

To the Class of 2020 and their families:

We are in the process of finalizing arrangements for the end of the school year activities for seniors. On Monday evening, The KASD Board of Directors approved June 4, 2020, as the official graduation date for the KAHS Class of 2020. As you can imagine, we are in uncharted territory. The Class of 2020 is experiencing the most unique end of the year, and our goal is to create graduation season experiences that will be memorable and exciting while honoring public health. We have created activities that will make the end of the year special for seniors.

2020 Senior Awards Ceremony

-The Senior awards ceremony that was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020, has been postponed. A video recording of the presentation will be made available to the public on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. All awards will be distributed to students the following week during locker cleanout (see below).

Senior Final Exams

-Senior final exams will be given virtually according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, May 26 th	Senior VIRTUAL FINAL EXAMS Math (AM), Language Arts (PM)
Wednesday, May 27 th	Senior VIRTUAL FINAL EXAMS Science (AM), Social Studies (PM)
Thursday, May 28 th	Senior VIRTUAL Final MAKE-UPS

Senior Locker Clean Out / Laptop Return/ Cap and Gown Distribution

Appointments will be made for the week of the 26th for seniors to come into the building, one at a time, clean out lockers and gather any belongings in the building. Students will return all school property and fulfill any outstanding obligations. Students will return their laptop computers. When all of that is completed, they will receive their cap and gown**. Students will immediately put on their cap and gown and walk across the high school stage as their name is announced. A professional videographer will record this and this will be released the following week to the public. Here are a few details about this process:

- ONLY STUDENTS will be allowed in the building during their appointed time.
- Students will not be permitted in the building without a mask
- This is the senior's one and only time to access the high school building.
- **We made a change to our cap and gown order so that no gowns would need to be returned after commencement. That being said, caps and gowns, purchased by the senior class, will become the property of the graduate. Our provider is considered "non-essential" and cannot guarantee delivery. It is very possible that we will conduct our entire commencement process without caps and gowns.
- Students should bring appropriate footwear for this recording.
- Students will be recorded walking across the stage, please dress appropriately.

(No flip flops, jeans, or sneakers please...)

Baccalaureate

The senior class officers are working on coordinating a Baccalaureate Service that will be released on Sunday, May 31, 2020. More details to follow.

Graduation

Graduation will take place this year in three different sections.

Part 1 - A video recording of all speeches (Class President, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Distinguished Alumni) and the procession of students across the stage will be released on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in the evening.

Part 2 -Class of 2020 Celebration Procession and Diploma Distribution

Thursday, June 4, 2020 (Rain date Friday, June 5, 2020)

-Students and Parents will report to Kutztown University at 5:30 PM

-We will use the parking lot across from the Kutztown Fairgrounds

-Students will be assigned a number that will be the order for the procession

-Students are permitted to have one car in the procession. (A second car can be used for divorced or separated parents)

-All cars must be driven by a parent, guardian, or caregiver for the purpose of generating safety and efficiency with the diploma distribution process.

-Families can and should be in the car with the graduate (this is the only way you will see your child receive their diploma up close and personal.

-Students may decorate cars appropriately. Show off your Kutztown spirit!

-The procession will begin promptly at 6 PM.

-Family and friends are encouraged to line the procession route to cheer their graduates on from a safe distance.

-The procession will begin at KU, proceed toward Main Street on College Boulevard. The procession will turn left on Main Street and proceed to Turkey Hill. The procession will turn right on Constitution Boulevard and continue to the Middle School. The procession will circle around the middle school parking lot and continue down the hill to the high school. Student vehicles will enter the high school parking lot and proceed toward the flagpole.

-Graduates will exit the vehicle in front of the high school office, make their way to the stage, receive their diploma, and continue walking along the high school sidewalk (toward the stadium) and re-enter their vehicles. Cars will continue to loop around the parking lot and leave the parking lot.

-Graduates and parents are NOT PERMITTED to exit vehicles other than at the designated spot. Graduates and Parents are NOT PERMITTED to congregate on school property during this event. We must have a continuous flow of vehicles in and out of the high school parking lot. The Kutztown Police will assist with this process.

- Parents may photograph their child receiving their diploma from their vehicle. The high school will record the distribution of diplomas, and that will be made available publicly.
- Graduates and Parents are permitted to take pictures on school property, outside, in the days before or after the diploma distribution.
- The diploma distribution process is completely voluntary. Students may opt to have their diplomas mailed to them after June 5, 2020.
- If students are not at the Kutztown University parking lot by 5:30 on June 4, their diplomas will be mailed.

Part 3 - Superintendent, Christian Temchatin, will declare students “officially graduated” via video proclamation on Friday, June 5, 2020.