



AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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GRADUATION LETTER – 2020

Dear Graduating Amity Senior,

This has been an unusual conclusion to your high school career, but the day you've been waiting for is almost here!

On Wednesday, June 10, 2020, you have the opportunity to participate in the 64th Commencement Exercise at Amity Regional High School--and you will make history. The graduation ceremony is a special occasion not only for graduates, but also for family, friends, relatives, and the entire community. We have had to make some obvious changes to this year's ceremony, but we are excited to honor and celebrate you in a unique way that will adhere to current executive orders, keep everyone safe and recognize you for your achievements!

1. We have created a detailed plan for the day you will receive your diploma (see below), but the graduation ceremony will have 3 parts: virtual ceremony (introductions and speeches posted on June 9th), the conferring of diplomas (throughout the day on June 10th) and radio recap (on the evening of June 10th by WPLR, 99.1).
2. There will be two "rehearsals." Please see below for details.
3. All financial and other obligations to the school must be met no later than Friday, June 5th. **Records for lost books, library debts and athletic equipment date back to your freshman year all the way through "cap and gown" fee.** If you are not sure of your obligations, check PowerSchool in order to pay all obligations through My Payments Plus.

GRADUATION DETAILS

Video Presentation of Ceremonial Portion: For the portion of the ceremony that includes Principal address, well-wishes from the Superintendent, salutations from the Board of Education Chairperson and student speeches, we will be pre-recording and publishing the ceremony on the school's YouTube channel on the evening of June 9th. This 1st portion will be available for parents, students and the Amity Community to view on the evening of June 9th prior to, during or after the presentation of the Class of 2020.

Distribution of Diplomas-June 10th: For the conferring and distribution of diplomas, we will be holding a drive-through ceremony. Each of you will be assigned, by Spartan Seminar, to 1 of 4 "waves" throughout the day on Wednesday, June 10th. Each wave will have a 2 hour time-slot with 30 minutes in between each time slot. The first wave will begin at 8:30am and the entire distribution will be completed by no later than 6:00pm. This portion of the ceremony will be live-streamed throughout the day. Each wave will follow these protocols:

- Each student will be allowed up to two passenger cars for the ceremony.
- Each student will be given 2 dashboard placards at cap and gown distribution on which their first and last names will be printed. These are to be placed in the dashboard of each



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- car; both cars are required to process together (one after the other) with the graduate riding in the first car on the passenger side, if possible. Placards will be color coordinated for each wave.
- Cars will assemble at the designated "wave" time in the Our Lady of Assumption Church Parking Lot (81 Center Road Woodbridge, CT) and be organized in order of arrival by administration/school security. Police will also be onsite to assist.
 - Once the wave begins, cars will process out of the church's back parking lot driveway to Rice Road, down Rice Road to take a left on to North Pease Road and another left in the back gate of the school campus.
 - There will be 3 stations which all cars will move through, however the final determination of where these stations will be are based on future construction date confirmation (if the construction project starts on time-June 12th-we will follow Plan A, if it is delayed, we will follow Plan B).
 - Plan A: Vehicle procession in stadium/on track
 - Station #1: at entrance to stadium, cars will be organized in to groups of 4 graduates and allowed to proceed by taking a left through gates in to stadium and a left on to track
 - Station #2: at the score-board end of track, car/graduate order will be confirmed in groups of 4 and allowed to proceed around curve of track
 - Station #3: in front of stands/press box along track where students will receive their diplomas at 1 of 4 designated stands
 - Plan B: In front of school building
 - Station #1: at the tennis courts, cars will be organized in to groups of 4 graduates and allowed to proceed down the driveway in single-file to the next stop sign next to the District Offices
 - Station #2: at the stop sign next to District Offices, car/graduate order will be confirmed in groups of 4 and allowed to proceed in to the bus drop-off lane
 - Station #3: at the front of the school where the students will receive their diplomas at 1 of 4 designated stands
 - Graduates must ride in the 1st of the two cars and be seated on the passenger side of the car, if possible.



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- Once you arrive at the field placement (Plan A) or front of the school (Plan B), you will pull up to one of 4 designated spots and **only the graduate** will exit the car to receive his/her diploma. **You must be wearing a face covering when exiting the car.**
- The four stations will be located appropriately distanced from one another; Mrs. Mahon will be in between stations 2 and 3
- The diplomas will be placed on a table at the designated spot for you as you exit the car, pick up the diploma, listen for your name to be announced over the loud speaker, **remove your face covering**, have a graduation picture taken and turn the tassel.
- All other members of the your family must remain in the car(s).
- You will then return to your car and exit out of the stadium entrance by field house where fencing will be removed to allow for cars (Plan A) and down past school building to the Newton Road exit or directly out to Newton Road exit from the front of the building (Plan B).

