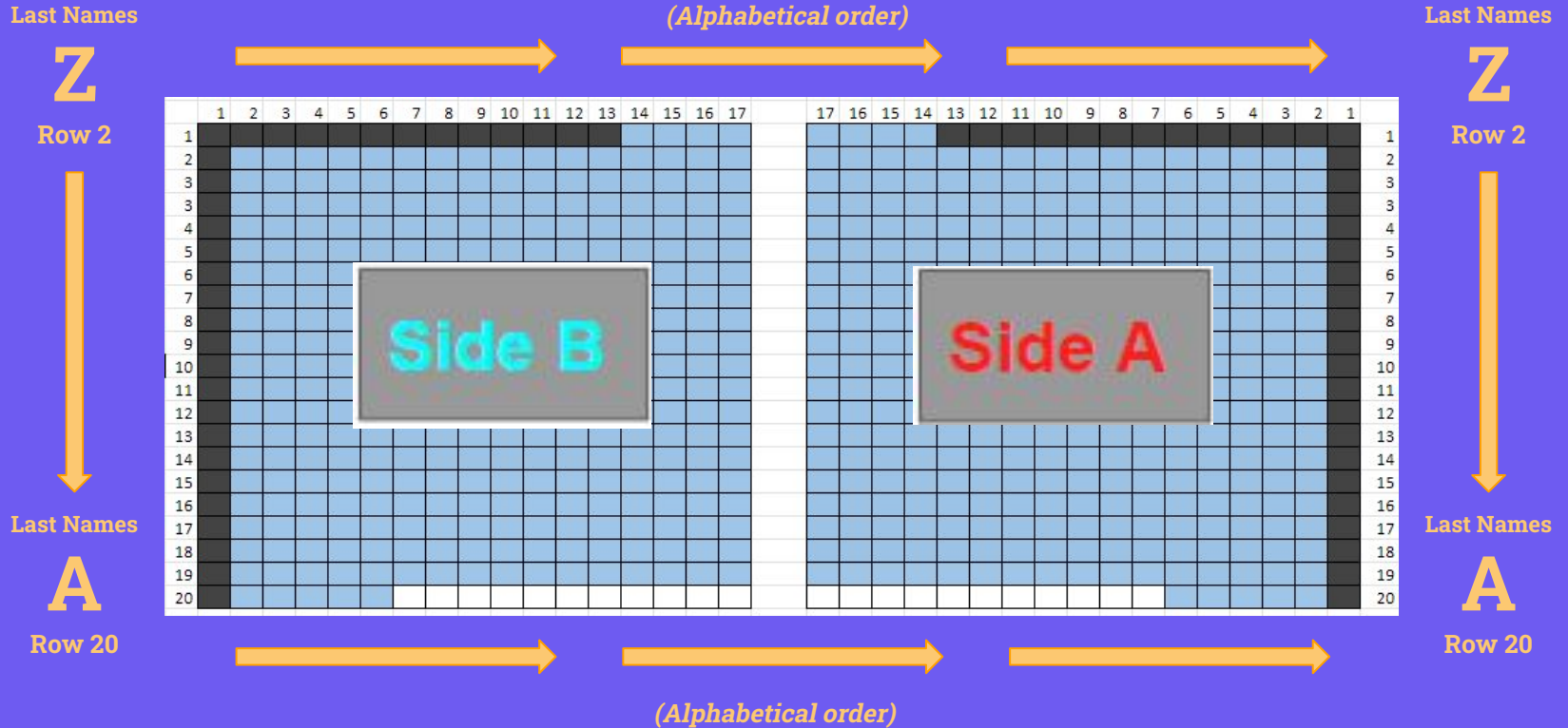


# GOOD MORNING, GRADUATES!

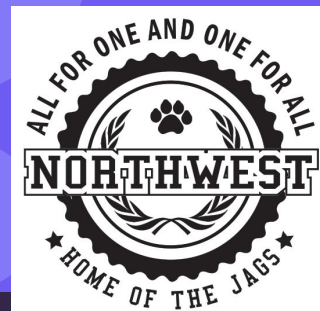
As you enter, locate your seat using name cards taped to the chair. Please do not remove your card yet.





# NWHS Class of 2026 GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Monday, June 1st, 2026



# 01.

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## INTRODUCTION

Rehearsal Expectations  
Graduation Information for the  
Northwest High School Class of 2026

# 02.

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## GUEST INFORMATION

Tickets, parking, seating and  
accommodations.

# 03.

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## ATTIRE

# 04.

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## GRADUATE LINE-UP for PROCESSIONAL

# 05.

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## The CEREMONY

Processional, graduation program,  
“roll-call,” tassel turn, recessional....  
then PRACTICE!

# 06.

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## FAQs

# 01. REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

- Rehearsal done well means rehearsal done once.
- Be attentive.
  - Please take your earbuds out. Put your phones away.
- Listen to and follow all staff directions.

# GRADUATION INFORMATION



What do I need to know  
about graduation  
expectations?

**Commencement Date: Wednesday, 6/3 at 1:30 pm**

**University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)**

*Chesapeake Employers Insurance Arena at UMBC  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Baltimore, MD 21250*

**Line-up for GRADUATES begins at 12:00 - 12:15 pm**

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# 02. GUEST INFORMATION

01.

