



CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of the Class of 2020:

The high school administrators have been planning two different graduation options for the Class of 2020, virtual and traditional. We have collaborated with senior student leaders and we are determined to recognize and celebrate the Class of 2020 in multiple ways.

We understand nothing can replace an in-person graduation ceremony and we have plans for a possible traditional outdoor ceremony in our football stadium, contingent on future guidance from the Department of Health and the Governor.

Regardless of whether we can hold the traditional ceremony, we are moving forward with our plans for a virtual graduation in a video format. The final movie will have almost all the elements of a traditional graduation.

We have partnered with Herff Jones (and its partners StageClip and MarchingOrder) to create the virtual graduation ceremony to honor this year's graduates. Seniors will soon be contacted by Herff Jones and its partners with directions on how to create content for the final celebration.

Listed below are details on how we will gather content to construct the virtual ceremony. Each graduate will also receive their own personalized copy their photo and recognition slide from the video to share on social media with family and friends using the hashtags #RedDevilNation #GradAWAYtion and #MoveTheTassel. We will make the entire virtual graduation video available to students and parents as well.

- In the next week, students will receive an email (on your Clarence Student Email account) from MarchingOrder with the information on how to register, create a password, and submit the information needed to create your personalized graduation slide. Be sure to check you spam folder for this message.
- Cap and Gowns will be distributed the week of **May 18th**. More information will be sent regarding the specific date and time to pick up your cap and gown.
- Student names must be uploaded by **May 27, 2020** to give graduates time to provide name pronunciation information and help the name readers with any tricky names.
- Photo/Message Submission Deadline: **June 15, 2020**. This is the last day for students to submit any content that will be included on their video slide.
- The CHS Virtual Graduation Ceremony will premiere on **July 1, 2020 at 9pm** at the Transit Drive-In (provided they are permitted to host this event). More information to follow.

Please email us if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Smith
Principal

Robert Coniglio
Assistant Principal

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