



NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL

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May 20, 2020

Dear Senior Students and Parents,

We have exciting news to share with you! We have been hard at work, making plans to ensure a memorable graduation experience for our students and their families.

Given the current health crisis, a graduation ceremony at the Warner Theatre or a large gathering of any sort was not an option. We discussed and researched a wide variety of options and have decided upon a graduation celebration that would include students, families, community members, faculty and staff in a less traditional but very exciting way.

Nonnewaug High school's graduation celebration and ceremony will be held **June 20th beginning at 9:30am** (Rain date: June 21st). The celebration will begin with a car parade of senior class graduates. Staging of the cars for the parade will be at Woodbury Middle School. The parade will proceed to School Street toward Route 6 and then to Nonnewaug High School. One car per graduate, with their family inside will drive the parade route from WMS into the Nonnewaug school entrance and drive around the back of the school to the gymnasium side of the building. Cars will enter the bus circle area when directed, students will exit their cars and our Class of 2020 advisors will announce each student's name. The students will walk across the center circle towards the flagpole to receive their diplomas. Students will have a professional photo taken as they hold their diploma and family members in the car will be in the perfect position to take a photo as well. Students will then return to the car to join their family.

This event will be live-streamed so extended family and community members will have the opportunity to watch live. Following the ceremony, a virtual version of the day will be captured digitally to include class speakers, music and diploma distribution. As in the past, each graduate will receive a link to the complete ceremony and it will be shared with the community via the Region 14 website.

As with all graduation ceremonies, we ask that all graduates be dressed in cap and gown. We encourage students to decorate their hats and send a picture of their cap to post on our Instagram page. In addition, we are hopeful students and families will add to the festivities of the day by decorating their cars and inviting friends and family to line the parade route in their cars with signs and celebration. We have some additional surprises along the route planned to add to the greatness of the celebration on this special day. We promise this will be a graduation to remember!

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm, for it will be an exciting and celebratory day for the Class of 2020 at Nonnewaug High School. More specific information will follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pamela Sordi'.

Pamela Sordi
Principal
Nonnewaug High School