

May 3, 2021

Dear Members of the Class of 2021 and Families,

We would like to share with you important information regarding the upcoming graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2021. We hope you are finding these times to be exciting as you prepare for the next chapter in your lives, and we look forward to celebrating with you this year at graduation.

We began planning for graduation in early April, given the challenges we have had operating under COVID-19 regulations. We also surveyed the entire class and parents regarding preferences and options for graduation this year and received 17 surveys from students and 38 parent surveys. This information was critical as it helped us make an informed decision.

As we mentioned in an earlier letter, the requirements will not allow us to have a traditional indoor ceremony, unless it is very small. The survey results strongly indicated that a small indoor ceremony was not preferred (85% of parents and 92% of our students were opposed to this format). However, a single outdoor ceremony was the preferred option among the majority of parents and students.

Therefore, in conjunction with the Senior Class Officers and administration/staff, the District will host a single outside ceremony with a three guest per student limit. In addition, the ceremony will be live-streamed and recorded. Three guests per student will be allowed into the graduation ceremony itself, which will be blocked off to allow the New York state limit of 200 people--the graduates do not count in the 200 limit (others may view from areas around the school or community). Districts, including ours, have been advocating to not have the students count in the total, and we are thankful and appreciative of the efforts of our local health department.

The ceremony will take place on **THURSDAY, JUNE 24 AT 7:00 pm** outside on the east end of the school grounds facing Main Street.. Please be aware that we had to adjust the original date up to allow for **rain dates**, which will be **Friday, June 25 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 26 at 10:00 am**.

Senior Class Advisor Dan Dragula will be following up with students regarding ticket requests and other details as the date draws closer. Thank you for your feedback in this process, and we look forward to celebrating with the Class of 2021!

Please be aware that these plans are subject change pending any changes to current guidance.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding.

Sincerely,

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