All guests must present a valid graduation ticket at the stadium entrance. Children under age 2 do not need a ticket and must sit on a guest's lap.

02.

Arena doors open for guests at 12:30 pm. All seating is first come first serve.

03.

Seating for guests in wheelchairs and with mobility issues is available at the top of each section. UMBC and Northwest staff will be there to assist.

# PARKING:

- Parking is available in all lots marked with a star on the map on the right.
- No permits are required for any visitor, and parking is free.
- Venue management will post directive signage around the premises.



# 03. ATTIRE

Every graduate must wear the approved cap, gown, tassel and stole to participate in the ceremony.



Comfortable shoes

Dress Attire (business casual)  
(pants recommended in lieu of shorts)

Decorated caps permitted within guidelines

Approved regalia provided by NW academic societies and organizations



Shoes you have not worn to stand or walk in for extended periods of time



# 04. GRADUATE LINE-UP for PROCESSIONAL



- Graduates will enter through the ground floor entrance, check-in, then proceed up to the first level for line-up
- Park in one of the event center lots and walk down the sidewalk to the right of the event center.
- The entrance will be labeled.

# GRADUATE LINE-UP for PROCESSIONAL

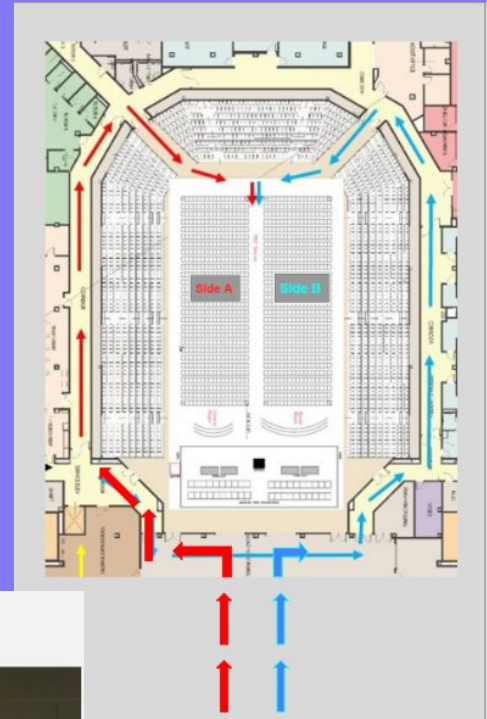


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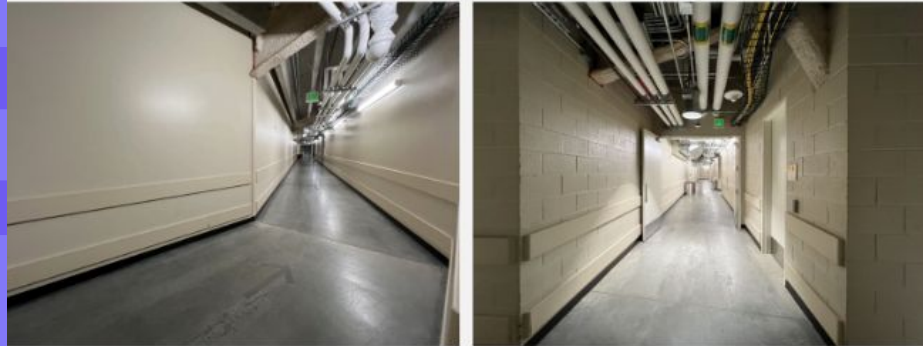
# GRADUATE LINE-UP



Indoor or outdoor line-up based on weather conditions.



GRADUATE LINE UP – LEVEL 1 HALLWAYS



# LINE-UP:

- Once on level one, graduates will receive this seating card and will be directed to their “Side” to line up for the processional.
- Graduates will line up in order based on their name card
  - Side A or B
  - # in Line
- Do not lose your card!
- Stay in “# in Line” order

**Mick E. Mouse**

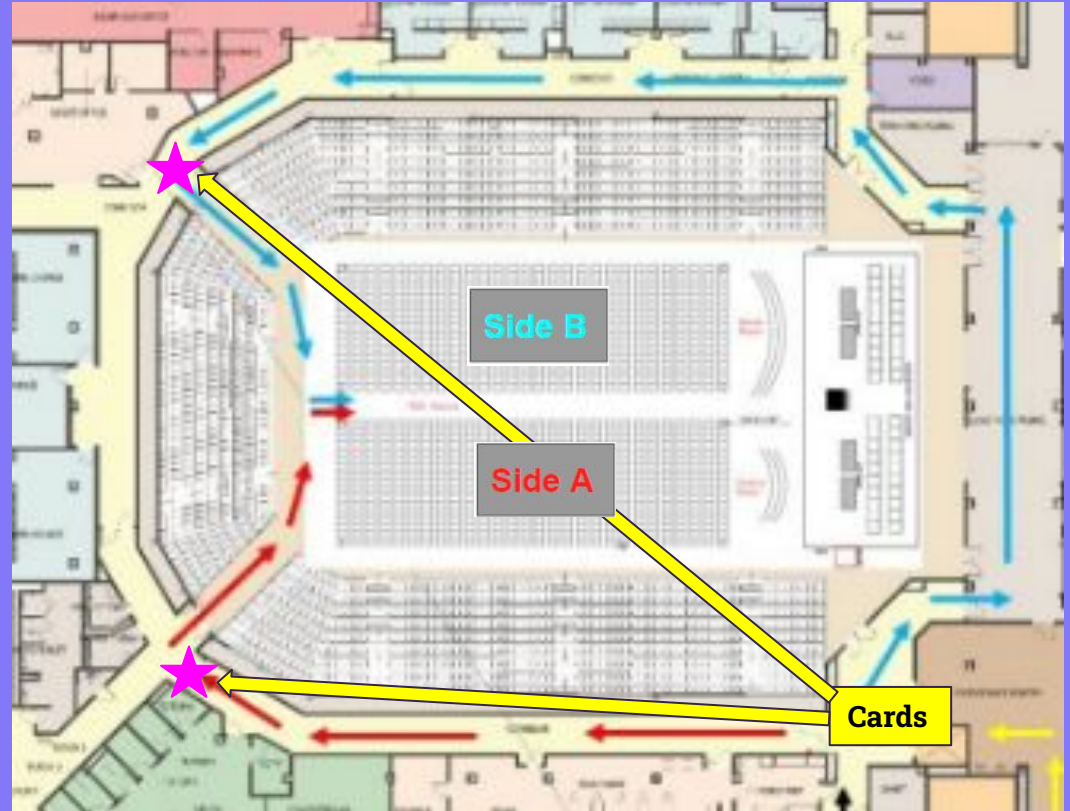
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**Side: A/ # in Line: 11**

