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Amphi High School Class of 2020!

We are glad to announce our finalized graduation plans for the Class of 2020! You have worked hard for years to get to this point and we want to make sure that you still have the special moment of receiving your diploma, your awards, and celebrating one last time at Amphitheater High School!

Due to the health and safety restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to hold a large group ceremony like we typically do, but will be able to provide an **individual graduation ceremony for each graduating senior and 4 family members or guests!** Graduating seniors and their 4 guests will be invited to the school to receive their academic awards (cords, seals of excellence) and have their diploma presented to them. **The graduation ceremonies will take place on May 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st (the attached schedule shows your individual time).** This individual event will follow safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If you or any of your guests are sick, please stay home to avoid spreading illness. Contact us when you feel better to discuss alternative plans.

In addition to your individual graduation ceremony, the graduation will be broadcast virtually by KOLD Channel 13 on Saturday, May 30th. The following are guidelines for the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020.

Dates & Times – Included with this letter is a schedule that shows your individual graduation ceremony time. Each student has an individual ceremony time, on a specific day. It is your responsibility to arrive for graduation on that day and time. Please arrive at the school 20 minutes before your ceremony time to allow time to park and check-in. Following are the days that individual ceremonies will take place. Your individual time is located on the schedule included with this letter. It is important that you arrive on time!

Seniors with **last names starting with A-C** ----- Ceremony will take place on **Monday, May 18th from 4-9pm.**

Seniors with **last names starting with D-K** ----- Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, May 19th from 4-9pm.**

Seniors with **last names starting with L-P** ----- Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, May 20th from 4-9pm.**

Seniors with **last names starting with Q-Z** ----- Ceremony will take place on **Thursday, May 21st from 4-9pm.**

Graduation Stations & Process – When you arrive at your graduation ceremony, you will be greeted at the front gate by a security guard and directed to park in the east portion of the student parking lot (park in the shade!).

Station #1 – Parking Lot Staging (East End for the Student Parking Lot). Once you park, a security guard will check you in and ask you to stay in or near your car until notified. You will then be directed to walk into the north foyer of the Performing Arts Center and go the following stations. Only you and your 4 guests will be allowed to move past Station #1, other members of your group will need to stay near your vehicle.

***Teacher Host** – A teacher will meet you at the entrance to the Performing Arts Center and will be your guide through the graduation ceremony stations. If you have any questions, this is the person that can help you!

Station #2 – Returned Items and Bookstore Fees (Band Room). At this station you can return school items that you checked out from the school, such as textbooks, chromebooks, or calculators. At this station you will need to pay any fees that you have not paid yet – these fees can come from unpaid class registration fees or lost items. If you have unpaid fees you can pay them at this station with a credit card, cash, or check. You can pay your fees online at- <https://az-amphitheater.intouchrecepting.com/>, or you can call our bookstore at 696-5544.

Station #3 – Awards (Choir Room). At this station you will receive any awards that would have been presented to you at the Honors Convocation. These include cords for seals of excellence, certificates from scholarships, school club awards, and other items. You will also be given instructions about walking out onto the stage to receive your diploma.

Station #4 – Graduation Ceremony (Performing Arts Center Stage). At this station you will have your name read and you will walk out onto the stage to receive your diploma from me! You will have your picture taken on stage with your diploma by a photographer. Your 4 guests will be asked to stand in the seating area while you are on stage, and they are encouraged to take pictures and video of you receiving your diploma!

Station #5 – Pictures & Project Grad (PAC Front Lobby). At this station you will have your picture taken by the professional photo company GradImages. They will take different picture combinations of you and with your guests. You will be given information from GradImages explaining how you can purchase pictures from them. Our Project Grad committee will also have a graduation gift for each senior at this station.

*After Station #5 you are done and will be escorted back to your vehicle.

Graduating Student & Your Guests – Graduates should come dressed in their cap and gown. Don't forget it! If you do not have a cap & gown please contact Mr. Humphreys at 520-696-5366. When you arrive it will be important that you and your guests follow all of the general health and safety guidelines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please observe the social distancing recommendations of 6 feet, use facemasks or gloves if available, consider people in high-risk groups, and if anyone in your group is sick please have them stay home. Also don't forget to bring your own camera to take pictures and video of the event!

Virtual Graduation on KOLD Channel 13 – The Class of 2020 will be the first group of graduates from Amphitheater High School to have their graduation broadcast on a television channel! In addition to this your graduation will be available on Facebook and other social media platforms for others to watch. **It is important that you attend your individual graduation ceremony because pictures from this event will be used for the virtual graduation on KOLD Channel 13.** Your virtual graduation will be broadcast on KOLD Channel 13 during the afternoon on Saturday, May 30th, between 3-5pm. Final details will be found on our school webpage and will be available on KOLD Channel 13 social media sites.

A letter with an individual arrival time for each student is included in this packet and can be found on our school webpage. It is critical that all graduating seniors arrive 20 minutes before their scheduled individual graduation time. If you have any questions please our school at 520-696-5359.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Let's celebrate!

Sincerely,



Jon Lansa, Principal