

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Dear Class of 2020, Senior Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to keep you informed about our graduation planning, the Graduation Committee is providing you with this update from this week's meeting. The addition of new committee members from the Class of 2020, senior parents, and senior teachers brought forth additional ideas about student-focused festivities while staying within the strict shelter-in-place requirements. A special 'thank you' to Claire and Creighton for their insight and creative ideas, which helped to direct the conversations and brainstorming session.

As you are aware, we continue to plan for an in-person Cardinal Newman Class of 2020 Graduation celebration on August 1st, and hold out hope that sufficient improvement on the shelter-in-place and social distancing requirements will allow for our gathering. We know how important this milestone is for you, our senior class, for your families and for your teachers and community.

The committee's most pressing tasks revolve around preparations for our Graduation Parade celebration on May 30th. We want to invite each of you to participate in this celebration, wear their caps, gowns and tassels, parade in their car with their shelter-in-place family members, walk to receive their diplomas, and have pictures taken while pomp and circumstance music plays. We encourage the tradition of cap decorating to continue as usual, along with the optional car decorating this year! We're working on all the details which may include live streaming, drone coverage and more! Stay tuned for details in next week's email.

Senior students and families - please keep a look-out for your invitation emailed to you next week which will have more details and an RSVP for the May celebration. We encourage each of our seniors to participate in the Graduation Parade that offers the opportunity for a timely celebration for what we can do now, knowing that the near future is still unclear.

The Graduation Committee will meet again next Tuesday, 5/19 to continue to develop the finer details of this event, along with incorporating additional feedback from the Class of 2020. We will continue to email you with details.

Class of 2020 Graduation Committee

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Creighton Anderson-Soria, Class of 2020
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