**Row: 2 Seat 8**

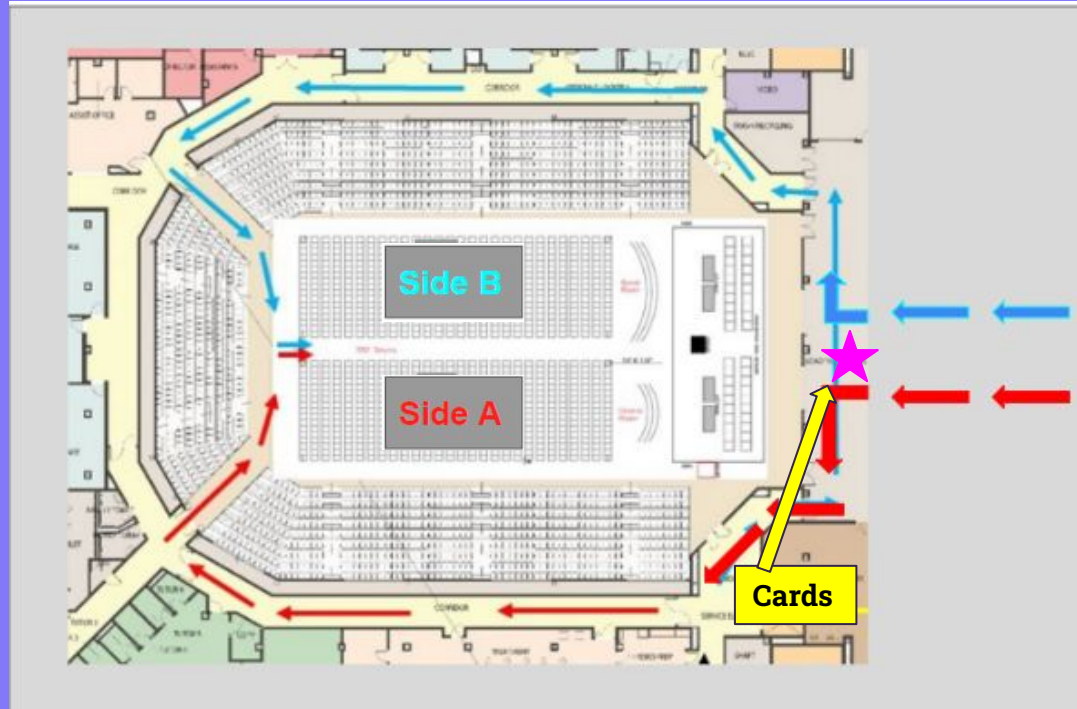
# Indoor LINE-UP:

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- Graduates will line up in order based on their name card
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  - # in Line
- Do not lose your card!
- Stay in “# in Line” order



# Outdoor LINE-UP:

- Once on level one, graduates will receive this seating card and will be directed to their “Side” to line up for the processional.
- Graduates will line up in order based on their name card
  - Side A or B
  - # in Line
- Do not lose your card!
- Stay in “# in Line” order



# 05. CEREMONY OVERVIEW

1	<b>Processional, Music, Welcome, and Introductions</b>	Staff will be on hand to support you throughout the ceremony.
2	<b>Musical selections &amp; Student &amp; Guest Speakers, Mr. Smith &amp; BOE Speaker</b>	As you enter into the arena, do not carry anything with you. Leave items with guests.
3	<b>“Roll Call”, Diploma Pick Up, Closing Remarks, Recessional</b>	We will graduate from A - Z. Students recess out together at the end of the ceremony.

