

**Class of 2020
Graduation Information
Friday May 22, 2020
6:00 pm**

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of the Class of 2020,

We are thrilled to share with you that we are able to move forward with our plans for next Friday's virtual/interactive Commencement Ceremony!

Before sharing some of the details of this exciting event with you, we wanted to thank you for your thoughtful, creative, balanced, and robust feedback on the recent Senior Survey. Our approach reflects, in large part, your preferences and suggestions, and we are confident that we are doing all we can to celebrate this exceptional Class of 2020.

As we have shared repeatedly, even with all of the "pomp and circumstance" of next Friday's event, we are still planning to host the Luau, the Prom, and a Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation Celebration during the last week in July. We know that our Seniors (and their families) want to enjoy these traditional "hallmarks" of Fenwick, and we will do our best to make them happen.

We will host a beautiful and meaningful Commencement Ceremony next Friday, May 22, in our back parking lot. This ceremony honors the need for academic closure for our Seniors and recognizes the importance of conferring the diplomas for which they have work so hard. We have devised a strategy that will allow all of us to be together behind the school, understanding that our graduates want a real "community" and "family" feel to this event. The ceremony will be live-streamed for family members and friends to enjoy in the comfort of their homes, and we hope to have technology in place that will allow you to listen directly to the ceremony via your car stereo!

Please find below an outline of preliminary logistics for the Ceremony on May 22. Full details will be distributed at the mandatory zoom graduation rehearsal on Wednesday 20 at 6:00 PM. **Here is the Zoom link for the May 20 rehearsal:**

Keep in mind that this ceremony can ONLY happen if all students and family members actively abide by the Governor's current orders for the Commonwealth. Our compliance with these guidelines for this event is what has gained us the approval to hold this event.

In order to preserve the required safe social distance on May 22, we will ask each of you to honor these requests.

Safety:

- Each student may have only one car

- Be mindful not to drive a car that might obstruct the view of this ceremony for others since everyone will be observing the live event from their cars as well as our livestream of the ceremony
- No friends or guests outside of the student's immediate family may attend in any manner
- No one may exit the car at any time; this includes lining up in the parking lot before the ceremony; the only exception is the point at which the graduate receives his/her diploma
- Everyone in the car must have a mask
- There is no parking on Margin Street
- There can be no sharing or distributing of food or beverage

Details:

- Parking
- Students will be assigned times to arrive by car in the back parking lot
- Arrival times will be staggered with everyone being in place by 6pm
- Each car will be provided (in advance) with a dashboard sign, which must remain on your dashboard
- The dashboard sign will include your name, your parking space number for the event, the time you must arrive in the parking lot and the group with which you will be "processing"
- Conferral of Diploma
 - The graduate will exit the car, walk up to the stage where he/she will receive his/her diploma, and pose for a picture by Gainsboro (order forms are located on the 2020 webpage -- www.fenwick.org/student/2020)
 - Diplomas will be on the table, not handed to students, to ensure social distancing
 - The graduate will return to the car
 - Family members are not allowed to exit the car
- Technology
 - Fenwick WiFi will not be globally available; guests must be prepared to stream through their data plans when possible
 - The link to the live-stream will be distributed next week

These details will also be posted on the Class of 2020 website. If there are questions, we will be happy to address them during the Zoom rehearsal on Wednesday. We look forward to being with you next Wednesday at 6:00 for our virtual rehearsal and to celebrating with you on May 22! Enjoy the weekend.

Take care. Mr. Nunan.



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