



MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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To all the Class of 2020 Families,

I hope this email finds you doing well after a rough week of weather and many of our families still experiencing power outages. We have been working diligently to finalize our plan for our Class of 2020 Graduation Car Parade, which will take place on **Friday June 12th**. The high school administration has worked collaboratively with our Superintendent, Director of School Safety and the Marple and Newtown Township Police Chiefs. Together, we have formulated a route for the parade that is permissible under the guidance and consideration that the many roads near our school are state highways, which restricts us from using them.

When to Meet

If you are participating in the graduation car parade, all vehicles are to meet at Delaware County Community College by 2:30pm. Drivers are asked to use the main entrance on Media Line Road. When you enter, MNSD security staff will instruct you as to where to go and how to assemble for the car line.

Guidelines for the Parade

- Cars can be appropriately decorated in MN colors.
- Graduates should be wearing their Cap and Gown and seated in the front passenger side of the vehicle. If there are 2 graduates in one car, both should be seated on the passenger side.
- Cars will proceed with flashers turned on in a single row and maintain the speed of the lead car.
- **Everyone is to remain in his/her vehicle at all times** during the parade and at the high school during diploma distribution.
- If at all possible, please limit participation to one car per family.
- Only parade vehicles and MNSD faculty and staff will be permitted on school grounds.

Graduation Car Parade Route

The graduation car parade route will include a loop through Paxon Hollow Middle School and conclude at Marple Newtown High School. We will be taking 252 to Palmers Mill Rd., which leads into Paxon Hollow Rd. After looping the PHMS parking lot, we are taking Maclarie Rd. to Cedar Grove and then Highland Ave. into the high school parking lot. Spectators can get the best view of the procession on Highland Avenue. The graduation car parade ends at MNHS.

Distribution of Diplomas

At the conclusion of the car parade, vehicles will proceed to the back of MNHS where there will be four lanes for diploma distribution organized alphabetically as listed below. Diplomas distribution will be set up on the passenger side of the car. Once again graduates need to be seated on the passenger side of the car to receive their diploma. **Everyone is to remain in his/her vehicle at all times**. Once graduates have received their diplomas, cars will be directed to the side exit. **Seniors who have completed all required schoolwork and have returned all school property will receive their diplomas. All work and obligations need to be settled by June 10th. Seniors who have not met their school work or obligations, will not receive their diploma until completion.**

A – D

E – L

M – R

S – Z

Overview of Timeline

Below is the timeline for the car parade, distribution of diplomas, and virtual graduation ceremony:

2:30pm – Vehicles assemble at DCCC

3:00pm – Car parade procession will begin

6:00pm – Virtual Graduation Link will go live on our website

Tiger Pride,
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