavilion area (small gym)
- Students will be given a name card, which is the only item they will be permitted to carry during the ceremony.
- Anyone not dressed properly or exhibiting evidence of alcohol/drug consumption will be removed from line and will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Procession:

Parents and guests must be seated at this time or they will miss the processional.

- Prior to the start of the processional, the principal will take the stage and review with the audience expectations regarding behavior to ensure an orderly and tasteful graduation ceremony.

Order of Processional:

- Platform guests, staff and graduates in alphabetical order.
- Graduates will walk down the aisle to their designated row.

Tassel Ceremony and Closing

After all graduates have received their diploma covers:

- Graduates are to stand throughout the tassel ceremony, closing, and recessional.
- Graduates are to move their tassels from right to left when instructed.
- Audience members are to remain seated after the closing ceremonies.

Recessional:

- Graduates are to exit one row at a time in single file beginning with the front rows.
- Audience is to remain seated until all graduates have exited.
- Faculty will recess after graduates.
- Stage guests will recess off stage

Diplomas:

- Diplomas will be available to the graduates after the ceremony in the loading dock area at Xfinity Center
- Right side – White gowns
- Left- Red gowns

Parents/guests are asked to meet graduates at a pre-determined location, parents will not be permitted in the loading dock area.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR ALMA MATER

By old Sligo's winding waters, Gentle hills of green
Shelter us their proudest treasure, Alma Mater Queen.

We, thy students, will be loyal, for the glory fight.
Always keep thy name untarnished, and thy honor bright.

Sixty years by Sligo's waters, beacon on the hill
Ever growing, moving upward, making progress still.
Fine new programs, diverse students, time to move ahead
On to new heights at Four Corners with the white and red.

As the years shall bring thee power and thy share of fame,
Countless students coming after shall exalt they name.
Speak thee fairly, speak thee proudly, Shout it to the air.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater, Hail Montgomery Blair.

Lyrics by Betty Abbott (Senior student 1936 who wrote the words to fit the music of Cornell's Alma Mater, old folk tune, "Annie Lilse") and Norm Stant (MBHS English teacher 1968-2004.)

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- WC
- SE
- Red
- Black
- Orange
- Blue
- Purple
- Green



MONTGOMERY BLAIR GRADUATION DVD ORDER FORM

Parent/Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

of Copies _____ *x \$30.00 = \$* _____

Please turn this form along with payment to Ms. Fus in the attendance office.

DVDs will be mailed during the month of July. Any questions, please contact [Diane H Norris @mcpsmd.org](mailto:Diane.H.Norris@mcpsmd.org)

*Special Thanks
to the
2018 Graduation Planning Committee*

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