

May 22: Senior update: Staff salute, graduation, caps and gowns and more

Spring Lake Park High School Seniors and Families:

We continue to focus on making these final days of high school for the Class of 2020 as meaningful as possible given our current situation. Keep tabs on the latest senior-specific topics – from yearbooks, to caps and gowns, to virtual graduation events, and more at springlakeparkschools.org/graduation.

We know families are making or revising plans now. We have several updates this week – a lot of information - and have broken it down here by key dates for you:

- **May 27: Senior Awards and Scholarships presentation available by noon.** Senior awards and scholarships will be announced in an online presentation that will be available after noon on Wednesday, May 27. Families will receive a link to the presentation via email and it will be posted on the graduation page. Students receiving awards will be able to pick up those awards when seniors come to pick up caps and gowns and drop off iPads.
- **June 4: Pick up cap and gown, drop off iPads and any other school materials.** Seniors, plan to come to the high school to pick up caps and gown, drop off your school-issued iPad and any other school materials. Students are to come during your designated time:
 - 8-10 a.m. Last name begins with A-D
 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Last name begins with E-J
 - 12-2 p.m. Last name begins with K-N
 - 2-4 p.m. Last name begins with O-S
 - 4-6 p.m. Last name begins with T-Z
 - 6-8 p.m. Anyone who could not come during their designated times
- **June 5: Staff Salute (5-6 p.m.) and Virtual Graduation (7 p.m.)**
 - **Staff Salute at the high school, 5-6 p.m.** Plan to wear your cap and gown and drive by the high school as the high school staff lines the property and salutes our graduates in the Class of 2020. We will have specific driving routes to follow and guidance for participation next week.
 - **Virtual Graduation event, premiering at 7 p.m.:** While we know a virtual graduation event isn't what any of us planned, we are moving forward to make it the best we can. Here are a couple of things we want you to know.
 - You will hear from student speakers. We heard from students that this is one of the more meaningful aspects of graduation. This week, 11 students auditioned and three were selected to share their messages with you at our virtual graduation event.

- The high school band has worked hard on a piece of special music you won't want to miss.
- And, as is tradition at Spring Lake Park, your 4-year advisor will read your name aloud as each graduate is recognized.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on YouTube at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5 and will be available to be re-watched at your convenience online. We will provide digital invitations to share with friends and family via social media or email so you can celebrate with those who are not with you in your home. And, we'll have a hashtag so you can share photos, videos and celebrate in real time on your favorite social media.

- **By June 5: Complete your senior survey to receive your transcript.** Completion of the survey is how seniors request that their final transcript be sent to their attending college. Seniors not attending college may still need final transcripts for proof of graduation for full-time employment and for the military. The survey asks seniors about their high school experience and about their future plans. Parents, please help your senior to complete this important task. The senior survey is found in Naviance. See [these instructions](#).
- **Week of June 8:** There will be opportunities for graduates and families to schedule a time to come to the high school and take photos in their caps and gowns in our Panther home. The signup process will be available and communicated next week.

Please remember that our school building and grounds remain closed. We are working on the plan for you to be able to come to school for graduation photos. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to respect the school building closure.

We will have another update for you next week. In the meantime, please have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

Matthew Boucher
Principal