Dear Parents/Guardians and Senior Students:

It is hard to believe that graduation is a little over a month away. Enclosed you will find a calendar outlining the activities associated with the week of graduation. On June 5th we kick things off with Baccalaureate. This event is sponsored by the local religious communities and has been a tradition for many years. Following this non-denominational service the Senior Video will be presented. The Senior Class will be holding a reception for parents and guests immediately following the video. The day ends with the awarding of scholarships as well as gold cords and medallions to members of the class. Those who have been selected to receive either a scholarship of gold cords and medallions will be notified before June 5th.

Marching practice will begin on June 6th at 9:00 am. All practices are mandatory and promptness is very much appreciated. The other two practices are scheduled for June 7th and 8th. Both Monday and Tuesday's practices will be held in the gym. On Wednesday we will head down to the Augusta Civic Center for practice. Along the way we will visit the elementary schools and on the return trip as well. Bus transportation will be provided on the 8th and all seniors are expected to ride the bus. Personal transportation is prohibited. The buses will be leaving the high school at 8:00 am and will return to MHS at approximately 12:00 pm. I would encourage comfortable shoes for the marching through the schools. You can change into your dress shoes when you get to the Civic Center.

Caps and gowns will be handed out at Tuesday's marching practice. Before receiving these items all deficiencies must be taken care of. Class dues are one of those deficiencies that seem to be forgotten. If students have not paid their dues (money goes towards the purchase of their cap/gown and graduation expenses) there is still time to do so. Caps and gowns are required to be worn at Wednesday's marching practice as this is when the formal graduation picture will be taken and the class picture. All students are expected to wear their graduation attire (dress clothes) to this practice. While it may be tempting to attend the practice at the Civic Center I respectfully request that parents and/or family members refrain from doing so as this is a closed practice.

On June 9th we will celebrate the seniors during their last assembly at MHS. All seniors should plan to arrive at the high school no later than 8:30 am. Please bring your cap and gown. As for attire under the gown, shorts and t-shirts are permitted for this event only. Graduation will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on June 9th at 7:00 pm. Seniors should plan to arrive no later

than 6:30 pm. This will give everyone enough time to take photos with family and friends. We will begin lining up at 6:45 pm. As a note to parents and guests, the Civic Center doors will not open until 6:00 pm. All seniors will be given 2 tickets for floor seating. All other guests are welcome to sit in the bleachers. Should you need handicap seating please call me at your convenience.

Project Graduation will begin at 9:00 pm back at the high school. All students are required to remain at the celebration for its entirety. If a student feels like they need to leave earlier a parent must come into the building and sign their student out. You will find enclosed the Graduation and Project Graduation contract which all seniors must sign along with their parent/guardian. Both contracts need to be turned in to me by Friday, May 27th.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 465-7381 or by email at pcallan@rsu18.org.

Sincerely,

Paula S. Callan Principal