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Dear Class of 2020 Parents/Guardians and Seniors,

We are excited to celebrate our Class of 2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony with you on Sunday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m. As a reminder, [here is the link to our website](#) with links to the virtual ceremony and the ceremony program.

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE NEW DETAILS OF OUR IN-PERSON GRADUATION CELEBRATION!



As we have said from the start, we would adjust our plans as guidelines/recommendations from the CDC, the State Department of Health Services, and the Waukesha County Public Health Department change. With the news last week from Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow, in partnership with Waukesha County Public Health, on [increased social gathering guidelines and limits to 100 people](#), we are now able to move up and retool our planned graduation celebration in favor of a more "traditional" experience in our gym with graduates walking across the stage!

While we will not be able to host an all-class graduation ceremony, **we have devised a plan allowing us to honor the class of 2020 with small groups of students and their families!**

Here are the details:

- Over the course of three days, **June 22, 23, and 24, we will hold individual Advisory Graduation Celebrations** to honor and celebrate the class of 2020 for those comfortable participating in person.
- [Here is the schedule](#) for the in-person Advisory graduation celebrations.
- The graduation celebrations will be held in our West Gym. The gym will be set up as it would be for our traditional graduation ceremony.
- Students and staff will be dressed up and wearing graduation caps, gowns, stolls, cords, and tassels.
- **Students will be allowed to bring up to 4 family members.** With 15-20 students per Advisory, and up to 4 family members per student, this will keep our number of attendees at/under 100 people.

Please note, we will be checking families in and we will not be able to allow more than 4 people to enter the gym per graduate.

- Please park in the Upper Lot and enter through the Laser Entrance.
- Family members will be seated by school personnel (seating will meet social distancing guidelines) in the West Gym bleachers prior to the ceremony.
- Graduates will participate in a procession to begin the celebration and will then be seated on the gym floor (seating will meet social distancing guidelines).
- The advisor (or KM administrator on their behalf) will share a message about the students' four year journey together.
- Following the welcome procession and advisor thoughts, the students will have their names called, and they will walk across the stage to receive their diploma. (Please note, diplomas will have already been formally conferred during the virtual ceremony taking place on June 14th.)
- After each student walks across the stage and receives his/her diploma, he/she will have his/her professional photograph taken by Empire Photography.
- Once all students in attendance have been recognized, the celebration will end with a closing thought by the advisor and/or KM administration.
- At the conclusion of the celebration, students and families will exit the gymnasium to the grass practice fields and are asked to exit the school property in a timely manner, as the next group of students and parents will be arriving for their ceremony.
- Each new celebration will start at the top of the hour. Each is expected to last roughly 30-45 minutes.

To mitigate exposure, and for the health of those in attendance, we ask that the following precautions are observed and practiced as you arrive, enter the building, and participate in the celebration:

- If you are sick and/or not feeling well, please do not attend.
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, or have symptoms of COVID-19, do not attend.
- Please do not arrive and enter the Laser Entrance more than 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
- We strongly encourage those in attendance to wear a mask while inside the building.
- Utilize the hand sanitation stations as you enter and exit the building.
- Please observe social distancing guidelines by remaining 6 feet apart from non-family members while inside and outside of the building.
- Please exit the school property in a timely fashion as the next group of seniors and parents will be arriving for their celebration and we want to ensure we are following the Waukesha County Public Health [social gathering guidelines and limits](#).
- This plan has been reviewed and approved by the Waukesha County Public Health Department.

Please email Mr. Justin Bestor at bestorj@kmsd.edu with any questions.

We are very pleased to offer this opportunity for those who are comfortable with participating in this manner.

Congratulations, class of 2020!

Sincerely,

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Mr. Kevin Erickson, Director of KM Perform

Mrs. Erica Bardon, Director of KM Global

Mr. Steve Plum, Director of High School of Health Sciences

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