

Graduation Mtg.

April 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

Thank you, parents and seniors, for joining us tonight for our Graduation Planning and Informational Meeting. This is an unprecedented time and our staff, administration, and school board want you to know we are very upset with the ending to your last year in high school. We also want your Graduation to be as special and close to traditional as we can legally provide as a district as we continue to work with our local Tri-County Health authorities.

I want to thank Erin Dell, Sue Fisk and Superintendent Rich McFarland as we planned, collaborated and problem solved this special day.

Given the most recent order from the state and with guidance from our local Tri-County Health Authority our plan to have a parking lot large-group Graduation will not take place.

We, therefore, have had to plan for a more restrictive social distancing plan:

- Graduation will be on June 6th as previously planned by the district.
- Graduation will be by individual student and family invitation for a specific designated time slot.
- Graduates and families of four (4) members will be allowed in the school to observe the ceremony.
- If a senior has more than one family, there will be additional slots allotted. Example: Mom's side and Dad's side, etc.
- The ceremony will consist of family (4), Senior, Superintendent, one board member, and videographer.
- Social distancing of six feet will be required except for immediate family.
- There will be a podium on stage for Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches to family which will also be on video.
- Class President will read all the district graduating names during her allotted time during the first time slot in the morning.
- Graduates will receive recognition for their awards and scholarships.
- Graduates will turn their tassels and throw their caps as part of the ceremony which will be recorded for the final graduation presentation.
- We are working with Mr. Trudeau on a recording of Pop and Circumstance music.
- A final copy of the virtual whole group ceremony will be cut and edited from the individual speeches, the reading of the graduate names, individual senior videos, and pre-created videos of guest speakers, principal messages, superintendent farewell, and slide show.

There will also be a Cap and Gown Pick-Up celebration after the schools receive them from the company. We anticipate they will arrive the week before graduation. We'll keep you posted on the details of this event. Cords and sashes will be delivered at this time as well.

A student survey will be sent to all graduating Seniors on Friday, May 1st. Please take time to complete the Office 365 survey so we can better understand your opinions.

On Facebook there is a way to have your senior adopted by a community member. If you have questions, please talk to your senior as they should be able to assist you in locating the county wide initiative and how to post your Senior up for Adoption.

If you have additional feedback for the school or senior parents, you can send information to Grad2020@chewelak12.us.

Last, if social distancing restrictions change before Graduation, we will work hard to make appropriate accommodations to our ceremony which will keep all graduates and their families safe.

Sincerely,

Erin Dell

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