# THE PROGRAM

NORTHWEST  
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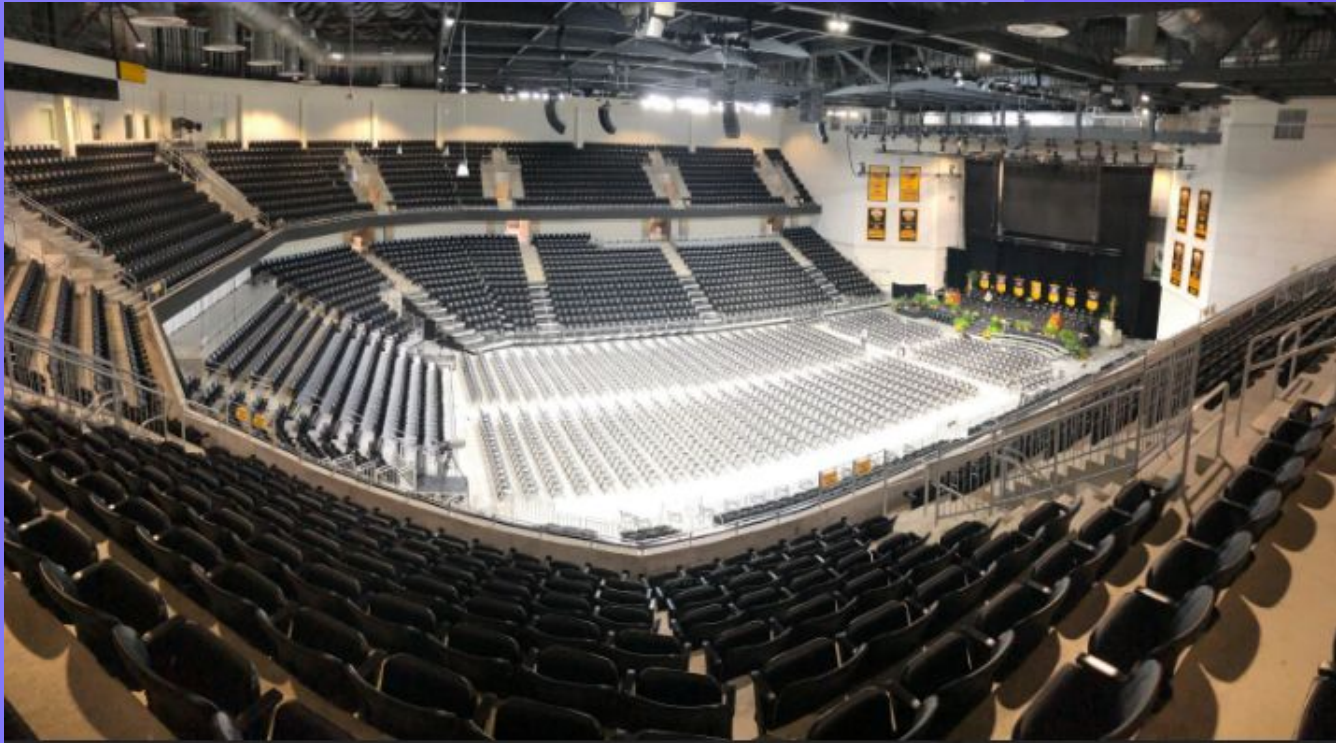
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026  
1:30 P.M.  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY  
HESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS INSURANCE ARENA  
1000 HILLTOP CIRCLE  
CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND 21250

## 2026 Commencement Program

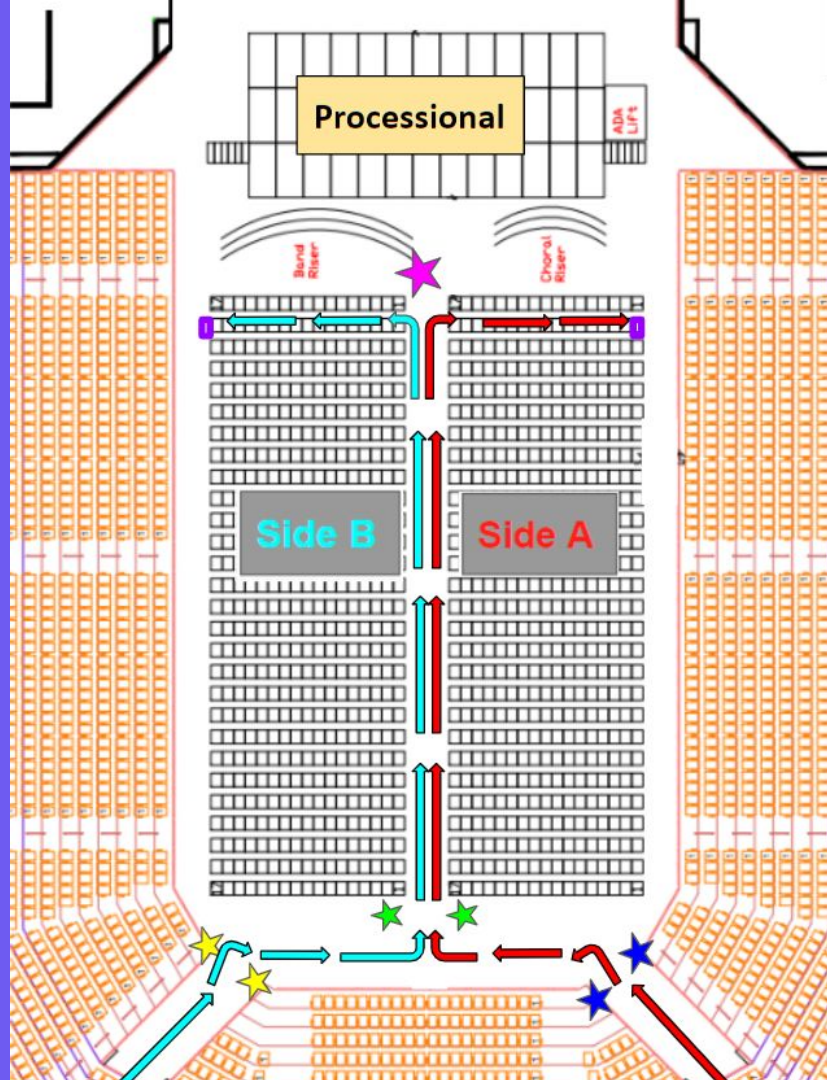
Prelude	School Band
Graduate Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar/Arr. Randall Standridge Northwest High School Symphonic Band and Orchestra Ms. Emily Carpenter, Director
<b>PLEASE STAND</b>	
Presentation of Colors	Northwest NJROTC Cadets & Color Guard LCDR Suzan P. Hernandez
"The Star Spangled Banner"	Words by Francis Scott Key/Arr. Mac Hugg/ Music by John Stafford Smith Northwest Chamber Singers Treble Chamber Singers Ms. Jennifer Berry, Director
<b>PLEASE BE SEATED</b>	
Welcome and Introductions	Ms. Tara-Dee Henry, Assistant Principal
"For Good" from <i>Wicked</i>	Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz/Arr. Roger Emerson Northwest Chamber Singers & Treble Chamber Singers Ms. Jennifer Berry, Director Ms. Sandy Naugle, Piano Accompanist
Commencement Address	Peter Boyko, SGA President
Featured Commencement Speaker	Ms. Britt Eckerstrom Northwest Class of 2011 Alumna
Music from "Wicked"	Stephen Schwartz/Arr. Michael Sweeney Northwest High School Symphonic Band & Orchestra Ms. Emily Carpenter, Director

