Graduation FAQ’s

Why don’t we hold a graduation ceremony outdoors on a turf field, the Boulevard or Muzzy, or at a later date?
1. The State of Connecticut still has a ban on gatherings over 10 people. Summer camps have only been approved for groups of 10 with no camp serving more than 30 children. There is no indication that will be lifted anytime soon. A graduation ceremony would have no less than 285 students + 570 parents (2 apiece) and at least 50 staff.
2. Our current plan gives students a number of graduation activities that practice social distancing and allow them to be honored. If we were to postpone until July or August and restrictions are still in place there would be more disappointment. Again, it is unlikely that the State of Connecticut or the Bristol/Burlington Board of Health would suddenly allow gatherings of nearly 1000 people.
3. Families have indicated they travel during the summer or their graduate has summer plans out of state.

What about a ceremony at a drive-in theater?
1. The capacity at the Southington Drive (300 cars) and Pleasant Valley in Barkhamsted (250) are insufficient. We have over 280 grads, plus students with 2 households and faculty. We significantly exceed the capacity of these venues. Access would be inequitable.

What if my family is split between two households?
1. Students who are split between two residences will be accommodated. You will be allowed 2 cars during the graduation procession.
2. Families will be allowed no more than 9 members plus the graduate, (properly socially distanced and wearing PPE, during cap and gown pictures.

Graduation information:
1. Official Date is June 17, 2020
2. Students will receive Caps/Gowns and all other items (cords and tassels) related to academic achievement or Honor Societies (shipping issues considered).
3. The Nutmeg recording of the “virtual” Graduation Ceremony will be available to watch via a link on each school website. DVD’s will be available for purchase shortly after. You do not need cable to view.
4. Principal’s will alert students about special activities via social media accounts and school email.
Senior Calendar of Events

Week of May 18
  ● Recognition of Top 10%

Week of May 26
  ● Distribution of Caps/Gowns

Week of June 1 (Secret)
  ● ?????????????

Week of June 8
  ● Senior Night on the Boulevard

June 17  Graduation!