

# Seniors prepare to



By Hannah Gunnell

Hundreds of light and dark blue caps and gowns will light up the gym in school colors for graduation, but since the class of 2017 will all be in the same uniform gowns, how will our parents be able to spot us in the crowd?

According to head guidance counselor **Brad Miller**, "Students cannot decorate their caps/gowns" because "PMHS treats our graduation as a formal, dignified ceremony" and "this is not a time for individual expression."

That's okay, because there are other ways to accessorize the uniform to make it unique and express yourself while still keeping the event dignified.

The girls' caps and gowns are light blue, and boys' are navy blue. Senior **Alicia Cardoza** pointed out that if the girls' gowns are light blue and they wear dark clothes underneath it, those clothes may be visible through the gown, which might make them stand out.

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It's been common in the past for girls to wear white dresses.

Graduates will be in the crowded gym, so it wouldn't be the best idea to wear something thick. Amy Harden, an Associate Professor of fashion merchandising at Ball State University, recommends

everyone make comfort the main focus of their outfit.

Girls may consider a pair of high heels to stand a little taller in the crowd of Falcons.

Charlotte Russe at Greenwood Park Mall quite often has deals where one can buy a pair for \$20.

Summer styles are back, so wedges work. But avoid stilettos, because they are uncomfortable. She advises that if a graduate is wearing a heel, to wear a two to three inch heel.

Consider silver sandals, one can wear silver to stick to the school color theme or nude or black.

The store's lace up sandals cost \$30 on its website.

Senior **Keelan Meyer** was disappointed that the graduation dress won't allow a graduate to wear her Converse sneakers because it's her favorite shoe.

Instead, she will wear nude ballet flats, and be disappointed about it.

Boys are required to wear dress shoes at the ceremony. Calvin Klein's, Alfani's and Dockers are all available at Macy's. Prices range from \$50 to \$110.

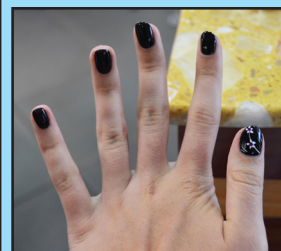
Harden recommends gray or silver colors.

Graduates may also stand out with their jewelry, which go with everything. Charlotte Russe's \$30 lace-up sandals can be ordered on their website.

Chokers are back in style, and can be found in velvet or plastic. Some chokers have little



(Above) Junior Savannah Dishman poses as a nail artist cuts and files off her acrylic nails to the right length (Photo by Hannah Gunnell).



(Left) The nail artists at A Plus Nails located on State Road 135 can paint little designs on one's nails. Pictured here is a white flower with a purple center painted across the thumb (Photo by Hannah Gunnell).

# strut at graduation

interchangeable charms that dangle.

Claire's is having a deal where one can buy three chokers and get three free.

Former Falcon Cyanea Williams, a salesperson at Claire's, said chokers are coming back because they're retro. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$12.

Williams suggested wearing earrings or bracelets with tassels to match the tassels on the mortar board.

Wear silver jewelry to stick to the school theme, or black to complement the gown.

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Harden says to go for a more simple hairstyle, like a bun or just down and curled, so one's hair doesn't interfere with the cap. You should also have extra bobby pins handy to help pin the cap on your head.

Senior **Madison Vanwinkle** plans on wearing her hair down, and when she doesn't have her cap on, wearing her flower crown.

The flower crown is "her thing," because she loves the positive vibe that flowers and the colors of the flowers give off.

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Boys can glam up by wearing a fancy tie. Harden recommends boys wear a gray or silver tie, and try to match their tie to their shoes.

Senior **Marvin Chittenden** plans on wearing his Looney Tunes tie under his gown. Taz (his favorite), Tweety, Daffy and Sylvester grace the tie, and helped him get through speech class by catching his classmate's attention.

He plans to wear it with his white button down shirt and black vest.

Be sure to check the local Goodwill for similar items. They will be gently used and significantly cheaper.

A distinctive manicure is yet another way to be extraordinary.

A Plus Nails, located on State Road 135, does "everything" related to nails, according to senior **Duyen "Holly" Bui**, whose mother has owned the salon for 16 years.

The salon is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays. A Plus nails is closed on Sunday.

Bui says that coffin nails are very popular right now. Coffin nails are fake nails shaped inwards, kind of like claws, but with tips on the ends of the nails—they look like coffins.

Bui says they do all kinds of designs, including "flowers, fruits and vegetables, and designs for holidays."

The nail artists can also paint falcons on the nails, a final way for students to show school spirit.



(Above) Senior Duyen "Holly" Bui models her french tips. A french tip manicure or pedicure polishes the nails in two colors, one for the nail's bed, the other for the tip. (Photo by Hannah Gunnell).

(Right) Bui dries her toes after receiving a pedicure. (Photo by Hannah Gunnell).

