

# Diploma Celebration

Good afternoon North Henderson graduates and families of the graduates. This is John Shepard, principal of North High. As your school administrator, there is no greater priority than making the graduation experience for the Class of 2020 as memorable as possible under these most extraordinary times. With that in mind, we've outlined our plans for you as follows

Our Diploma Celebration for North Henderson High is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. During this time, each graduate will arrive at the school in a family vehicle filled with their greatest cheerleaders. Graduates with blended families may arrive with a second vehicle located directly behind the graduate. We ask that graduates with last names A-Malloy arrive from 3:00-5 and Martin-Z arrive from 5-7:00. If you need to arrive at a different time than the one specified, please call the school and we can easily arrange that for you.

Our partners with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office have worked with us to develop a safe travelway on and around our school campus. School Resource Officers will be directing the traffic flow through a predetermined loop around our school campus to the location of the individual Cap and Gown diploma ceremony with me and your school administrators. Due to the confines of the school-owned property, we cannot accommodate large vehicles such as church vans, busses, or trailers. We ask that all occupants stay in their vehicles until instructed to exit to ensure we comply with the State's Phase 2 Social Distancing Guidelines.

We've arranged for a professional photographer to photograph each diploma ceremony on your behalf. The family of graduates will remain in their vehicle to celebrate and take photos. In order to accommodate all our graduates, we further ask that families respect the amount of time spent taking these photos.

## School Specific Directions:

- Vehicles will enter campus on the drive of Apple Valley Middle School.
- You will be greeted by staff members that will place a placard with your last name in the windshield of your vehicle. A second placard will only be provided to blended families.
- Each student and their guest (s) must all arrive and depart in the same vehicle.
- No large vehicles such as buses, church vans, or limos will be allowed. Please be reminded that State law prohibits persons from riding in the bed of a truck.
- All occupants must remain in their vehicles while on campus.
- The graduate will need to be seated on the front passenger side of the vehicle, where they will be allowed to exit, walk onto the stage, receive their diploma, be photographed by a professional, and then exit the stage making their way back into the vehicle.
- All vehicles will exit the campus by turning right onto Fruitland Road entering Highway 64. No left turns out of the campus will be allowed.
- There is no gathering or waiting for others while on school property

- Any student (parent or guardian) with transportation concerns should contact the school prior to June 4th.
- Any student/family unable or uncomfortable participating should contact the school to discuss other options to pick up their recognition materials.

We encourage all graduates and families to enjoy graduation ceremony videos for all HCPS high schools which will be released on district media feeds on the evening of June 5, 2020, beginning at 7:00 pm. HCPS will be mailing a commemorative print to each graduate in June and will be sharing a link where families can purchase additional prints.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate the Class of 2020, all while ensuring the health, safety, and well being of our school community! All of this information, including a map of the graduation route, will be posted on our social media outlets, emailed to your students, and shared on the senior google classroom.

