

July 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians and seniors:

The Class of 2020 commencement ceremony is quickly approaching. We are excited to celebrate this wonderful moment!

Below are a few reminders for July 8th (rain date July 9th):

1. We ask all participants to enter via the lower entrance of Memorial Field, next to the pool. The top gate will NOT be open.
2. The [Permitted Items Policy](#) will be in effect for each ceremony.
3. All participants will need to wear a mask when entering the facility; once seated and socially distant, masks can be removed. Students will receive a mask that matches their cap and gown upon arrival to the 9:30am ceremony. Production timelines prevented the masks from being mailed in advance.
4. Based on recommendations from the NJDOE, <https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/commencement.shtml>:
 - a. Everyone attending the event will need to **take their temperature at home prior to the ceremonies.**
 - i. If your temperature is 100.4 or above we ask that you remain home.
 - b. As you enter the parking lot of the Centennial Avenue Pool, medical professionals will also take your temperature while you remain in your car.
 - c. If any individual has a fever of 100.4 or above, he/she will NOT be allowed to enter the facility.
 - i. **If there are other individuals in the car with the individual who has a fever of 100.4 or above, those individuals will also not be allowed to attend the ceremonies.**
 - ii. **If a participant has a fever at the morning ceremony, he/she will NOT be allowed to participate in the evening ceremony.**
 - iii. **If a participant was in the same car as a participant who had a fever at the morning ceremony, he/she will NOT be allowed to participate in the evening ceremony.**
5. Socially distant markings will be placed on the home field bleachers. Be sure to respect the best practice of staying 6ft apart from each other. Please note, no one will be permitted to stand in front of the bleachers.
6. Restrooms will be open and available for use. While waiting in line for the bathroom, be sure to remain socially distant.
7. The snack stand will NOT be open the night of graduation. **Students and spectators are encouraged to bring ice cold water to the ceremony.** Water will be available for students, but we are trying to limit the number of items that need to be distributed.
8. At the conclusion of each ceremony, students will be guided out directly to the parking lot area. At that time, parents will be dismissed and can use both the top and bottom gates to exit the facility.
9. Graduation Dress Code:
 - a. CAPS AND GOWNS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN DURING THE CEREMONY.
 - b. In a typical year we would not allow shorts to be worn, but due to the date and time of the ceremonies, we ask that students dress accordingly to prepare for elevated temperatures.
 - c. Flip flops will not be permitted. Footwear must minimally have a strap that secures to the back of the foot or heel.
 - d. Please respect the school dress code.

July 8, 2020 (July 9th rain date):

9:30am- All graduating students, dressed in their caps and gowns, will arrive at Memorial Field. Parents/Guardians and guests will NOT be permitted at this time. The students will be socially distant on the football field according to this [seating chart](#): click [HERE](#).

10:00am- Student only ceremony will begin.

5:15pm- Students with a last name starting with **A-K** will return to Memorial Field with two family members in attendance for a full graduation ceremony, including the posting of colors, songs, speeches, conferment of diplomas, and tassel ceremony.

6:00pm- The A-K ceremony will begin.

7:45pm- Students with a last name starting with **L-Z** will return to Memorial Field with two family members in attendance for a full graduation ceremony, including the posting of colors, songs, speeches, conferment of diplomas, and tassel ceremony.

8:30pm- The L-Z ceremony will begin.

If you have not received your two tickets for admission to the graduation ceremony via mail, please contact Mrs. Burns at the main office (burns@cranfordschools.org or at tel. 908-709-6283).

If you have a family member who requires special seating accommodations, please contact Mrs. Warren at the attendance office (email warren.jill@cranfordschools.org or tel. 908-709-6285) to make arrangements.

We are incredibly excited to celebrate the commencement of the Class of 2020!! Thank you for your outstanding support and partnership and we look forward to seeing you at graduation!!

Sincerely,



Mark Cantagallo
Principal