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Dear Class of 2020 and Parents,

Please excuse our delay in releasing plans for graduation. We have been in consolation with our school board, local health department, senior advisors and the senior class. We want the best option for providing an appropriate and fitting ceremony for the Class of 2020 which needed much reflection and input. We have now come up with a ceremony that honors all stakeholders wishes and protections. Please note the following ceremony may have some administrative “tweaks” along the way to help with flow and crowd control.

We will proceed with an outdoor graduation in the football stadium with a contingent plan of moving into the gym due to incimate weather.

Please find the graduation parameters on the subsequent pages.

Again, thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Moodry, JHS Principal

Football Stadium Graduation

1. Graduation will be held on May 31st, 2020 at 1:00PM.
2. The graduation will be broadcast by Elkhorn Radio via Jefferson County Radio and Youtube Live.
3. Graduates will line up for the procession at 12:45 in the South Gym maintaining social distancing guidelines. The procession will begin from the South Gym through the southeast school exit.
4. Each graduate will be allowed 4 family members to attend the ceremony with the following procedure:
 - a. Per government orders, families traveling from out of state must be in Montana by May 17 and quarantined for 14-days or they will not be granted admittance into the ceremony.
 - b. Each family entrant will need a ticket to present at the entrance on the ticket at a specific time.
 - c. The family will be assigned seats together, yet meeting social distancing guidelines from other families. Special accommodations will be given, upon request, to families with disabilities.
 - d. Rose Ceremony: During the final procession, once announced each graduate will stand, meet their family and proceed to the nearest exit (one graduate and family at a time). Upon leaving the stadium the graduates and families are asked to vacate the premises as quickly as possible to minimize contact.
5. The valedictorian and salutatorian speeches will be given on the stage.
6. Students will be able to receive their diplomas through contactless pickup on the stage.
 - a. During the diploma presentation each row of graduates will stand. They will then be directed to line up on the south end of the stage. They will enter the stage from the south stairs and exit to the north.
7. Photos will be taken by the school photographer when students enter the stadium, receive their diploma, and exit the area. Photos will be available to families at no charge following the graduation. Families are also invited to take photos from their assigned seats.
8. Graduates will be allowed to throw their hats but they will be collected after the ceremony and given back.
9. Students will be announced one at a time to get a rose and deliver it to their family then exit the stadium. During the exit, the Senior video will be shown online.



Indoor Graduation

We will conduct the traditional graduation ceremony on May 31, 2020 at 1:00PM with the following accomodation to meet social distancing guidelines.

1. Graduates will line up for the procession at 12:30 in the South Gym maintaining social distancing guidelines. The procession will begin from the South Gym Hallway to the North Gym.
2. Graduates will be seated on the main gym floor with 6 feet between chairs.
3. Each graduate will be allowed 4 family member to attend the ceremony with the following procedure:
 - a. Per government orders, families traveling from out of state must be in Montana by May 17 and quarantined for 14-days or they will not be granted admittance into the ceremony.
 - b. Each family entrant will need a ticket to present at the assigned entrance on the ticket at a specific time. Eight entrances will be monitored by staff members.
 - c. The family will be assigned seats together, yet meeting social distancing guidelines from other families. Special accommodations will be given, upon request, to families with disabilities.
 - d. During the final procession, each graduate will stand, meet their family at the bottom of the bleachers and proceed to the nearest exit (one graduate and family at a time). They could also present flowers at this time. Upon leaving the building the students and families are asked to vacate the premises as quickly as possible to minimize contact.
4. Students will be able to receive their diplomas through contactless pickup on the stage.
5. Photos will be taken by the school photographer when students enter the gym, receive their diploma, and exit the area. Photos will be available to families at no charge following the graduation. Families are also invited to take photos from their assigned seats.