



## **Roses and Diplomas Conferred On Campus: Magavern-Sutton Courtyard**

Protocol for June 9, 2020

8:10 AM first senior arrives

3:20 PM last senior arrives

We have been working for months with a constantly changing landscape of the pandemic to devise the most successful and safe day for the Class of 2020 to celebrate their graduation with as much tradition as is possible within the bounds of the governor's orders on social distancing.

Roses and diplomas will be conferred and a posed picture taken in the Magavern-Sutton Courtyard on June 9, the originally planned Commencement Day. Pictures will be printed on-site and each senior will be given hers to take with her.

All will be conferred individually under a tent on the lawn of the Magavern-Sutton Courtyard. There will be a backdrop for the pictures and the same photographer who has taken our commencement pictures for the past two years (Brody Wheeler). All participants will wear masks except the senior when she is having her picture taken, which will be done from the appropriate and safe distance.

Seniors are asked to arrive promptly at their selected time at the 682 Potomac Avenue entrance to the Magavern-Sutton Courtyard; we will have balloons there to mark it. Seniors are asked to stay in their cars and not come in until they are texted. If you have not yet added your text number to the sign-up sheet, please do.

Unfortunately, families may not come into the courtyard with their senior as we cannot violate social distancing gathering rules. We must observe this or risk being shut down before every senior has had her moment.

Seniors will exit the courtyard at its formal gate, out onto Bidwell Parkway by West-Chester Hall. Families are asked to drive around to the front of the school to pick up their daughters in front of West-Chester. A photographer will be there for a family picture but we caution that we must maintain NYS social distancing orders - 6 feet apart from those not in our “bubble” and no more than 10 people may congregate or we risk being fined and closed.

**There is no rain date. We will have a tent but please bring an umbrella if it's raining.**

**There are Snapchat filters for June 8 & 9 for the school, courtyard, and Bidwell Parkway.**

### **Seniors**

Seniors are asked to wear white - their intended commencement dress, a short white dress, or white pants and a white shirt. It is a formal occasion and we ask that you adhere to SEM dress code: no rips or tears in white jeans, no exposed lingerie. Seniors are also expected to wear white for the **All-School Virtual Celebration** at **8 PM**. *Please see below for more information.*



## **All-School Virtual Celebration**

**8 PM**

**The program will be posted on the portal.**

Zoom Meeting ID *will be sent separately*

Password: **celebrate**

*Please have an appropriate Zoom background.*

### **Seniors**

Seniors *all over the world* are asked to wear white for the virtual ceremony at 8 PM.

### **Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors**

Underclassmen *all over the world* are asked to attend the All-School Zoom Virtual Celebration at 8 PM and to wear white (at least on top).