# PROCESSIONAL



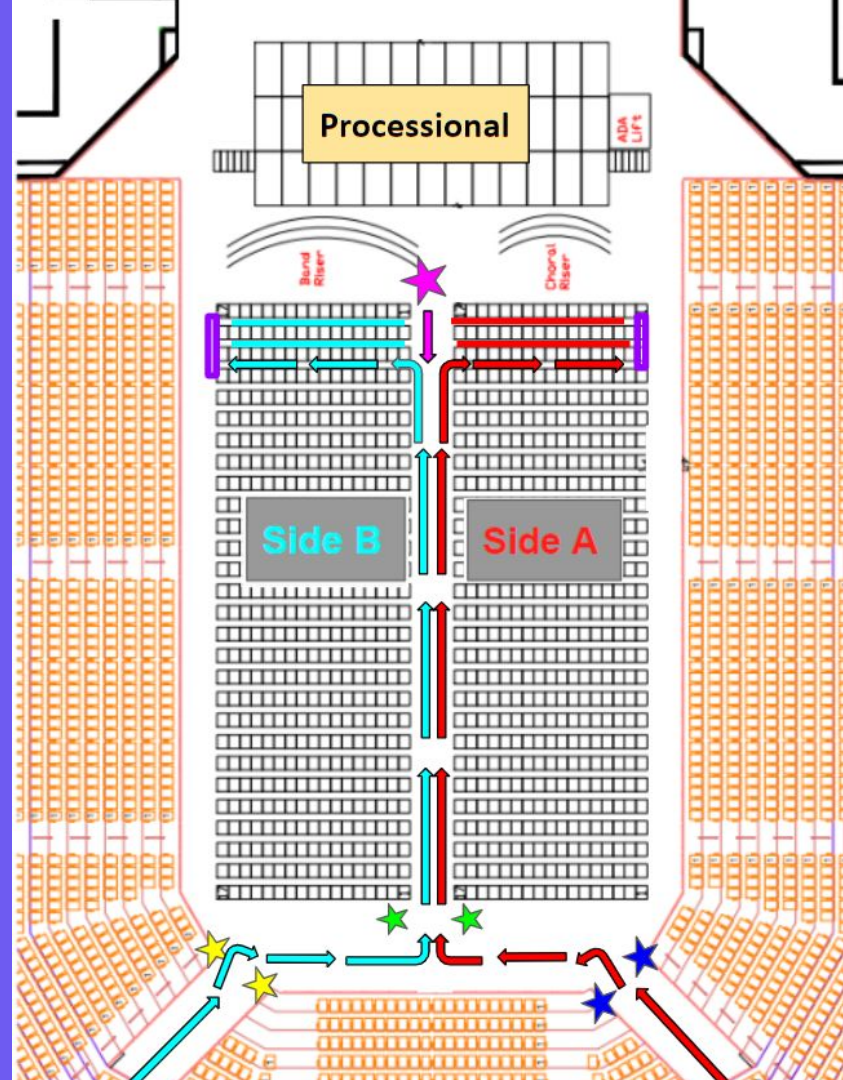
# PROCESSIONAL

- Listen for Pomp and Circumstance.
- Graduates will enter the arena in line.
- Staff at entrance to the floor will pause you briefly until there is another student ready to exit the other entrance at the same time as you. (Walking partner.)
- Cross the floor to the center aisle and pause again.
- Staff will instruct you when to move forward, remaining in-step with your walking partner, three steps behind the pair ahead of you.
- When you reach your row, Side B turns left into the row, and Side A turns right.



