

Greetings Bearcat Family,

The School District of the City of York is pleased to announce details for the Graduating Class of 2020:

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced school districts across the country to make difficult choices related to plans for celebrating the Class of 2020. We understand that this situation has caused a great deal of disappointment and frustration. Celebrating the achievements of the York High Class of 2020 is extremely important; however, the safety of our community is our first priority. York County officially moved to the yellow phase on May 22, 2020. This was a pivotal moment as we worked hard to reimagine a graduation that would make our Senior Bearcats proud. Receiving the yellow phase guidelines was instrumental in ensuring the personal recognition that our Bearcat Seniors deserved.

### **Pre-Graduation Recognition Details:**

Bearcat Class of 2020 this is your moment! Pre-graduation recognition is a time for you to wear your cap and gown, receive your diploma cover, and capture the success of your high school achievement leading up to the official Virtual Graduation Ceremony on June 4, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

On Thursday, May 28, 2020 seniors should plan to pick-up their diploma cover at the Princess Street parking lot.

The time to arrive is listed below based on student's last name:

A-L will be 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
M-Z will be 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

- Families reference the time above and plan to park in the St. Pat's Parking Lot (Beaver Street) upon your arrival.
- The Senior and up to 4 family members, children included, will proceed to the ramp of the Princess St. Parking Lot to an assigned spot (marked for 6-10' apart for social distancing). All attendees will be required to wear a mask.
- The Senior will be provided a name card to be given to the announcer
- Once the name is called, the Senior and family members will walk under the canopy to receive their diploma cover and be congratulated by the district administration and School Board members.
- Seniors will then take a picture with the photographer which will be used for the Virtual Graduation Ceremony on June 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM.
- Seniors and family member(s) will proceed to the area near the gym to pick up a yearbook, t-shirt (if purchased or ordered), and then immediately leave and return to your car.

We ask that you share your Pre-Graduation Recognition photos on social media using the hashtag #WPSHSClassof2020!

### **Virtual Graduation Ceremony Details:**

- Virtual Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 4, 2020, at 7:00 PM. Details on how to view the graduation will be announced on our website, and district Facebook page.
- Diplomas will be issued on or after June 4, 2020.

*"Making Great Things Happen!"*