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Date & times of each ceremony:

All ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 19, 2020

- 5th Grade: @ 10:00 a.m.
- 8th Grade: @ 2:00 p.m.
- 12th Grade: @ 6:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, June 20th at the same times above.

Tickets & Passes:

Top Ten Students (Senior Graduation) will receive special placards for preferred parking. For all others, each car must have the graduate in the passenger seat with their cap and gown (8th and 12th Grade). Eventbrite tickets will be used for the 5th grade ceremony. The link is forthcoming.

Location & Entrance:

All ceremonies will be held in the front parking lot of the Middle/High School entrance. All cars must line up on John T. O'Leary Blvd traveling Northeast and enter using the main entrance of the school. South Amboy Police will manage traffic and direct cars to the entrance. (See figure 1 to the right) The Senior/Junior Parking Lot near the auditorium will be closed for staff members only. Staff members may use the Rosewell Ave entrance, but must show ID in order to access the staff lot. An OEM officer will be checking school issued staff IDs. Board of



Education members may enter using the main entrance on O'Leary Blvd and may park immediately on the left in the Bus parking area.

Vehicles & Parking:

We will open the lot to parking one hour prior to each event, so parking may begin at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony, 1:00 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony, and 5:00 p.m. for the 6:00 p.m. ceremony. Again, all vehicles must enter through the John T O'Leary entrance to the lot. Our police department will provide security and will also close the grounds behind the parking lot and ball fields to all vehicles and pedestrians. No one will be allowed to congregate using lawn chairs on the ball fields directly behind the parking lot.

We will allow one car per graduate. Each vehicle will enter via John T O'Leary Boulevard by first checking in with the attendant (the graduate must be in the passenger seat). Parking staff will then direct you to a parking spot. Larger vehicles, such as pickup trucks, minivans and SUVs, will be directed towards the rear of the lot, with smaller, passenger cars to the front. This is to ensure larger vehicles do not block the view of those behind them. We cannot allow large passenger vans, limos, trailers, or any other large vehicles. We also cannot allow motorcycles, top down convertibles, individuals sitting in the back of a pickup truck-bed or standing through a sunroof; this is to ensure proper social distancing. At no time may anyone leave a vehicle with the exception of graduates when called (8th and 12th grade only). Graduates must wear a facemask when exiting the car.

Any families that do not have access to a car, please contact your school's principal immediately.

Access to Staff parking is available on Rosewell near the firehouse. Staff may not exit their cars.

Social Distancing, Safety Precautions, and Security:

Cars will be parked 6 feet apart to comply with social distancing guidelines. Students must wear facemasks when asked to line up for the distribution of diplomas.

Restrooms: Please note, there will be no access to restrooms during the ceremonies. If you arrive one hour before the ceremony begins, expect to be in the car up to 2.5 hours. The ceremonies

should last between 1 to 1.5 hours each. Public restrooms and porta-johns are not recommended because of the ease of transmitting Covid.

Again, we ask that all participants remain in their cars during the ceremonies. SAPD and OEM will serve as security throughout the event to ensure we comply with the Governor's guidelines.

Drive-in Movie Theater Ceremony:

There will be a large drive-in movie theater type screen in front of the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library that will be approximately 10 feet off the ground mounted on a trailer. The virtual portion of the graduation will be viewed on this screen. You will be able to tune your vehicle radio to 93.7 FM to hear the ceremony within your car, or roll down your window and listen using the outdoor sound system.

At the end of the pre-recorded speeches, we will have graduates come out in small groups with proper social distancing and be called to the stage at the front by the screen (8th and 12th grade only). Students have been assigned a number and will be called to line up on the right side of the stage based on their assigned numbers ([8th Grade Assignments](#)) ([12th Grade Assignments](#)) (See figure 2. Students must follow the diagram and line up along the dots (designated #'s) to the right of



the stage.) During this portion of the ceremony, video footage will capture each student going to the stage to receive their diploma. Everyone will be able to view the ceremony on the video screen as it will be simulcasted live using IMAG. After students receive their diploma/certificate, they will then walk to a step and repeat photo station (designated photo backdrop), where a photographer will take photos. We will make all photos available to parents at no charge. Parents and guests must remain in their cars at all times. Do not exit your car to take pictures. This is the reason why we're taking photos for you.

Live-Streaming and Access on Social Media



Each ceremony will be live streamed to the district [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#) accounts. In addition, it will be live streamed on the [district website](#). This information will be sent out at least two days prior to the ceremony. With the links, other family and friends will be able to view the ceremonies remotely.



Throughout the day, we will be live streaming interviews with the Superintendent, Principals, Board President, and other dignitaries. ***At 5:45 p.m., the Senior Sports Awards Ceremony will air prior to the Graduation Ceremony.*** Various videos will also be aired throughout the day between each ceremony. Be sure to check the live feeds on Facebook, Youtube, and the District Website for a schedule of events throughout the day on June 19th.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact your school's principal or the superintendent via email.

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Enjoy the Ceremonies!

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