

Good afternoon Senior Families,

I hope this message continues to find you and your family well. Please be advised that the graduation ceremony that received the most votes was Option 2, a **drive-in graduation at Town Center Park (Wednesday, July 8th at 2:00 p.m.) Rain Date - Friday, July 10th at 2:00 p.m. We will begin assembling cars at 2:00 p.m. The graduation ceremony will begin at approximately 3:00 p.m.**

All graduates attending the ceremony will be allowed **one** car. Cars will be assembled on the green as they arrive to witness a live ceremony, but must remain in their cars at all times. Once the ceremonial portion of the graduation is over, cars will be directed to the stage for diploma distribution. Families will be front and center while their student's name is called, as they walk across the stage and receive their diploma. Through a collaborative partnership with Amity Regional High School, Hamden High School's Graduation Ceremony will be live streamed through the following link:

<http://video.amityregion5.org/show?video=d293e7a41123>

On the day of graduation, the live stream will be active 10 minutes prior to the start of the event and will remain active for 10 minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony. The graduation ceremony will also be broadcasted on FM radio.

For those unable to access the stream or attend the event, the entire ceremony will also be recorded in HD (high definition) and will be made available to the community as an online video. A link to the video recording will be released to the community the day after graduation.

All families must adhere to the following protocols:

- Each graduate will be allowed **one** car for the ceremony. **The graduate should be on the passenger side of the car.**
- Please contact Mr. Trauner (strauner@hamden.org) or Mrs. DeCosta (ddecosta@hamden.org) if transportation is needed for your graduate and family.
- Cars will be assembled on the green as they arrive by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and school security. Police, Fire and Staff will also be onsite to assist.
- Graduates and their family will check-in prior to being assembled on the green.

- Once the ceremonial portion of the graduation is complete, the graduates will be directed to a 2nd check-in station where they will exit the car. Graduates must wear a face covering when they exit the car.
- Graduates will proceed to the stage. The diploma cover will be placed on a table at a designated spot for the graduate. The graduate's name will be called over the loudspeaker. At that time, the graduate will have a professional photo taken and may remove their face covering and turn their tassel.
- All other members of the graduate's party must remain in their car.
- We encourage our families to show their Dragon Pride by decorating their cars.

If any person in the graduate's family (including graduate) is feeling ill on the day of graduation, please do not participate in the July 8th ceremony.

Thank you for your patience, support, and understanding as we worked through planning the safest and most inclusive graduation option possible. We will continue to provide detailed information regarding our graduation ceremony as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Principal Gannon