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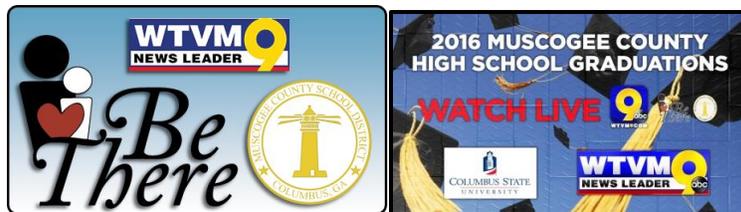
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4th Annual MCSD/WTVM News Leader 9-Live Stream of 2016 Graduations Watch MCSD Graduations *Live On-Line*

(Columbus, GA)–Thanks to the *Be There* parent, family and community partnership with the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) and WTVM News Leader 9, anyone with a reliable Internet service and reliable Internet accessible device may watch the 2016 [Catapult Academy of MCSD](#) graduation ceremony and any of the nine (9) high school graduation ceremonies *live* on-line **Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – Saturday, May 21, 2016**. Access the live stream for graduations at www.muscogee.k12.ga.us or www.wtvm.com. Use the hashtag **#MCSDDgrads2016** and tweet **@WTVM** to celebrate and show your support for the graduates.

Approximately sixty (60) graduates are expected to receive their high school diploma from the Catapult Academy of MCSD on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the G.W. Carver High School Auditorium, 3100 Eighth Street. The 2016 Catapult class is the second set of graduates to earn a high school diploma. It is the first time the Catapult Academy of MCSD graduation is scheduled to be part of the live stream of graduation ceremonies. In addition, at least 1,982 high school seniors are scheduled to participate in the 2016 graduation ceremonies at the Columbus Civic Center, which is located at 400 4th Street, Thursday, May 19, 2016 – Saturday, May 21, 2016.

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“Showcasing the graduations on WTVM.com and News Leader 9 newscasts highlights positivity in the community, and gives viewers a break on what can often be an overwhelming and crime-filled news cycle,” said Shawn Reynolds, News Director of WTVM News Leader 9. “We love to show our digital and broadcast audiences good news happens too, and they can count on News Leader 9 to bring them that balance on a daily basis.”

Graduates participating in ceremonies at the Columbus Civic Center are issued a limited number of tickets to share with their family members and supporters. All participants and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to park, to line-up and to be seated for graduations held at the Columbus Civic Center.

“Attendance varies at each graduation ceremony because the number of graduates varies from school to school,” said Valerie Fuller, MCSD Director of Communications. “The live stream access to graduations is not just about a great partnership. It’s a great *opportunity* afforded to anyone who wants to see a once in a lifetime milestone that may not otherwise be possible for people like our service men and women, those who can’t afford to travel, or those that may not be able to attend due to a possible medical condition or confinement.”

Parents of seniors are also encouraged to talk to their child about the dangers and potential consequences of potential pranks and misconduct. The behavior code and discipline policies of the MCSD continue to be enforced for students involved in misconduct, pranks or practical jokes, which can result in suspension, expulsion, tribunal hearings, alternative school settings, arrest, criminal charges and non-participation in graduation ceremonies.

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Muscogee County School District
 Columbus, Georgia
High School Graduation Information
2015-2016

Graduation Ceremony Schedule

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Northside High School	4:30 pm
Kendrick High School	7:00 pm

Friday, May 20, 2016

Early College Academy of Columbus	4:00 pm
Columbus High School	6:00 pm
William Henry Shaw High School	8:30 pm

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Hardaway High School	9:00 am
Jordan Vocational High School	11:30 am
George Washington Carver High School	2:00 pm
William Henry Spencer High School	4:30 pm

Graduation Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Kendrick High School	8:00 am
Northside High School	10:30 am
Columbus High School	1:00 pm
Early College Academy of Columbus	3:30 pm

Thursday, May 19, 2016

William Henry Shaw High School	8:00 am
Hardaway High School	10:30 am
William Henry Spencer High School	1:00 pm

Friday, May 20, 2016

Jordan Vocational High School	8:00 am
George Washington Carver High School	10:30 am

All ceremonies will be held at the Columbus Civic Center.



2016 Graduation Rules

While we celebrate the joyous occasion of commencement ceremonies on behalf of thousands of Muscogee County School District graduates, it is important to remember the following rules.

- Supporters are asked to *clap only after each row of graduates has been called (named)* to allow families and guests to hear the name of each student. Those who do not comply will be escorted out.
- Pictures may be taken from an individual's seat without interfering with others viewing the ceremony.
- No one is allowed on the floor where graduates are seated.
- No noisemaker devices, balloons, or flowers are allowed inside the center or any item that would distract from the ceremony.
- Gifts and/or exchange of items to graduates should be handled outside the center following the graduation ceremony, but not in the hallways as the hallways need to be cleared for other guests and graduates to enter for the next graduation.

Time Schedule

Each school has a scheduled time to line-up, to walk in, and to walk out of the facility. Participants and supporters are asked to adhere to the rules while celebrating. Respectfully, all parents, family, and guests are asked to follow the rules outlined by each school and the district.

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