

Delaware Valley School District

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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

First, let me say how badly I feel for everyone that we can't have a traditional graduation with thousands of people cheering on our graduates. As you know, this isn't allowed in the yellow or green phase. High school and college graduates all across the country are moving from one phase of life to the next in a very unusual way.

We are inviting the graduates to sign-up for a designated time to be awarded their diplomas in Warrior Stadium in cap and gown. **We would like to give the Class of 2020 something no other class has had – the privilege of having your parents/guardians escort you onto the field and be right next to you when you are awarded your diploma!** Each senior can decide who will accompany him or her (up to 2 people).

While we all know how important graduating from high school is to the seniors, often times the general public underestimates the importance of this event to parents. Parents have spent the last 18 years raising their children and assisting them in every way imaginable through 13 years of schooling. Seeing your child be awarded his or her high school diploma is one of those memorable moments of parenthood.

We plan on holding this alternative graduation on Friday, June 19 (rain date of June 20).

There will be an online Google sign-up process for up to 22 students per every half-hour on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 9:00 a.m. on June 9. We encourage the seniors to communicate with their closest friends in advance in hopes that they can be together in the same or adjoining time block.

The awarding of diplomas will be video-recorded and the graduation speeches will be recorded at another time. All of these videos will be woven together to make a commemorative keepsake DVD for each senior. In addition, the Del.Aware student newspaper staff will be available to take family photos on the practice field after each senior is awarded his or her diploma.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, June 8 – seniors conduct locker clean-out and return school items

Tuesday, June 9 – Google sign-up for graduation opens at 9 a.m.

Friday, June 19 – graduation sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions about these senior events, please contact the 11-12 high school office.

In closing, let me extend my congratulations to the Class of 2020 and their families! **I can't thank you enough for sharing your children with us over all these years. It has been such an honor to get to know them, educate them and watch them grow into such amazing young men and women.** They will do great things in this crazy world and you have every right to be so proud of them!

With sincere appreciation and thanks,

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