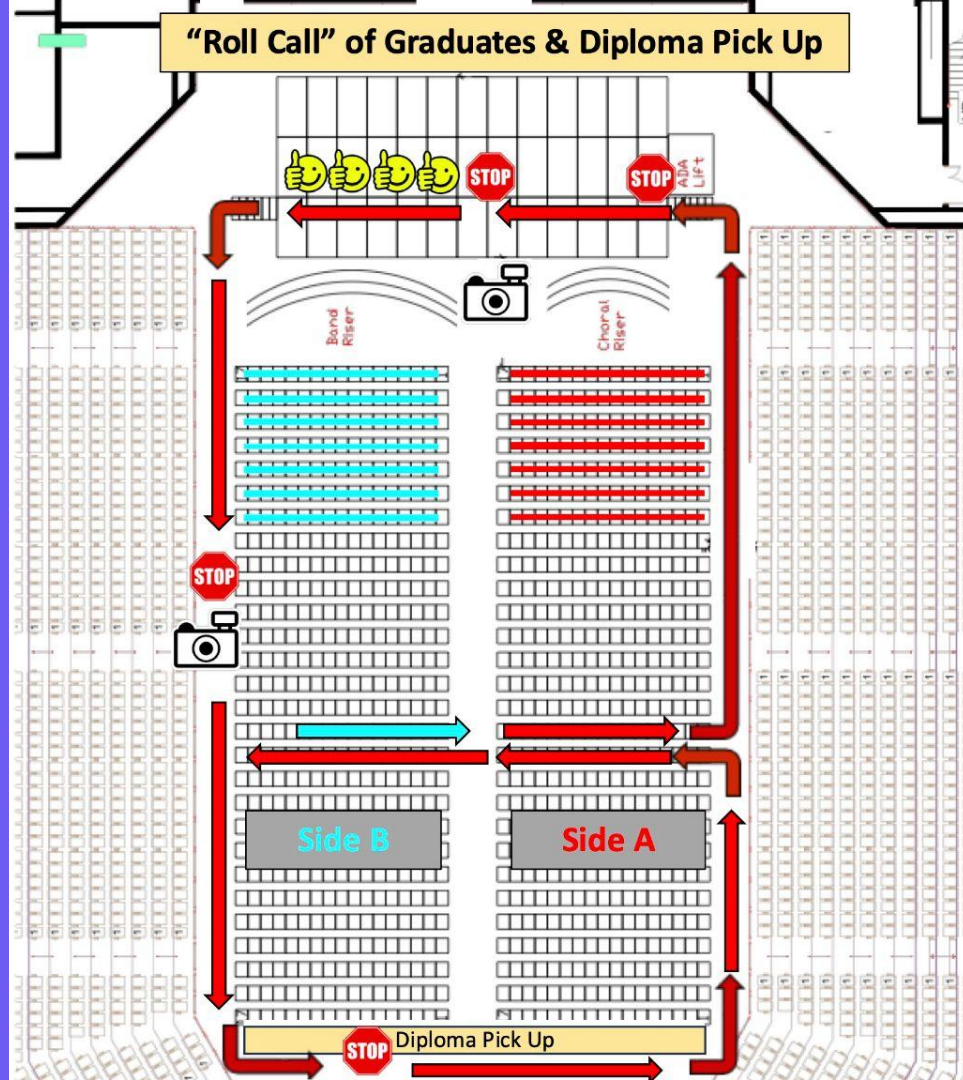
# PROCESSIONAL

- Proceed to your seat, remain standing, then face the center aisle.
- As the rows fill, the Graduate Seating Conductor (Mr. Corpuz) will move to the next aisle, and so on, until all rows are filled.
- Graduates will remain facing middle aisle (Side B facing Side A, and Side A facing Side B)
- Mr. Corpuz will then walk back to the stage, and as he passes each aisle, the graduates in the aisle should turn and face the stage, creating a “wave” effect.
- Remain standing until instructed to sit down by Ms. Henry.



# “ROLL-CALL”

- We will graduate row 1 and then from back (row 20) to front (row 2).
- Graduates will rise as a full Side B/A row when instructed by Line Leaders.
- Turn to the right, and walk out of the row and up to the stairs on the right side of the stage.
- Side B will walk across through the row on Side A.
- Stop at the podium and hand your name card to the reader.
- Pause while your name is read, then proceed to center stage.
- Stop at Mr. Smith to receive your diploma cover and to pose for photo (handshake/handoff).
- Proceed across the stage, shaking hands.
- Exit stage left, proceed to the back of the arena to pick up your diploma. Stay in line. You will continue to walk to the right of Side A and return to your row and walk all the way across to Side B.
- You will not return to your same seat/side of the arena. Do not bring any personal belongings that you cannot carry with you.
- Stand until Line Leaders seat you.
- Pick up diploma at end of row 22.



