



# COMMENCEMENT

AUGUST 2, 2020 AT 8:30 AND 11:00 AM



Fairfield Prep's 78th Commencement Exercises will take place during two separate ceremonies in the Pelletier Quad on **Sunday, August 2 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am**. The first of the ceremonies will honor the members of the Class of 2020 with last names beginning with A-K. The second ceremony will honor the graduates with last names beginning with letters L-Z. The venue will allow a unique opportunity for the two groups of graduates to gather and for the parents to see their son's conferral of his diploma. This document provides the details for the morning that will make the event a memorable one. The seniors' families will play an important role in the successful staging of the event. This document provides all of the details for the day. Both ceremonies will be live-streamed and broadcast on FM radio. Please read this document in its entirety as there are many details.



### Arrival at Prep

Families of the graduates who will participate in the first of the ceremonies at 8:30 am are asked to begin arriving at Prep at **7:45 am** and to be on campus by no later than **8:15 am** so that the ceremony can begin as scheduled. The duration of the ceremony will be one hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. Families who will attend the second ceremony will arrive between **10:15 am** and **10:45 am**.

**Everyone in attendance will be required to wear masks at all times.**

### Drop-Off

Drop-off will take place on the **Corner of McInnes Road and Loyola Drive**. Families will enter the campus through the Main Gate of the University on North Benson Road, drive west toward the traffic circle and loop around headed east. They will proceed to drop off the graduates at the corner and continue to the designated parking spot in the Alumni Hall Lot. Students will then be directed to their assigned seats in the Quad. Prep masks will be distributed to students upon arrival.





## Family Parking

Family members will park in the Alumni Hall lot during the ceremony. Vehicles will later be directed to the Quad as seniors receive their diplomas. Vehicles will be socially distanced with a parking space in between, and **Fairfield University Public Safety is requiring that all families remain in their air-conditioned vehicles with their doors and windows closed at all times.** **One vehicle** will be permitted per family, and parking passes will be provided for families via email on Thursday, July 30. Each family is asked to bring a printed copy of the pass.



## The Ceremony

The ceremony in the Quad will be a traditional one which will feature all of the speakers and pomp and circumstance. The one difference will involve the vehicle procession that will allow for the families to be present for the conferral of the diploma to their son. **The unique stage arrangement will allow for families and the graduates to recognize each individual graduate.** After your son receives his diploma, vehicles will be directed to North Benson Road and enter into Prep's lot entrance in order to return to your assigned space until the conclusion of the ceremony.



## Live Stream and Radio Broadcast

Both ceremonies will be live streamed so that families can watch from their vehicles and their homes throughout the morning. WiFi service will be available. Additionally, an FM broadcast of the program will be made available. Specific details and links will also be sent in an email communication on July 30.



## Photography

Robert Taylor Photography will capture a professional photo of each student holding his diploma (without a mask) standing next to Father Simisky, S.J. at a safe distance. Parents will be able to take a photo from your vehicle. The seniors will turn to face family vehicles after the conferral of the diploma and the professional photo is taken.



## Dismissal

Immediately following the ceremony, the graduates will be dismissed by row, and their family vehicles will once again make their way to Loyola Drive and the Quad. Students will join their families, and cars will be directed to exit campus via North Benson Road.



## Weather Contingency

If it is determined that the weather could affect the successful staging of the event, the following two dates will serve as Rain Dates: Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm or Monday, August 3 at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. A final decision will be made and announced in our email communication of July 30.

## Tuxedos

**All pickups will be made at the Westport Men's Wearhouse.** Due to COVID-19, social distancing recommendations, local mandates, and store capacity guidelines, the tuxedo pickups will be scheduled by last names as follows:

**A-M 7/29 12 pm - 5 pm**

**N-Z 7/30 12 pm - 5 pm**

Pickups will be curbside only, and the Men's Wearhouse staff will be there to support the process. Instructions will be given to guide you through the in home fit process. In the event that alterations need to be made, graduates will need to bring the item back to the store for alterations. Alterations will be completed while you wait. The store can be reached at 203-226-9586. **Tuxedos must be returned to the Men's Wearhouse Milford location.**

