

Wayland-Cohocton Central School

MISSION: *To ensure high levels of learning for all students.*

VISION: *To continuously develop our capacity to function as a collaborative culture.*



Excellence Starts Here!

June 10, 2020

Dear Students of the Class of 2020 and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your input and thoughts that you shared regarding what was important to you about graduation. As the **students** of the Class of 2020, you said the following items were important components for graduation:

1. Staying together as a class, you do not want to have separate ceremonies
2. Keeping the ceremony on June 28th
3. Being able to walk the stage
4. The ability to have more than two family members attend
5. Having faculty and staff present
6. Keeping the ceremony in Wayland-Cohocton

I believe that we have come up with a plan that will meet all of those criteria and also follows the directives and requirements from the state and county government based on factors beyond our control. This plan is based on what **you** want and not what everyone else thinks we should be doing. I am excited about it and believe that it will give you the opportunity to celebrate this great accomplishment as close to our traditional ceremony as possible.

The entire class of **104** students will be celebrating graduation on June 28th at 1:00 pm. (Check #1 & #2.) We will be holding the ceremony out in the fieldhouse parking lot with our traditional stage set up and decorated with all the pomp and circumstance, so that you will be able to walk across it and accept your diploma. (Check #3 & #6.) Each graduate will be given two (2) **VEHICLE** tickets. The vehicle must be a licensed motor vehicle permitted to drive on highways. The legal number of family members that are in those two vehicles are up to you, but there will only be two vehicles per graduate allowed. The two vehicles must fit in two standard parking spots. (Check #4.) Families will be parked together. Faculty and staff will be parked in their cars around the perimeter of the lot to watch the ceremony and send you off. (Check #5).

PLEASE SEE IMAGE BELOW...



Vehicle Parking:

Each senior will be allotted two (2) vehicle tickets which will be numbered and correspond to a parking space in the parking lot. Our school safety officer will take tickets at the entrance and vehicles will be directed by staff to their numbered space that have been previously identified. The Wayland-Cohocton Central School District will live stream the ceremony allowing individuals to watch on personal devices within their vehicles. The District will provide access to wireless internet and broadcast the audio signal to speakers.

Ceremony Protocol:

When it is your turn to receive your diploma, your two vehicles will be allowed to drive forward to the staging area, so that family members can have a front row view of you. Seniors will exit their vehicle and proceed to a designated area on the stage and proceed forward where he/she will receive his/her diploma.

Students will be called to the stage one at a time so that there is a limited number of people on the stage at one time. Once you have received your diploma, you will briefly remove your Wayland-Cohocton face mask and pose for a photograph taken by a district employee and you will cross the stage and return to your vehicles in the same order. The vehicles will return to their designated parking space. The process will then continue for rows two, three, etc. Families

will remain in their vehicles at all times. Once **ALL** students have received their diploma, there will be a controlled exit of the parking lot by law enforcement.

There has been nothing traditional for the last few months of your senior year and for that I am sorry. If it were within my power to do anything differently, you all know that I would have. There are many special events that were taken from you, but please know that we will do everything possible to make this a special day.

Vehicle tickets will be passed out next Friday (6/19) when you pick up your cap and gowns and yearbook. We will also pass out another image of the parking lot that has parking spaces numbered so that you can get a sense of where you will be parked until you are allowed to drive up to the staging area.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

I miss all of you and look forward to seeing you when we celebrate this special event.

Respectfully,

Eileen M. Feinman