# Tassel Turn



# RECESSIONAL

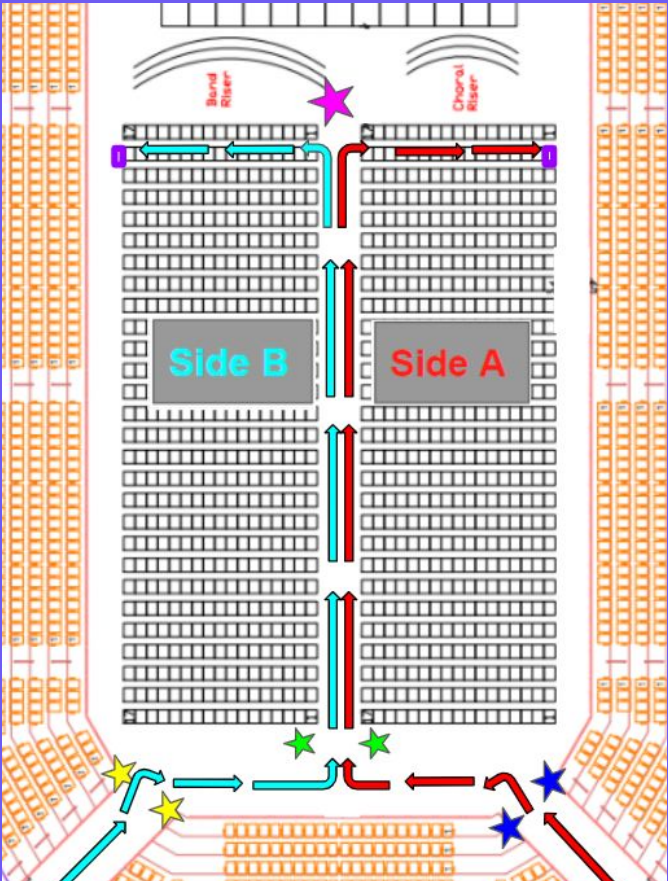
- After choral selection, graduates will stand and will begin to exit the arena.
- Rows will exit in reverse order, and through the same exit door you entered.
  - Row 20 exit to the center aisle, with Row 19 following the last graduate from Row 1 and so on.
  - Mr. Corpuz will release rows one by one
- Graduates will exit the arena immediately to the outside sidewalk on Level 1.
- Follow the signs and staff instructions to proceed around the front of the building to the guest entrance to meet your family.



# Let's Rehearse: Graduate Line-Up (Recessional)

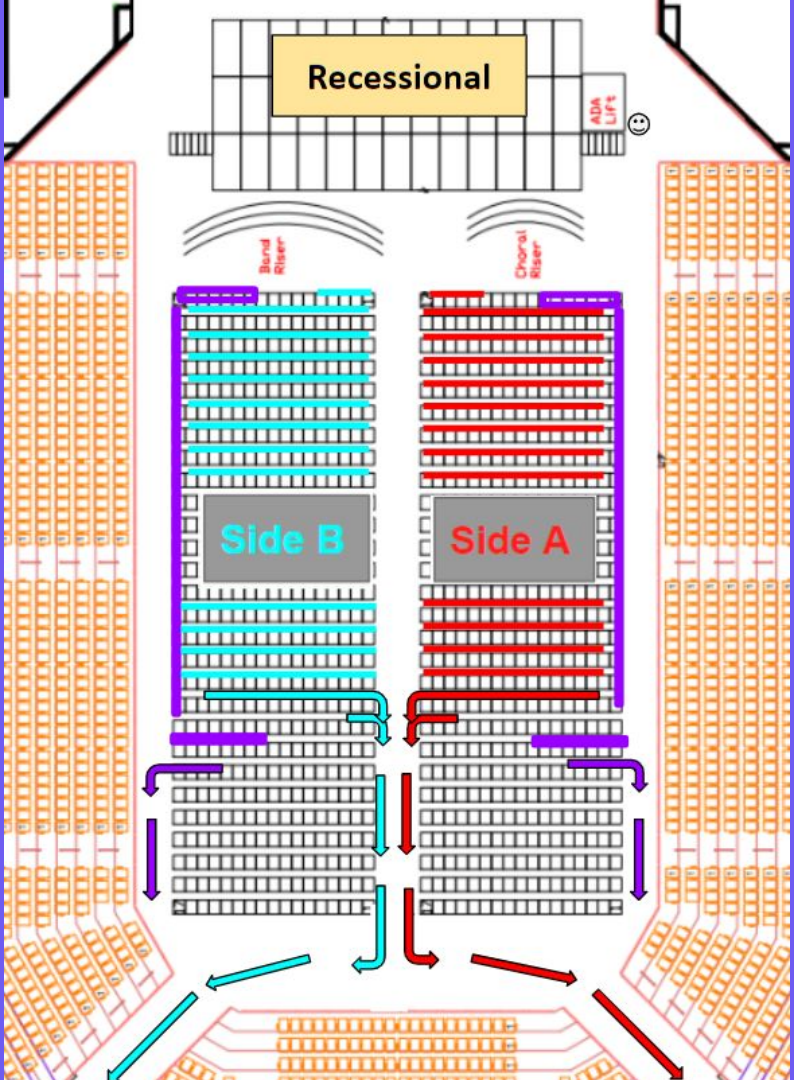
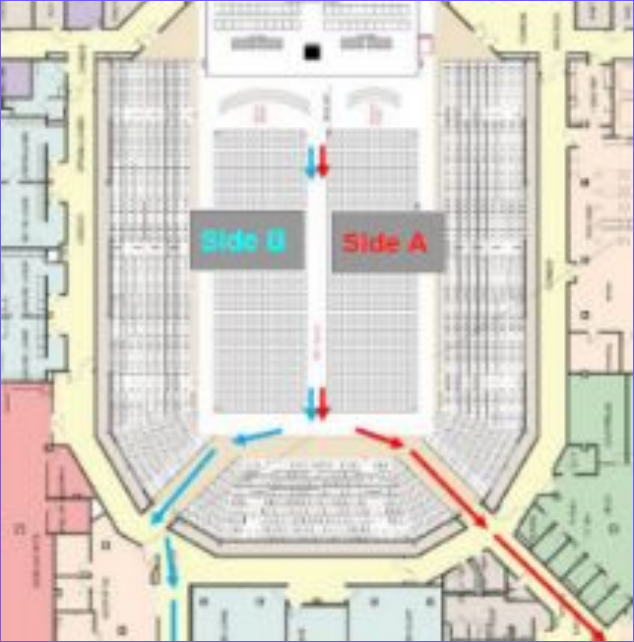
- Remove your name card from your seat back. Remove the tape from the back. You will throw the tape away as you leave the gym. DO NOT MISPLACE YOUR CARD.
- Exit the gym in reverse order (Row 20 - Row 1) toward the center aisle ONLY.
- Do not stand or exit until directed by staff. Stay in your seating order.
- Side B: Exit gym doors close to PE/Locker room hallway, walk through gym lobby and outside. Follow staff to the RIGHT past the Child Development playground and up the sidewalk toward the Media Center until stopped by staff.
- Side A: Exit gym doors closest to lobby/exit, walk through the lobby and outside. Follow staff to the LEFT and down the sidewalk toward the stadium until stopped by staff.
- Stay in order (Look at the "# in Line" number on your card. You will be in sequential order.
- Follow staff instructions to return into the gymnasium, in order.
- We will start the PROCESSIONAL immediately following line-up.

