



Central High School - District of Westosha

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Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2020,

Congratulations on your graduation from Westosha Central High School. Your hard work and flexibility in this ever-changing situation is noted, appreciated, and respected. So many “last times” have been taken from you, but know that your accomplishments, memories, and contributions to our school community will never be forgotten. The resiliency that you have learned from these times will make you stronger and the lessons learned will help to shape the outstanding adult that we know you will become.

While summer is in full swing, we are still working on a plan to celebrate your graduation. At the time of this letter, we are hoping and anticipating that a modified face-to-face graduation will take place. We have been working closely with the Kenosha County Health Department to create a plan that meets the recommendations and guidelines currently in place.

The outline of the plan is below:

- Date: Sunday, July 26
- Time: 11 a.m.
- Location: Outside on the football field
- Parameters: Two (2) guests per graduate (unfortunately, no exceptions). Furthermore, additional guests will NOT be allowed on school property, including but not limited to the parking lot or lining the fenced area of the field.
- Set-up: Graduates will be socially distanced on the football field;
Guests will be socially distanced on the east bleachers
- Ceremony: Due to safety protocols, the ceremony itself will be slightly altered. These changes may include no live band/choral performances and fewer adult speeches. Ultimately, our hope is to provide a face-to-face ceremony, but be responsible and keep the ceremony to 45-60 minutes.
- Diplomas: We will schedule an alternate date for students to pick up their diplomas.
- Optional Participation: Participation in the ceremony is optional.

In addition, we will provide extra social distancing guidelines as recommended by the Health Department. These guidelines may include, but are not limited, to:

- Graduates and guests will be required to wear masks.
- Graduates and guests with high-risk medical conditions should not attend.
- Designated seating for guests in the bleachers to promote social distancing.
- No large group gatherings before or after the ceremony on school property.

We will have a final decision on or before July 6, but it is our plan and hope to move forward with a modified face-to-face ceremony on July 26 at 11 a.m. on the football field. A final decision will be made in conjunction with the Health Department. Your cooperation in the details of the ceremony will be crucial to the success of the event. Additional details and protocols will follow in early July.

One last note, we are finalizing a very special virtual ceremony that will still be provided for our graduates and their families. The production will surely be a keepsake for families for years to come. We estimate releasing this video in late July.

The other event that was postponed was the 2020 Prom. Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the event for this year. Know that this decision was extremely difficult, but after carefully analyzing the guidelines of social distancing, we determined that it would be nearly impossible to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. We, like you, are disappointed, but feel that it is the responsible and right thing to do for our students, and ultimately, their families.

Although the news about Prom may be disappointing, we hope that the plan to hold a graduation ceremony will provide a shining light to celebrate your accomplishments and close a very important chapter of your life.

We will be in touch in the weeks to come.

Your Partners in Education,



John Gendron
District Administrator



Dale Van Keuren
Principal