

To the Hilton Head High School Community,

The plan for graduation is explained below.

The tentative schedule for filming is on the website.

Once teachers complete their grading we may unfortunately have to remove some students from the filming schedule.

- On Friday May 15th we will be pre-recording speeches by students that include a Welcome and speeches by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
- On May 20th and May 21st we will be holding a continuous graduation ceremony in the SCC. A schedule of the times (on the webpage) for students to arrive will be alphabetical. Students and their guests should arrive wearing protective masks. If you are late for your appointed time you will have to reschedule with us for Thursday afternoon on the 21st.
- We will begin with the top ten seniors in the first grouping. Students will arrive at their appointed time with their four guests. The student and guests will walk in the front entrance of the school. Do not enter the building until your scheduled time is called.
- Once in the school the temperatures of students and guests will be taken. Anyone with a temperature above 100 degrees will not be able to participate in the ceremonies.
- Once inside the building I will have staff there telling everyone where to go. Hallways are sectioned off to insure proper social distancing. Ultimately students and their guests will walk down D Hall (art hall) towards the SCC. They will eventually be led into the SCC with their group of ten parties. All this time we will continue practicing safe social distancing and everyone should be wearing masks.
- When students and guests enter the SCC, the students will stay right and proceed to a marked place on the far right walkway. The students' guests will walk down the aisle towards the stage to a marked location. When the student's name is called they can remove their masks and proceed to climb the steps and walk across the stage. While on stage the student will receive an diploma case (no diploma will be inside) and stop and pose for a picture taken by their guests. All the while this is being filmed. While this is going on the students' guests will have a center view in front of the stage to take a picture. Cameras must be ready to go because we cannot stop the procession.
- Please note: In normal years when students walk across the stage at graduation they receive the diploma case without a diploma inside. After the ceremony, students would go inside the school and receive their diploma in the principal's office. This year students will receive their diplomas on June 5th. More details will be below.
- After students walk across the stage they will walk down the stage steps on the left and meet their guests to exit the SCC. When they are in the lobby we will have the HHIHS backdrop for the student and guests to take a picture from their own device.
- Students and guests will then exit the building and go to their cars to leave the campus.

- The pre-recorded speeches and the ceremony will be edited to produce a graduation "movie".

On June 5th our graduation was scheduled to take place at 7:00pm. On this day we will have a senior car parade at school similar to the #BETHELIGHT

- We will begin the graduation parade at 3:30pm. We are asking one family and student per car.
- The students and their families will arrive at school and follow the parade route. We are asking students place their family names on the dashboard so we can identify the student.
- When the car arrives at the front of the school I will be there to greet the families and hand the student an envelope that contains their real diploma and the graduation program.
- The parade route will once again be lined with our staff cheering on our Class of 2020. It will be an opportunity for many of our students and staff to see each other for the last time.
- Once the parade is over families will then proceed to their homes (or wherever they may choose) to view the Graduation Movie which will go live at 7:00pm on June 5th.

The week of May 31st through the June 4th I am making plans to show the Class of 2020 the Senior Slide Show. I am planning a movie theatre theme. Students will sign up for a time to see the Slideshow, so they may be able to see the show with some of their friends. We are still working out the details, but a lot depends on the restrictions on large groups. Please stay tuned for more information.

Thanks, and have a great and safe day,

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