****Please note, there will be no restrooms available to students/families****

Graduation Wave Times/Assignments:

8:30am-10:30am-YELLOW PLACARD for the following seminars: D. DeMeo/Waterman, Regan/Ferguson, DiGangi/Laliberte, Rothbart/Billehus, D. Wilson/Dottori, Rainey

11:00am-1:00pm-ORANGE PLACARD for the following seminars: Grace/Stanley, Malloy/Lindgren, Allard/Cofrancesco, Allen/Jacobs, K. Clark/Staak, Lyons/Haas

1:30pm-3:30pm-GREEN PLACARD COLOR for the following seminars: Lambrecht/Mendillo, Dufner/Hulse, Wallin/Tupper, Reeves/A. Mozealous, Shamp/Furst

4:00pm-6:00pm-RED PLACARD for the following seminars: Dolan/Rosner, Norton/Conley, E. Serapiglia/Goncalves, Osoweicki/Serio, Duyck/Davis

Radio Broadcast: Beginning at 5:00pm, radio station WPLR (99.1) will air a radio broadcast of the commencement exercises which will include parts of the each address/speech and a read-through of the list of graduates. This broadcast will last roughly 1 hour and will be commercial-free.

If any person in the graduate's family (including the graduate) is feeling ill on the day of graduation, please do not participate in the June 10th ceremony. There will be an alternative date for those who are sick on June 10th that is scheduled two weeks later, on July 1st, and will follow the same process as outlined in Plan B above. A Google Form will be sent out to anyone who does not participate in the June 10th ceremony for that family to indicate plans to participate in the alternative/ill date of July 1st.

A final determination about which plan (A or B) we will be able to follow will be made on June 2nd and communicated to parents and graduating seniors.



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REHEARSALS

Rehearsal "wave" assignments:

1. The first will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 1st and 2nd, where you will arrive at the school during a designated "wave" time **to return any school-issued materials, including athletic equipment.**
2. The second "rehearsal" will be on June 4th and 5th where you will, once again, arrive at the school during a designated "wave" time to pick up your cap, gown, honor cords (if applicable), dashboard placards and senior balloons.

Please note you must be wearing proper PPE when you come to school during these rehearsal times and follow the one-way traffic flow by entering from the back (North Pease) entrance and proceeding down the driveway to the front of the school, in to the bus drop-off lane and, finally, exiting out to Newton Road.

June 1st & June 4th:

Wave #1

7:30am-8:15am: D. DeMeo/Waterman; Digangi/Laliberte

8:15am-9:00am: Regan/Ferguson; Rothbart/Billehus

9:00am-9:30am: D. Wilson/Dottori; Rainey

Wave #2

12:30pm-1:15pm: Allen/Jacobs; Allard/Cofrancesco

1:15pm-2:00pm: K. Clark/Staak; Malloy/Lindgren

2:00pm-2:30pm: Grace/Stanley; Lyons/Haas

June 2nd & June 5th:

Wave #3

7:30am-8:15am: Dufner/Hulse; Lambrecht/Mendillo

8:15am-9:00am: Reeves/A. Mozealous; Shamp/Furst

9:00am-9:30am: Wallin/Tupper

Wave #4

12:30pm-1:15pm: Duyck/Davis; Norton/Conley

1:15pm-2:00pm: Osoweicki/Serio; E. Serapigli/Goncalves

2:00pm-2:30pm: Dolan/Rosner

CAPS AND GOWNS

Caps and gowns will be distributed to each wave on Thursday, June 4th and Friday, June 5th. For this year only, mortar boards (caps) are allowed to be decorated. Please adhere to school rules and expectations regarding decorations.



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CAR PLACARDS/HONOR CORDS

Seniors will also receive 2 color-coded name placards which will need to be displayed in the dashboard of the vehicle(s) being used for the ceremony. The color of the placard will indicate your "wave" for graduation and include the time. Each graduate is allowed up to 2 passenger cars for the ceremony. If a graduate has earned community service honors or other honor cords, those will also be distributed at this time.

PTSO GRADUATION BALLOONS

Seniors will pick up their bunch of balloons at this time, as well. Every student will receive a minimum of 4 balloons.

We are looking forward to celebrating this unique 2020 Amity Graduation Ceremony with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anna N. Mahon
Principal, Amity Regional High School