

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Friends of the Class of 2020,

Congratulations! Thank you for your patience throughout this process as we have worked to create the most exceptional way to celebrate you under these extraordinary circumstances.

We know that you have been eager to hear more details about our graduation plan, but we also have a responsibility to create a safe celebration. In addition to the graduation guidelines from the Onondaga County Health Department, on June 4, the NYS Department of Health also released [guidelines for high school graduations](#) that reinforced the need for our current drive-through stage walk plan. **If you are experiencing the following COVID-19 symptoms please DO NOT attend any of the WGCSD graduation events.***

Like you, we initially hoped that we could gather together as a class for graduation, but we are confident that our current plan incorporates beloved WG traditions, while at the same time creates an atmosphere of celebration that you so deserve!

Ceremony:

- On **Thursday, June 18, 2020** seniors and their families will be provided with one ticket per car to watch the pre-recorded graduation ceremony and the senior video as a class at the NYS Fairgrounds Orange Lot Drive-In Movie Theater. The recorded ceremony will begin at 9:00 PM. **More details regarding this event and Senior Week (June 15-20) are coming soon!**

All students and family must remain in their vehicles during this entire event.

- On **Friday, June 19, 2020** the pre-recorded ceremony will be made available on the West Genesee Central School District website.



Distribution of Diplomas: Saturday, June 20, 2020 (rain date of Sunday, June 21, 2020)

- The distribution of diplomas will be recorded and combined with the pre-recorded ceremony for a complete graduation video AND live streamed.
- Students will arrive in alpha splits (see attached for time slots) with their immediate family in ONE vehicle.
- Vehicles will move along the route (see map) and stop at the direction of a staff member at the beginning of the bus loop.
- Graduates will exit the vehicle, wearing their WG mask (handed out during Senior Week), and take their place on a painted marker on the sidewalk 6 ft apart to ensure social distancing. Administrators and Guidance Counselors, also wearing masks, will greet students and line them up.
- When we have confirmed that the family vehicle is positioned in front of the stage, students will process across the stage and receive their diploma from Superintendent Bills. A photographer will capture this moment; in addition, one parent may exit the vehicle to take a photo.
- Upon exiting the stage, students will have access to hand sanitizer and will stop to take another formal graduation photograph.
- Students will then sign the WG Senior pawprint and receive a flower. Each student will be provided their own pen for signing.
- Students will then rejoin their family in the vehicle and exit toward the front circle.
- **There will be additional surprises along the way for families and members of the Class of 2020!**

We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2020! During a difficult time, we have witnessed your resilience and strength. You have shown us that no matter the circumstances, *Wildcats always find a way!* Please save the date for a **SPECIAL EVENT**- a festive, informal gathering of the class on Friday, July 24 (with a rain date of Saturday, July 25), should health and safety guidelines permit. We look forward to honoring your achievements and celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

David C. Bills
Superintendent

Wayne Ackles
Executive Principal

Tracy Klefbeck
Senior Principal

Rebecca DeCesare
Senior Class Advisor

Alpha Splits:

Time	Counselor	Alpha Split
8:00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Val/Sal
8:00-8:30	Paris	Abdelfatah-Bednarski
8:30-9:00	Paris	Benetti-Castro
9:00-9:30	Pickup	Chao-Delia
9:30-10:00	Pickup	Delpha-Frank
10:00-10:30	Grier	Gallager-Haines
10:30-11:00	Buckman	Halko - Joyce
11:00-11:30	Buckman	Kelley - LaVancher, Lucyszyn
Break 11:30-12:00		
12:00-12:30	Secor	Lee - McIntyre
12:30-1:00	Secor	McLaughlin-Osokalo
1:00-1:30	Navarra	Paige-Rector
1:30-2:00	Navarra	Reeves-Slater
2:00-2:30	Callaghan	Small- VanDyke
2:30-3:00	Callaghan	VanHorn-Zimmer-Jones
3:00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Senior Senate Officers

Graduation Route:

