

## Graduation 2020

\*In compliance with the most recent state guidelines\*

- Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, on the middle athletic field (tents will be set up for the graduates and speakers). The amount of people on the field will not exceed 50.
- Each graduate is allowed to have 2 guest vehicles parked in a clearly marked reserved parking space on the middle field. Graduates will get **parking passes that must be displayed on the dashboards of their chosen guests.** Parents and guests in these vehicles will be able to park on a specific side of the field to ensure that they are facing their graduate. All female students will be seated on the right side (school side) and all males to the left (woods side).
- Staff will be available to assist in the parking process. Families that do not have a vehicle, please contact the school so that one can be provided for you.
- Parking for the event will open at 1pm. Guests with reserved parking are asked to arrive no earlier than 1 pm (via the back parking lot and/or road in back of the soccer field) in order to park on the appropriate side of the field. We ask for your utmost cooperation.
- Upon arrival, parents and families will receive a bag including their child's awards, scholarships, and diploma.
- Any additional guests that want to attend the ceremony may do so as long as they do not park in the reserved spots or block any exits or entrances for emergency vehicles.
- **Per Governor Mills, Maine CDC, and Department of Education guidelines, no spectators are allowed to leave the confines of their vehicle unless specifically instructed to do so by staff or law enforcement.**
- Police will be on site to ensure that everybody is compliant with these guidelines.
- Seniors with their own personal vehicles, as well as event staff, are asked to park in the front parking lot next to the auditorium.
- Graduates will be asked to assemble at 1:45 pm on the baseball field. **It is critical that social distancing be practiced at all times and masks are worn.** Graduates will line up single file, 10 feet apart (starting spots will be marked), and be instructed on how to march in and out as well as other ceremonial protocols. All seating will be socially distanced.
- **Graduates, staff, and presenters must wear masks at all times when on the field with the exception of only those who have speaking parts. Masks do not have to be worn when making speeches, announcements, or during pictures.**
- Restroom facilities will be available and designated to the locker room area in the gymnasium. A custodian will be monitoring this area to ensure proper social distancing and disinfecting occurs.
- The ceremony will be transmitted through a high quality sound system, will also be broadcast over FM radio, and will be live streamed by **WHOU 100.1 FM**. This live stream can be found on our **East Millinocket Schools Facebook Page** and at **whoufm.com**. A downloadable version of the ceremony will also be available at **whoufm.com**.

- We will recognize students' achievements by asking students to stand. We will then list each student's awards and scholarships.
- We are going to ask that families award their graduate their diplomas. When it comes time for awarding diplomas, we will award them in alphabetical order. When called, students will go to the center podium and grab a flower. They will then walk to a designated spot in the center of the field. Parents and families awarding diplomas may leave the confines of their vehicle at this time, access the field, receive the flower, award students their diplomas and pose for a professional photograph from our school photographer. A complimentary copy of this photo will be mailed out to each family at a later time.
- Once the graduate is back in their seat, and parents are back in their vehicles, we will call the next graduate and family. We thank you for your patience during this process.
- After the presenting of diplomas, students will march off the field in an orderly fashion. They will receive a "goodie bag" that includes treats, gifts, and a USB with a copy of the senior video.
- Fifteen minutes after the ceremony, parents and students may participate in a parade around town led by our local public safety department.
- Members of the East Millinocket Board of Selectmen, along with support from the East Millinocket School Board, are **hoping** to coordinate a fireworks display dedicated to the Class of 2020. The display would take place on the Schenck athletic fields at approximately 9 pm. Please thank your local Selectmen and School Board Members for **trying** to make this possible.

Thank you,

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