

Class of 2021 Graduation Details

With approval from the Amherst Schools Board of Education and in conjunction with Lorain County Public Health, the Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony will be held at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10:00 am.

School administration has been working with Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse staff on finalizing all the details within their COVID-19 protocols. Please carefully review all the details below.

TICKETS

At this point in time, each graduate will be able to reserve eight tickets for commencement. This number is subject to change as the date approaches. All ticketing will be handled by the Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse staff through their online ticketing system. Graduates will use their student identification number (lunch number) to claim their tickets. Rocket Mortgage will assign seats on a first-come, first-served basis. More information on navigating the ticketing system and the exact number of tickets available for each graduate will be released from Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse staff closer to graduation.

PARKING

Each graduate will receive one complimentary parking pass for the Tower City Parking Garage. The parking pass will be handed out at graduation practice on Thursday, May 20, 2021. There are many other lots and garages close to Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse that spectators can access at their own cost.

ARRIVING TO THE CEREMONY

Per Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse guidelines, graduates will be transported to the ceremony by way of Amherst Schools bussing. Any graduate participating in the ceremony **MUST** ride on their assigned Amherst School bus to the commencement ceremony. The busses are drop off **ONLY** and graduates need to arrange transportation home from Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. Graduates should arrive at the South Lot promptly at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 22nd dressed for graduation as there will be no changing room available at the FieldHouse. Seniors should not bring any extra items with them as nothing can be left on the bus. This means there should be no purses or bags as those items can not be carried by the graduate during the procession at the start of the ceremony.

The doors at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse will open for spectators at 9:00 am.

DEPARTING THE CEREMONY

At the end of the ceremony there will be a procession for all graduates to exit the building, per Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse guidelines. Once all graduates have exited, spectators will then be released. Graduates will meet their families outside Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse at Gateway Plaza (the area between the FieldHouse and Progressive Field). No one will be able to re-enter the FieldHouse after the ceremony.

WHAT TO WEAR

Graduates should dress appropriately in formal attire for the commencement ceremony. For safety reasons, flip-flops are not permitted. Per Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse guidelines, graduates and spectators must wear a mask at all times. Graduates should wear the mask provided at graduation practice in order to participate in the commencement ceremony.

School administration reserves the right to determine if a graduate's attire is not appropriate for participation in the commencement ceremony. Any questions regarding attire at graduation should be directed to an administrator.

SCHOOL FEES

Payment of all school fees needs to be completed by graduation practice on May 20th, in order for a graduate to receive his/her cap and gown. Seniors should see Mrs. Doehr in the financial office with any questions or to set up a payment plan if need be. Diplomas will be held if there are any outstanding fees.

CHROMEBOOK RETURN

In order to receive their cap and gown, seniors will need to return their school-issued Chromebook and charger on Tuesday, May 18th. Before leaving school on their last day, seniors will drop off their Chromebook and charger in the CLC from 10:30-11:30 or 1:30-3:30.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

There will be a MANDATORY graduation practice on Thursday, May 20th beginning promptly at 8:00 am in the North Gym. In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, seniors must be in attendance at graduation practice.

