



May 22, 2020

Dear Seniors of the Class of 2020,

We are so heartbroken for you because of all that the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented you from experiencing. You have had many questions over the past few weeks, and we are hoping that this letter will provide some answers and clarity.

Will we have a virtual ceremony?

We were holding out hope to see everybody in person, but it has become clear that will not be possible. We do still want to have some form of our traditional speeches and honors with as big an audience as you want to see it, and so we are going to air a virtual graduation ceremony on **June 30th at 7:00 pm**. More details will be forthcoming, but here is a preview of what to expect:

Welcome and Introductory Speech: Ms. Kathleen Garland, Principal/CEO

Senior Slideshow

Speech from the Board of School Directors: Ms. Stephanie Harper

Flower ceremony

Valedictorian Speech - Mr. Justice Boyd

Salutatorian Speech - Mr. Darnell Anderson

Black Student Union President - Ms. Nahseya Scoggins

Video of Presentation of Diplomas

Conclusion: Presentation of the Class of 2020

How do I get my cap and gown? What does it cost?

Get ready to shine! The administration will be in touch soon with your appointment on either June 9 or June 10 from 10-2 pm for coming to the school to put on your cap and gown for a video that will be used in the virtual ceremony. You will want to look your best for your appointment. You will also receive your yard sign, any senior awards that you have earned, and a senior shirt. *Please wear a mask when entering the building.*

There will be no charge for the Class of 2020 for caps and gowns, and you will be able to take them home after your appointment.

Do I have to turn in my computer?

Yes - bring your computer when you come to the school on June 9 or June 10. You will be able to pick it back up during the summer. Do not turn in your charger.

Prom?

Unfortunately, it has become clear that it will be impossible for there to be a prom this summer. Every Class of 2020 Senior will receive a free yearbook for your prom fundraising efforts.

Senior celebration?

If possible according to state guidelines, Urban Pathways will host a senior cookout in July or August. Also, look out for care packages arriving at your home as part of our Adopt a Senior program.

What about my senior project?

As you know, the applied project portion of the project has been suspended for the Class of 2020. But seniors will present their research on June 2 or June 3. Mrs. Kelley has shared the [list of presentation times](#) with seniors. Your English teacher will provide guidelines for the presentation.

How do I do summer school?

Only seniors who have completed all credit requirements by June 26 will be included in the virtual graduation ceremony. Seniors have until July 31 to finish all coursework before receiving a diploma.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the administration. We can't wait to celebrate your accomplishments and send you off to your next great adventure!

Sincerely,



Kathleen Garland
CEO/Principal