

Suffield High School - Senior Week 2020

June 1st - June 6th

2ns Edition - Updates in Red



June 1, 2020

This correspondence is an update to the May 28th Senior Week email. We have updated some of the information, and it is in red.

Cap/Gown Day - Monday and Tuesday

- Monday and Tuesday, drop off of materials, and pick-up.
 - Not all seniors have signed up for the Monday and Tuesday drop off of materials, and pick-up of caps/gowns, stoles, senior gifts, etc. Please confirm your time at <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11608505&event=349169>
 - Thank you to all that have sent in payment via the online system. Here is the link in case you have not. <https://checkout.square.site/pay/1aea0082dd5f484b8d6e3d9275d53f47>.
 - If you have already dropped off books this week, just let us know on Monday.
 - If you need to keep items, including Chromebooks, through the end of the week that is also fine. We will have another drop off day in mid-June.
 - Drop off and pick up have been very smooth today. It's amazing how the students' presence on campus has served as a shot of adrenaline to those of us that are here.

Scholarship Ceremony - Tuesday

- The ceremony will begin at 6:30PM via Zoom.
- This should last an hour, and will be a nice recognition for our seniors.
- We will send a formal Zoom invitation on Monday.

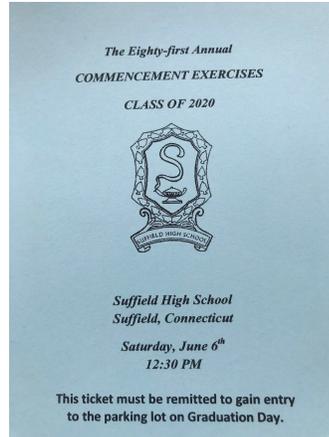
- Zoom Invite
- https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HbVMYj_B841_OgrdpPC4DgA5td1tyleV

Senior Banquet - Thursday

- The ceremony will begin at 6:30 PM
- Departmental awards, and the slideshow will be played.
 - Please send any photos, individual or group from throughout all years in Suffield of your students to eric.hamylak@suffieldstudent.org.
 - To date we have only received photos from about twenty families.
 - Mr. Hamylak has received 500 photos this week - WOW - thanks for responding.
 - While we cannot use them all, we appreciate everyone sending them in.
- We will send a formal Zoom invitation on Monday.
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1BcMFr3mH5jEJHH-vWhZWry7-LgYDi7f8>
- **Senior Signs**
 - A surprise project performed in coordination with the BOE, facilities, and superintendents office has been the ordering, purchase and display of senior signs with student photos. Beginning tomorrow, you will be able to see your sign on the Sheldon St. side of school. Next week we ask that you pick them up and bring them home.
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dpAqd5NIEStz-I04SOVUY1gHhKhvTRDS>
 - Beginning tomorrow, you will be able to see your sign on the Sheldon St. side of school. Next week we ask that you pick them up and bring them home.

Graduation - 81st Suffield High School Commencement Exercises - Saturday

- The extended forecast **still** looks good. As with previous years, we will keep a close eye on the outlook throughout the week.
- The ceremony will begin at 12:30. We are in the final stages of the parking logistics, and will send detailed information out soon in regards to graduate parking, and time the lot will be accessible.
- **Note: Although it will be nice to see friends, and classmates, you must stay in your car for the entirety of the ceremony.**
- Parking access;
 - On June 1st each senior will receive a parking pass for the ceremony with their cap and gown.
 - **Note: Jeeps and convertibles must have the tops on. Pickup trucks may not have anyone in the bed.**
 - Below is a picture of the parking pass that students are receiving today. Please bring it on Saturday as your ticket to enter.



- Blended families may apply for a second car by using this [link](#).
 - This is an important part of the process, please fill out the form if you are in need of an additional car.
- Note: those with a second car will not park next to the graduates. We are utilizing all available spaces, and the graduating seniors will get the best vantage point.
- The only entrance to the school on June 6th will be near the American Legion on Sheldon St., which is closest to the Agricultural Science entrance.
 - On Friday, we welcome parents to campus to place congratulations signs along the graduation entrance, and the back of the school.
 - [Google Earth](#)- please refer to the blue line for the “decorating area”.
 - Homemade signs and congratulatory notes will be a genuine and motivating entry to the main lot.
- We are urging all families to bring a car as opposed to an SUV to allow all families to see the screen.
 - Here is a picture of the screen for Saturday. Think of the screen as something you would see at a sporting event. It will be visible in daylight.



- Those with SUV's will be parked in the back two rows.
- Cars will face the school, as we intend to use the building and flag pole as a backdrop for the screen.

- Graduates will be driven from their parking space to the fire lane, where they will get out of the car and proceed to get their diploma cover.
 - Our staff will be in the lot escorting you, and signaling where to go. Please be patient as this is new to us.
 - **Please do not self park. Our staff will be directing you where to go. Again, we ask for patience with our hard working team.**
 - A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate.
 - Students should be seated in the front passenger side of the vehicle.
 - Nobody but the student may exit the vehicle.
 - Masks may be taken off as graduates walk to get the diploma cover and have their picture taken.
 - You will return to the original parking spaces once the graduate is back in the car.
 - The students will be seen on the large screen, and their name will be called over the microphone for all to hear.

Format for the ceremony

- The format will be similar to our traditional ceremony with a few changes.
 - The opening processional will feature a slideshow of the graduates.
 - **Pomp and Circumstance has been recorded by our band - from home, and will be played during the slideshow.**
 - The Pledge of Allegiance was recorded by Shannon O'Brien, Hunter Prevost, Brandon Raupach, and Charles Rose. All will be serving in the armed forces.
 - The Star Spangled Banner by Jack Flanagan, and Eva Nick's performance of "Rise Up" have been recorded.
 - All student and adult speeches will be live.
 - There will be a FM channel to tune into the ceremony.
 - The channel will be posted at the entrance to the school, on our website and via email communication.
 - **We will share the links and radio frequency on Wednesday or Thursday.**
 - Friends and family that cannot attend, will be able to view via livestream.
 - The livestream link will be posted at the entrance to the school, on our website and via email communication.
 - We are working with the police, and fire departments to lead the graduates and families past Spaulding, McAlister and Suffield Middle School following graduation.
 - Teachers will not be allowed to attend the ceremony, but are being encouraged to park at the other schools to see graduates drive by.
 - Spaulding and McAlister teachers will park at Spaulding.
 - Middle School Teachers will park at SMS.
 - High School Teachers will park at McAlister.

Parade Format

- The Suffield Police Department will lead the graduates from our parking lot.
- Right on Sheldon St.
- Right on South Grand St.
- Right on Mountain Rd.
- The cars will pass all three schools and disperse at the center of town.

Technology Update

- On July 1st, all student emails and related information in the Google suite will be deleted. We encourage all students to make copies of important files and share to a personal email address.