



UCSD #4

Buffalo Tracks
Mountain View High School

April 10, 2025

Special Senior Parent Edition

12th Grade :
48 Seniors
24 Girls; 24 Boys
(First time ever!)

Upcoming May Events for Seniors

- 4/29-Senior Class Meeting in auditorium during AHT
- 5/5-Senior Guitar Concert, 7:30
- 5/6-UW Signing Day, 9:30; HS Band Concert, 7:30 pm
- 5/7-HS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm
- 5/9-No School; Saturday School (on a Friday), 8-12
- 5/11 - Mothers Day!
- 5/12-5/15-Senior Finals!
- 5/12-Senior Meeting during AHT; Senior Awards Night, 6:00 pm
- 5/13-Grad Practice, 12:15; Senior Time Capsule, K8, 1:15 (seniors will ride the bus to the K8); Boys and Girls Soccer Awards Nights
- 5/14-Grad practice, 9:35
- 5/15-Grad practice, 9:35
- 5/16-5/17-Regional Track in Powell
- 5/19-Farewell Assembly, 9:35; Grad Practice to follow; Grads to K8 for Kinder Pod walkthrough; Graduation, 6:00 pm; Drug and Alcohol Free Party at MVHS
- 5/22-5/24: State Soccer in Gillette; State Track in Casper
- 5/23-Saturday School (on a Friday)

Congrats Seniors!

Why can't students decorate their hats at graduation?

This is a question that comes up almost every year, around this time of year. When you look at high school graduation ceremonies across the state, there is a split among Wyoming high schools in terms of whether they allow students to decorate their hats. At MVHS, we have historically not allowed students to decorate their hats or gowns for the graduation ceremony. Historically, we have opted for a more traditional ceremony as we feel it honors the work of everyone who has assisted a student in their path towards graduation.

We also limit "add ons" that students may want to wear during the ceremony to only school related items. We allow students to wear NHS stolls, medals from senior awards night, Red Cross Cords, FFA, Western, and GearUp cords. While we want to celebrate the many accomplishments of our seniors, we also feel that graduation isn't the place to do all that (leis, money necklaces, etc. anything not specific to a student's school career). Those graduation parties and less formal occasions are better suited to celebrate those personal accomplishments of your graduate. This is a conversation I have in the fall with the advisors and senior student council members to remind them of our process. As always, contact Mr. Carr if you have any questions.

"You're never ready for what you have to do.
You just do it. That makes you ready."

Flora Rheta-Schreiber

Did you know?

- ◆ The only remaining Saturday Schools of the year are May 3, 9 (Friday), and 17. **Seniors must have fewer than 7 absences** in each class in order to receive credit. Many of these Saturday Schools conflict with track or soccer events. Plan ahead!
- ◆ **Seniors must pass all required courses before they participate in the graduation ceremony. Students are not allowed to be "almost there" credit-wise.**
- ◆ Students are not allowed to take final exams early or finish the school year early. If a student chooses to leave early, then they will receive a zero on any final exams they miss. Incomplete grades will not be given for the second semester.
- ◆ There will be several graduation practices during the seniors' final week. **These practices are required for all seniors.** Those with unique situations who feel they need to miss a practice need to visit with Mr. Carr in advance.
- ◆ **Seniors will get their tickets for graduation after all fees and fines are paid (including Chromebook repairs) and they are completely checked out of school.**
- ◆ Babysitting will NOT be available during the graduation ceremony.
- ◆ Summer School starts June 2 should a senior not pass a class required for graduation.
- ◆ **Parents and grads need to know that each college has a different process regarding the Hathaway Scholarship. Students must communicate with their college this spring AND prior to arriving on campus to be sure they receive that important scholarship.**
- ◆ Students needing official transcripts over the summer will need to contact the UCSD #4 district office. Please do **NOT** leave a message at MVHS for transcripts (no one will hear it for three months).
- ◆ If your graduate has earned a scholarship they want presented at the Senior Awards Night, they need to complete the google form Mrs. Hauf will send them.

The Graduating Class of 2025 Drug and Alcohol Free party is an annual tradition that gives graduates a safe option on the night of their graduation. It is hosted by the senior MVHS parents. All senior class money goes to provide for the graduation party activities and gifts for the graduates. Special thanks to Brittney Deckert and Michael Collins in their role as senior class advisors and all the senior parents involved in coordinating this end-of-the-year party. We would also like to thank all the local businesses and individuals who have donated goods, services, and cash to support our students at this very special event.

- Students will be allowed to come into the party at 9:30 pm on the night of graduation. Doors will be locked and **no other students will be allowed in after 10:00 pm**. If a student leaves the party, they will not be allowed back in.
- *Cleanup for the party will begin around 2:00 am.*
- **Guests are not allowed at the graduation night party.** This event is for MVHS graduates. **Students from other schools, former students, high school students, visiting family, etc. are not allowed to attend the MVHS graduation party.**
- Graduates should come prepared for a full night of activities and fun with their friends. This is definitely an event graduates will want to be a part of. Food! Prizes! Games!
- Help from parents is still needed throughout the night. Any parent who would be willing to sign up for a specific time slot is asked to email Mrs. Deckert at deckertb@uinta4.com

Senior Awards Night is Monday, May 12 at 6:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Scholarships and individual senior class awards will be presented at that time.

Please note the date for the **Senior Time Capsule** event in the K8 cafeteria is **Tuesday, May 13 at 1:15 pm**. Parents are invited! Students will ride the bus to the K8.

Senior Tables in Gyms at Graduation

After school on the day of graduation, the MVHS custodians will set up tables in a large horseshoe pattern in the main gym to give family and friends a meeting place after the graduation ceremony.

- ♦ MVHS will place student names in alphabetical order around the horseshoes.
- ♦ Parents are allowed to decorate tables, but that cannot happen **until after school (3:30) on Monday, May 19**. The purpose of the tables is to give family a place to meet graduates after the ceremony and for people to leave cards for the graduates.
- ♦ **The gym is not a secure area during graduation. Gifts or card boxes should be removed prior to the actual graduation ceremony.**

UW Signing Day for Students

On Tuesday, **May 6 at 9:35** we will be honoring our students who are committing to attending the University of Wyoming with a special Signing Day. Parents and family are invited for this special event!

Senior Finals and Graduation Practice Schedule

Mon, 5/12 - Senior Finals, 2W & 4W

Tues, 5/13 - Senior Finals, 2P & 4P, Grad practice, 12:15

Wed, 5/14 - Senior Finals, 1W & 3W; **Graduation Practice, 9:35 - 11:35**

Thurs, 5/15 - Senior Finals, 1P & 3P, **Graduation Practice, 9:35 - 11:35**

Mon, 5/19 - Farewell Assembly, 9:30; **Graduation Practice to follow**; grads to K8 for K-1 pod walkthrough; Graduation, 6:00 pm (Seniors meet in Main Gym at **5:15 pm**; this is a great photo opportunity for grads and family); Senior Party, 9:30 pm-??

Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Tickets

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2025 will be on **Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the MVHS auditorium**. Our front doors will open at **5:01**.

Each graduating senior will **receive approximately 15 tickets for graduation**. **Two tickets are reserved for the first three rows and the additional 13 tickets are for general seating** throughout the auditorium, including the balcony.

Seniors will not be given their graduation packet of caps, gowns, and graduation tickets until they have all fees and fines paid, Chromebooks are turned in, and students are checked out in the main office. This generally happens on the Thursday before graduation.

Graduation tickets will not be given out early for any reason.

We have scheduled with MyLocalRadio.com to again offer streaming of graduation for those special guests who can't attend the ceremony.