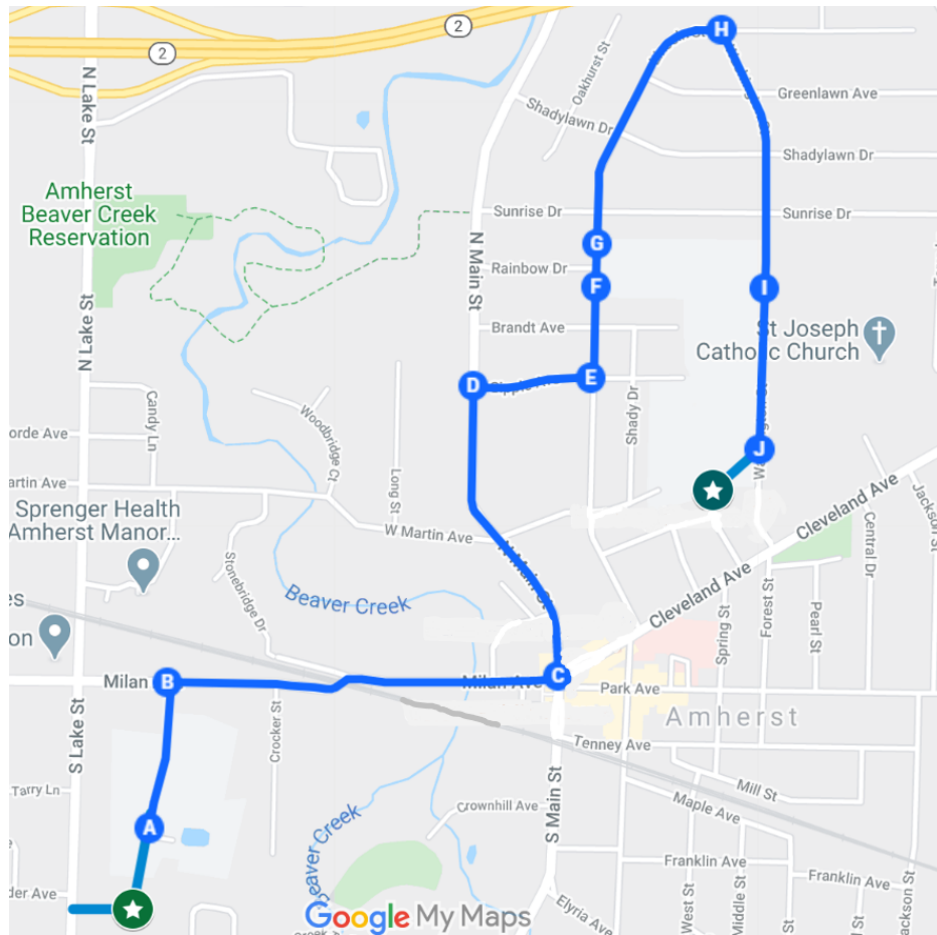
SENIOR SEND-OFF

Amherst Schools, along with the Amherst Police Department, will be holding a Senior Send-Off on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 pm for the Class of 2021. There is a rain date of May 21st. The Amherst Police Department will lead seniors in an extended route from Powers Elementary School to Marion L. Steele High School. Staff members from Powers, Nord, AJH, and Steele will be along the route to wish the seniors farewell and good luck. All spectators along the route must follow proper social distancing guidelines.

Seniors participating in this event must abide by the following guidelines approved by the Amherst Schools and Amherst Police Department.

1. All seniors **must** have a parent/guardian from the same household driving the vehicle. **Graduates are not permitted to drive themselves.**
2. Only immediate family members will be permitted to join the graduate in the vehicle and each vehicle must not exceed its established occupancy rules.
3. Seniors are permitted to make signs and decorate their vehicle for this fun event.
4. Please arrive at Powers Elementary via the entrance off of South Lake Street. All seniors should arrive at 5:30 pm to allow plenty of time for our staff to lineup the cars in the Playground Parking Lot.
5. While lining up at Powers, please do not get out of your vehicle and gather in groups. Proper social distancing must be maintained at all times.
6. Vehicles are not permitted to stop along the send-off route.
7. Amherst Schools Administration and the Amherst Police Department reserve the right to remove any participant from the send-off who is in violation of these guidelines.

Senior Send-Off 2021 Route



Line up in the Powers Playground Parking Lot (Enter off of S. Lake St.)

- A. Proceed out the Playground Lot via AJH's driveway.
- B. Turn Right onto Milan Ave.
- C. Turn Left onto N. Main St.
- D. Turn Right onto Sipple Ave.
- E. Turn Left onto Lincoln St.
- F. Drive through Nord Middle School's Parking Lots.
- G. Turn Right out of Nord's lot.
- H. Continue onto Washington St.
- I. Drive through Marion L. Steele High School's CLC and Front Lots.
- J. Drive through Marion L. Steele High School's South Lot.

Exit via Axtel Street.