

The ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

1170 MONTAUK HIGHWAY • WEST ISLIP, NEW YORK 11795-4959

(631) 587-8000 FAX (631) 587-8996

June 11, 2020

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2020 and their Families,

Below you will find the final plans for the Senior Class of 2020. As a reminder, the ceremony will be livestreamed on the SJB website for families at home to view, as well as on the FM frequency on your car radio for the family members in your car to hear.

Graduation Protocols for Sunday, June 14, 2020:

- Graduates must report to SJB during the time period assigned (see below).
- Graduates and families must be wearing masks upon driving on to the property.
- Graduates must arrive dressed in their cap and gown with tassel to the right (see dress guidelines below).
- Graduates will proceed South on Beach Drive to the second entrance with the red and white balloon arch by the baseball field. You will need to show the **Graduate's Admittance Card** with the student's name and parking spot number to security who will direct you to your designated parking space.
- One graduate per vehicle, **one car only** per graduate - no carpools allowed. No trucks, limos, or campers, as it will obstruct the view of others.
- Graduates must be seated in the passenger side front seat.
- When directed, **graduates only** will exit their car and walk to the assigned cones and then forward to the covered canopy and approach the stage. Family members are to remain seated in their cars and listen to the ceremony via the FM frequency on their car radio (90.5).
- Graduates will receive an index card with their name on it when they arrive at the Tent. Please present this card to the Assistant Principal at the Podium.
- **PLEASE LEAVE THE GRADUATE ADMITTANCE CARD IN YOUR CAR WHEN YOU PROCEED TO THE STAGE AREA.**
- Graduates will take a diploma case from the table. (Diplomas will be mailed in the near future).
- Graduates will pose for a picture while on stage. We have hired Island Photography to take professional photos of the graduates. These will be made available to you.
- Graduates will then return to their vehicles and listen to the rest of the ceremony on 90.5 FM.
- Cars will exit as directed by Security following the ceremony.
- No cars are permitted on the property after the ceremony ends.
- We have developed strict guidelines for this ceremony that must be followed in order to ensure the safety of all.
- Please note that the school building will be closed and no facilities will be available.

IN KEEPING WITH CDC REGULATIONS, ALL OTHER OCCUPANTS WITHIN THE VEHICLE MUST REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE FOR THE ENTIRE GRADUATION CEREMONY. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



*A Diocesan Catholic school fully accredited by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York
and by Cognia®, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement*

Graduates are asked to report to the SJB Parking Lot during the following assigned times according to Placard Number that you received. The row is where the Placard is located, so if your Placard number is 15, you are parked in Row A, and if your Placard # is 265, you are in Row S:

| Arrival Time | Row | Graduates' Cars Placard # | Arrival Time | Row | Graduates' Cars Placard # |
|---------------|-----|---------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 12:00 – 12:15 | A | 1 – 16 | 1:15 – 1:30 | O | 222 – 232 |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | B | 17 – 33 | 1:15 – 1:30 | P | 233 – 242 |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | C | 34 – 52 | 1:15 – 1:30 | Q | 243 – 252 |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | D | 53 – 71 | 1:15 – 1:30 | R | 253 – 262 |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | E | 72 – 90 | 1:30 – 1:45 | S | 263 – 272 |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | F | 91 – 109 | 1:30 – 1:45 | T | 273 – 282 |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | G | 110 – 128 | 1:45 – 2:00 | U | 283 – 292 |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | H | 129 – 147 | 1:45 – 2:00 | V | 293 – 301 |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | I | 148 – 166 | 1:45 – 2:00 | W | 302 – 310 |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | J | 167 – 184 | 1:45 – 2:00 | X | 311 – 320 |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | K | 185 – 199 | 1:45 – 2:00 | Y | 321 – 330 |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | L | 200 – 210 | 1:45 – 2:00 | Z | 331 – 340 |
| 1:00 – 1:15 | M | 211 – 221 | 1:45 – 2:00 | AA | 341 – 350 |
| 1:30 – 1:15 | N | 222 – 232 | | | |

Grooming/Dress regulations for the Ceremony:

Girls:

- Do not wear the white collars that came with your gown
- Wear appropriate jewelry
- Wear flat or low heeled, comfortable dress shoes. High heels are not recommended as you will be walking through the parking lot. No flip flops, sneakers or boots.

Boys:

- Clean shaven and no earrings
- Wear a collared shirt, tie and dress slacks. No jeans or shorts.
- Wear comfortable dress shoes. No sneakers, flip flops, sandals or boots.

As we shared with you earlier, in addition, you have also been invited to celebrate your Graduation virtually with your family and friends on these special days of Celebration:


*******Friday, June 12 - Baccalaureate Mass (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.*******

Bishop John O. Barres will celebrate a Mass from St. Agnes Cathedral for all the Graduates of the Diocesan Elementary and High Schools. The Mass will be available on CFN (Catholic Faith Network) Optimum Channel 29/137, Verizon FIOS TV Channel 296, Spectrum Channel 162/471, www.CFNtv.org, and on demand on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by download the CFN iOS.

Saturday, June 13 - St. John's Virtual Graduation Commencement Ceremony 10:00 a.m.


At this time, the Valedictory and Salutatory speeches will be given, and the roll call of Graduates will take place. Congratulatory remarks will be made by the Bishop, Superintendent, and Principal. You will also have access to a Senior video created by SJB. This all can be shared with your family and friends through the link that will be provided via email and will also be available on the SJB website.

As you can see, the weekend has been dedicated to honoring our Graduates in various ways from Friday through Sunday. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2020 together with you at these events.


Biagio M. Arpino
Principal


Claire Gohn
Assistant Principal


Matthew Artigas
Assistant Principal


Robert K. Leone
Assistant Principal

A Diocesan Catholic school fully accredited by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and by Cognia®, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement