



Dear Newark Families,

Next week will be bittersweet. While it will not have the traditional graduation ceremony, it will have two separate events that we have been working hard to make both special and meaningful. On *Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm* we will stream our virtual commencement ceremony both through Zoom as well as through Facebook. Students and faculty have worked to record an event that consists of all of the traditional elements of a graduation ceremony including music and speeches. Jostens, the company that produces our yearbooks and supplies our cap and gowns, is hosting the streaming site. Please use the following [link](#) to register for the virtual commencement. It is identified as a webinar. [Register in advance for this webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86CmSJXuSZamtvgZ71887w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86CmSJXuSZamtvgZ71887w). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The graduation will also be simultaneously streamed on Facebook.

Following the virtual commencement we will celebrate our graduates with a diploma procession on *Friday, June 5th*. We have invested considerable time, personnel, and financial resources in an attempt to provide an exciting opportunity to have graduates walk across a stage, have their diploma conferred, and get a photo opportunity of the conferment. Please look below for your arrival times. These times are an estimate and it is our intent to allow each graduate the opportunity to walk across the stage. Attached to this message is the processional flow through the parking lot. Please be mindful of personnel in the lot and patient as we attempt to provide each graduate their time.

10:00 - AB-AL	12:15 - GE-GZ	2:30 - OB-PA
10:15 - AN-AZ	12:30 - HA-HE	2:45 - PE-PZ
10:30 - BA-BL	12:45 - HI-HO	3:00 - RA-RE
10:45 - BO-BZ	1:00 - HU-JZ	3:15 - RI-RY
11:00 - CA-CL	1:15 - KA-KZ	3:30 - SA-SL
11:15 - CO-CZ	1:30 - LA-LZ	3:45 - SM-SZ
11:30 - DA-DI	1:45 - MA	4:00 - TA-TY
11:45 - DL-EV	2:00 - ME-MO	4:15 - VA-Z
12:00 - FA-GA	2:15 - MU-NE	4:30 - 5:00 - Sarah Pyle Academy

It is also important that we follow strict safety precautions to protect everyone who is participating in the diploma procession. Many faculty will be throughout the parking lot to facilitate the process. Only the graduate is permitted to exit the car.

For everyone's safety, please follow the following rules:

- Only 1 car per graduate will be permitted.
- Only the graduate may exit the car.
- All family members must remain in the car throughout the entire process.
- All graduates must be wearing a facemask. No graduate will be permitted to participate without their face covered appropriately.
- After leaving the stage graduates must enter the car and depart the school premises.
- Despite the state's soft opening, the threat of the contagion is still very real. Please be respectful to all of us who are trying to provide this opportunity for our graduates and your children.

We know that this is not how any of us would have wanted to conclude our year and certainly not how we would have liked to have celebrated our graduates. As Barack Obama said, "Graduates: it's now abundantly clear that we need to start doing things a little bit different. In your own lives, you'll need to continuously adapt..." It is our hope that in doing things a little bit different and working to adapt you will find comfort and meaning in our deep felt respect for your accomplishment and our heartfelt congratulations.

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Please proceed slowly and with extreme caution.
Only graduates are permitted to exit the vehicle.

