



GRADUATION 2020

After having met with administration, counselors, and senior class advisors, as well as being advised by the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, we are moving forward with the following plans for our seniors:

Sunday, June 7:

A ceremony to honor our seniors with both virtual and real components:

The virtual portion of the ceremony would consist of a pre-recorded program very similar to our traditional ceremony:

- Speeches would be pre-recorded. This would include student speeches, and speeches by the Town Manager, the Chairperson of the School Committee, the Superintendent, and the HS Principal.
- WCTV would display a picture of each senior.
- The virtual ceremony is planned to air on WCTV on Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. The program for this ceremony will be emailed to families during the week of June 1.
- The “real” portion of the ceremony would involve each family driving to the Student Parking Lot and lining up in order to start a procession toward the High School. The procession will be led by the WPD and cars would enter the Teacher Parking Lot and process toward an area close to the event entrance. At that point, the car will stop, the student will exit the vehicle, hand his/her name card to the Assistant Principal who will announce the student’s name. The student will walk across a “stage” and receive his/her diploma.
- Seniors and their family will arrive in their vehicles (one vehicle per family) to the Student Parking Lot, at 12:00 p.m. where they will be lined up to prepare for the procession to the High School toward the Teacher Parking Lot entrance on Adams Street.
- The announcing will begin promptly at 12:30.
- The vehicle will follow the graduate and, once the graduate has been handed the diploma, he/she may return to the vehicle. The vehicle will be directed to exit the teacher parking lot.
- We highly encourage students to wear their caps and gowns to this event. Graduates must wear a face mask or covering.

This event will be televised live. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE PLANNED A RAIN DATE FOR THIS EVENT. If we are not able to have the event on June 7 due to inclement weather, we are scheduling it for Monday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m.

We have also planned a more traditional graduation ceremony to be held on July 26. Seniors and families will receive details of this event in early July.