



June 6, 2020

Dear South Whidbey Community,

It is an exciting time here in South Whidbey! We are celebrating the class of 2020 this week. John Patton and his leadership team have worked on logistics for the day and plans have been finalized. Below you will find details on the parade and celebration taking place on June 13.

Saturday, June 13th Parade/Graduation Ceremony

*****THE SOUTH WHIDBEY HS CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL FOOT TRAFFIC DURING THIS EVENT.** Including the campus side of Maxwelton. This area is reserved for 7-12 Staff for parade viewing. Across the street is available for all spectators. Please practice social distancing while viewing. Remember to wear a mask. Restrooms are closed. In case of emergency please contact a staff member (orange vest) for assistance.

11:15-12:00 We'll line up in the student parking lot to begin the parade, staff will direct you. You will enter at the main entrance.

- Everyone must remain in their vehicles before the parade begins. We need to practice social distancing. Please!
- Decorate your vehicles before you arrive. Wear your caps and gowns! (Please contact meaton@sw.wednet.edu if you need cap, gown, tassel, honor cord, sash, etc,)
- Vehicles allowed: Cars, SUVs, trucks (full size fine)
- Vehicles not allowed: OVERSIZED VEHICLES, trailers, tractors, busses, etc. If you have questions about your vehicle, please email jpatton@sw.wednet.edu for clarification. SPACE IS LIMITED.
- **ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER GRADUATE:**
The only exception is for those Seniors with split families. We will allow two vehicles for Seniors in that circumstance. But for coordination purposes, please email jpatton@sw.wednet.edu to sign up for two vehicles and then we'll respond with the specific instructions.

12:00-12:45 Senior Parade Begins

- **SAFETY FIRST!** Follow the rules of the road. We've had questions about people riding in the back of trucks. We recommend families use their best judgment. SWHS will not serve in the capacity of the traffic police. We do ask for everyone to remain in their vehicles for social distancing purposes.
- We'll be led by Class of 2020 Parade Marshall, Rachel Kizer. Congratulations on retirement and years of service as an incredible teacher/mentor for our students!!
- Vehicles will exit right at the first entrance by the tennis courts.
- You will drive past the 7th-12th Grade Staff on the road in front of the school.
- You will then proceed to Langley; the route in Langley was provided by the City, see attachment for reference.
- As the parade comes back from Langley, you will drive through the SWES K-6 bus lane and will be greeted by the elementary staff.
- As you head back to SWHS, you will again drive past the 7-12 staff and enter the tennis court entrance.
- You will wind around the student parking lot to line up for the Senior staging in front of the main entrance.
- When in doubt, follow the vehicle in front of you (:

12:45 Staging/Presentation of the Diploma

- Staging area will be next to the garden across from the front entrance.
- Each graduate will be instructed by staff to exit their vehicle and walk towards the stage, pick up their diploma cover, name will be announced and then walk under the arch for a photo opportunity.
- ONLY GRADUATES MAY EXIT THE VEHICLE AT THE STAGING AREA.
- PLEASE DO NOT HAVE GRADUATES DRIVING DURING STAGING SINCE THEY MUST EXIT THE VEHICLE.
- We'll have two professional photographers; those photos will be made available for purchase. Picture ordering information will be given on sight.

- We will have a videographer also filming from two different cameras for our Graduation video which will be shared later in the summer. This will be free and available to everyone when completed.
- As the Senior enters the staging area, their family will follow in their car (or cars for split families). When the student is under the arch, family members in the car will have a quick opportunity for their own pics or video from the vehicle. WARNING: This will take place quickly!
- After the photo, the graduate will exit stage left and return to their family's vehicle.
- We will keep the staging area up and decorated for the remainder of the weekend and into the following week for family photo opportunities after the ceremony. Please maintain social distancing!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jo Moccia, Superintendent