

## **Asheboro High School 2020 Commencement Ceremony**

We are so pleased to finally be able to release our graduation plans! Our seniors are incredibly deserving of this commemorative ceremony and - in spite of the challenges facing us this year - our administrative team is thrilled to be able to recognize and honor the Class of 2020 in this way. Although graduation will not take place in real-time, the team has come up with an innovative way to ensure each student gets the recognition they deserve.

In summary, students are to sign up for time slots between June 1 and 4. Sign-ups will open on Monday, May 25 and remain open through Thursday, May 28. Once signed up, graduates and 5 family members will be asked to arrive at the school on their assigned day and at their specified time in their cap and gown regalia. Students and their families will be directed to park in the front horseshoe parking lot. They will then be directed by school personnel to enter into the Asheboro High School building where they will hear a Welcome message and the Senior Class Address (both will be pre-recorded) before they are escorted into the New Gym where they will receive their diploma. Graduates will then have their picture made with Dr. Crooks and Asheboro City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Woody, before exiting the New Gym to the New Gym Lobby.

Once all graduates have received their diplomas (over the course of four days), the high school will then compile all photos into one graduation video that will then be aired on Friday, June 5. Thereafter, each Asheboro High School graduate will receive the digital photo of himself or herself during the graduation ceremony.

While this plan does move up our graduation timeline, we believe this is the best way to ensure each graduate is celebrated while being mindful of Governor Cooper's executive orders in place.

### **Fast Facts:**

#### **Sign-Ups**

- Seniors will receive a link on Monday, May 25 via their school email.
- This link will connect them to a form where we are asking each senior to sign-up for one ten-minute slot between Monday, June 1 and Thursday, June 4.

#### **Selected Day**

- Seniors should wear their cap and gown regalia to AHS on their assigned day.
- Seniors (and families) should park in the front horseshoe parking lot.
- Everyone should remain in their vehicles until directed to the building by AHS personnel. (AHS personnel will be easy to identify.)
- Students should bring no more than five family members with them. We must limit this number so that we are in compliance with the governor's executive orders.

- Only when the graduate and all guests are together, will they be directed to enter one-way and proceed to the Old Gym where they will hear a pre-recorded Welcome message.
- At the conclusion of the Welcome message, students and families will then be directed to Room 170, where they will hear the Senior Class Address.
- From there, students and families will proceed to the New Gym/Old Gym Lobby.
- Families will go to one door and be asked to enter, while the graduate goes to a separate door where they will wait to enter until their name is called.
- Once their name is called, the graduate is to enter the New Gym, pick up their diploma, which will be prominently displayed on a specified table.
- They should then make their way to the “X” that will be clearly marked between Dr. Crooks and Dr. Woody (superintendent).
- There, a photographer will take a professional photo of the student with AHS/ACS administration.
- Families are then welcome to take photographs of their graduate.
- Once completed, the graduate and their family will be directed to the New Gym lobby and back out to the parking lot.
- If the graduate or immediate family is feeling sick, please contact Dr. Crooks to set up an alternative commencement for when the graduate/family is well again.

### **Graduation Day - June 5**

- Asheboro High School will post a video of all graduates receiving their diplomas on social media on Friday, June 5 at 7 p.m. This was the originally-scheduled date for the 2020 Commencement Ceremony.

### **Reminders**

- Please arrive on time.
- Please wear your cap and gown regalia on your specified day.
- Please pay close attention to school personnel directing vehicle and foot traffic during the process.
- Only bring five family members with you.
- Park in the front horseshoe parking lot.
- Please do not linger after your timeslot. We have limited parking and we need to move people in and out in order to accommodate all students and families.
- While pictures are allowed, we ask you to please remain cognizant of the fact that there will be students waiting behind you.
- Please remain courteous and respectful with your behavior.
- Remember - although this ceremony looks and feels different than a traditional commencement ceremony, the sentiment is still the same. We want to maintain the dignity of this very special graduation ceremony.
- The Class of 2020 will be allowed to personalize their mortar boards. This is an exception to our commencement traditions and is exclusive to the Class of 2020. Subsequent classes will NOT be

allowed to decorate their mortar boards. All personalization must meet school expectations and [ACS Code of Conduct](#).