

July 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

There have been some changes made to our graduation ceremony due to the increased number of Covid-19 cases in our county. The changes, a diagram, and a new order of ceremony is included below.

Instead of holding the ceremony on the graduation field, it will now be a drive-in/drive-through celebration that will also be broadcast on Facebook Live. One car per senior family will be parked in the student parking lot (see diagram on page 2); overflow for additional cars will be in the middle school parking lot. Cars will enter through the Sixth Street entrance only and be directed to the appropriate lot.

Once all seniors have arrived, the class speakers will approach the podium one at a time. The senior choir representatives will sing from the stage as well. They will be broadcast both on Facebook Live and with a speaker system.

After these presentations, seniors will then drive one at a time from the northwest-most parking spot (corner closest to the football field) to the staging area. The senior will pick up their diploma cover from the table, go up the ramp and give their name card to the emcee, stand in front of the banner for a picture, exit the stage, return to their car and then leave the parking lot area. One family member should plan to exit the car with the senior to take their picture to share with others.

This new format provides more safety for our seniors and their families while still allowing them the opportunity of a formal ceremony. Broadcasting on Facebook Live also allows anyone to view the ceremony from any location.

**SCHEDULE FOR JULY 10, 2020:**

- Seniors should plan to arrive by 6:45 so they can be directed to their parking space in a timely manner. **ALPHABETICAL ORDER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED**
- The speakers and singers should meet Mrs. Glerum by the diploma table at 6:55. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** until presenting on stage.
- The ceremony will start at 7:00 and be broadcast on Facebook Live.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY ORDER:**

- Welcome
- Introduction and speech of 1<sup>st</sup> speaker (Alyssa Patterson)
- Song (Gia Hill and Daniel Ibarra)
- Introduction and speech of 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker (Maya Cornaby)
- Presentation of diplomas: seniors will drive up one at a time, exit the car, pick up their cover from the table, go up the ramp to the podium, hand their name card to the emcee, stand by the banner for a picture (taken by family), exit the stage, return to their car, then exit the campus.

- At all other times, seniors and family members must remain in their cars.

If you have questions about the ceremony, you may contact me at [gljerjs@shelby.k12.mi.us](mailto:gljerjs@shelby.k12.mi.us) or leave a message at my Google Voice number (616) 419-8540.

We look forward to seeing you on July 10.

Sincerely,

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