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Dear Class of '20 Families,

It is with a mixture of feelings that I reach out to you today with a few updates on Graduation. I am definitely excited for our Graduates and the milestone this ceremony represents. I am also deeply sad that we cannot celebrate them as we want to; in person, in our gymnasium, with a fabulous ceremony where we see one another up close.

I know some of you have had questions, and hopefully they will be answered below. We are doing our best to make this event as special as possible for our amazing Seniors, who are missing out on so many things!

- Obviously, we will not be having our usual Senior breakfast and Graduation practice. However, we have come up with something fun (we think!) to replace the breakfast, but I do not want to spoil the surprise.
- Graduation practice will take place virtually on June 2nd at 3pm. All students are expected to attend the Zoom meeting.
- Clothing for Graduation: Whatever you would like (keep in mind, pictures will be taken). Plus a mask or face covering for the Drive-In.
- Graduation Day, Thursday June 4th:
 - 5:00-5:45pm - Zoom Ceremony. The Zoom Ceremony begins at 5pm sharp, and will likely run about 40 minutes.
 - 5:45-6:30pm-Travel Time
 - 6:30-7:15pm - Drive-In Ceremony at Roycemore. ***Subject to change, as per State of IL directives.**
 - The Drive-In Ceremony begins at 6:30pm sharp, and will likely run about about 45 minutes.
 - Rain - the show must go on. Bring a rain jacket if it's needed.
 - Students, and only their immediate family members who are staying at home together, should enter from the Grove St. entrance and line up by the gym doors in order of arrival. You will then be guided to park in a designated area, and remain in your cars for the entire ceremony. This does mean, unfortunately, that you cannot take pictures outside of your vehicles.
 - Students may exit their cars individually, with a mask on, to collect their diplomas and have photos taken. Social distancing requirements will be strictly followed, but we will cheer on and celebrate our seniors!
 - Roycemore will provide a professional photographer to take pictures of all individual graduates and a socially distanced group shot following the ceremony. Please be aware that families may not take photos of their graduates outside of their vehicles.

- Students and families without vehicles will need alternative accommodations and transportation that complies with social distancing requirements. Please let me know if you need help with this.
- Anyone outside of their car, including all graduates, must wear a mask or face covering. Individual students may remove their masks or face coverings while having their individual photo taken.
- Only staff and a limited number of students may be outside of their cars.
- Cars need to be turned off during the ceremony.
- Unfortunately restroom facilities and refreshments will not be available.

I am here should you have any questions at all! Please feel free to reach out any time.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Rivera
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