# Let's Rehearse: Processional





# Let's Review: Recessional



# 06. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

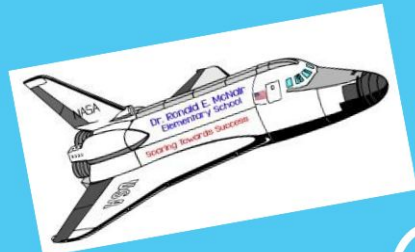
- ***What happens if I arrive late?***
  - DON'T BE LATE! You will be added to the end of the processional **out** of alphabetical order and at an appropriate time.
- ***What time should I arrive?***
  - Graduates are expected to arrive by 12:00 noon at UMBC. The ceremony will promptly begin at 1:30 pm..
- ***What happens if I decorate my cap in ways that are not permitted?***
  - DON'T! You will be provided with a new, undecorated cap during the processional line-up.
  - See the guidelines on the final slide.
- ***What if I can't find a parking space on campus?***
  - You will. Arriving early will guarantee closer parking.
- ***What if something goes wrong with my graduation gown or regalia?***
  - Locate a staff member to contact a member of the graduation committee team to assist you.

# 06. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

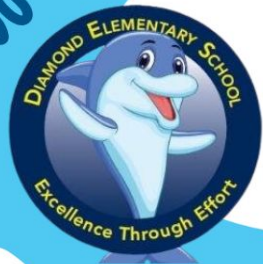
- ***What if I have family or friends who can't attend?***
  - MCPS-TV is pleased to provide video streaming for the Northwest High School 2026 Commencement Ceremony. The online viewing venue for the Northwest graduation will be a Zoom Webinar. [Please click here for the link.](#)
- ***What if I lose my name card or leave it at my chair before I cross the stage?***
  - DON'T! But if you do, tell your name reader once at the podium and state your preferred name.
- ***When do I receive my diploma?***
  - Not on stage! Graduates will receive their diploma cover on stage. To receive your diploma you will proceed directly from the stage to the back of the arena to pick up from your counselor. Graduates will then return to main seating area; you WILL NOT return to your same seat, so please do not bring additional personal belongings on graduation day.
- ***What if I can't remember all of this information?***
  - This presentation will be posted on the Northwest website in the Senior Class Resource Bank this afternoon.



JUNE 1st  
at 2:45 PM  
Please bring student ID.



# CLASS OF 2026 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLAP OUT



WEAR  
YOUR CAP & GOWN



# That's A Wrap ...



# 2026!!

This presentation will be posted on the Northwest website in the Senior Resource Bank. Please feel free to review the information shared here again prior to the ceremony. While you pick up your cap and gown packages, review the next slide.

**See you on Wednesday at UMBC!**



# GRADUATION CAP DECORATING

## Guidelines

### DO:

- Positively represent your family, friends, culture, and school.
- Show your Jag Pride by celebrating your class.
- Make your decor 2-dimensional (glue premade design or design directly onto the flat surface of your cap).
- Remain within the frame of the top of your cap (designs should not hang over the side of the cap).
- Be sure your tassel can turn freely and will not fall off of your cap.

### DON'T

- Use offensive or inappropriate language.
- Include symbols or graphics of alcohol, drugs, nudity, or hate.
- Decorate the underside of your cap.
- Include embellishments that make noise or light up.
- Damage your cap in the process of decorating it.

*Caps will be checked by staff during line up.  
Any caps in violation of these rules will be replaced with a plain black cap.*