

Good morning to all members of our DAHS Class of 2020 and their families!

With Governor Wolf's declaration that our area will enter the "Green" phase of the COVID-19 reopening process beginning Friday, May, 29th, this message is intended to announce revised details regarding the events related to the celebration of your graduation day on Friday, May 29th. We are actively planning a blended ceremony to include an abbreviated in-person ceremony as well as the virtual ceremony.

Plans for Friday, May 29:

- 1) In order to prepare for our ceremony at Mansell Stadium on Friday evening, we will hold a graduation practice for all students participating in the ceremony on **Friday, May 29th from 9:00-10:30am**. Students should park in the Middle School parking lot and enter the stadium through the main gate. (Please Note: If students are unable to attend graduation practice, but still plan to participate in our graduation ceremony, please contact the High School office for details and instructions.)
- 2) Since the announcement of moving into the green phase as per the Governor of Pennsylvania, all students who have satisfied their graduation requirements will now be presented their diploma during our live Roll Call of Graduates portion of the ceremony on Friday evening at Mansell Stadium. (**Graduates electing not to participate in Friday's ceremony will be able to pick up their diploma at the High School main office between 7:30am-3:30pm beginning Monday, June 1st.)
 - **Please Note:** In the event of a forecast of inclement weather, the rain date for our parade and graduation ceremony will be **Saturday, May 30th**. A final determination on these events and any accompanying announcements to utilize the rain date will be made by 3:00pm on Friday, May 29th.
- 3) **(5:30pm-6:30pm) Line-Up for our 2020 Parade of Graduates at the High School**
 - Students and Parents who wish to participate in our 2020 Parade of Graduates through town will need to report to the High School between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Parade participants must be at the HS with their vehicle no later than 6:30pm to be placed in the parade line-up. (Please Note: Due to parade permit regulations, the Parade will be limited to one vehicle per graduate. Family members are welcome to ride along with or drive their graduate. Graduates may also ride together with other graduates if they would like to do so.)
 - Graduates are encouraged to decorate their vehicles (ex. Sign with Name, HS Activities, Future Plans, etc.)
 - Due to safety regulations (oncoming traffic will not be closed down), all parade participants must remain inside their vehicles throughout the parade.
- 4) **(7:00pm) The parade will depart from the High School** **The Parade will end at the Middle School.**
 - a. For those planning to select a location to watch the parade, here is the route:
 - i. Depart from DAHS and continue down Division St. to the 4-way stop,
 - ii. Turn Left onto Beaver Drive and continue to Shaffer Rd,
 - iii. Turn Right onto Shaffer Road and continue to Maple Ave,
 - iv. Turn Right onto Maple Ave. and continue to light at Brady St. Sheetz,
 - v. Turn Left onto Brady St and continue over the Sandy Bridge,
 - vi. Turn Right onto Dixon Ave and continue to red light on Main St. by the hospital,
 - vii. Turn Right onto Main St. and continue to intersection of Long Ave,
 - viii. Continue down Long Ave. to intersection with Brady St.
 - ix. Turn Left onto Brady Street and continue down Liberty Blvd.
 - x. **Turn Right at the end of Liberty Blvd onto N. Park Place (by Hoffer Realty) and then turn right onto Meadow Lane. Follow Meadow Lane directly to the Beaver Drive entrance into the DuBois Area Middle School parking lot.**

****Once parked at the DuBois Area Middle School, graduates will report to the area around the greenhouse to begin lining up for the processional into Mansell Stadium. Family members will enter the stadium main gate and take a seat in the home team bleachers. (Please Note: We are asking for full cooperation from each family to take seats in a manner where they maintain appropriate social distancing (6 feet) from the families of other graduates. The use of face masks is strongly encouraged.)**

5) **(8:15pm) Our Class of 2020 Graduates begin Processional into Mansell Stadium for our commencement ceremony**

The live portion of our ceremony will include:

- The “*Star-Spangled Banner*” and *DAHS Alma Mater*
- The Presentation & Recommendation of the Senior Class by Mr. Brian Weible, High School Principal
- The Acceptance by the DASD Board of Directors by Mr. Larry Salone, Board President
- The Roll Call of Graduates and Presentation of Diplomas
- Declaration of Graduates and Moving of Tassels by Mr. Charles Pasternak, High School Assistant Principal

6) **(9:20pm)** At approximately 9:20pm, the pre-recorded 2020 DAHS Commencement Ceremony will begin playing on the large outdoor screen which will be located inside of the stadium.

- Because the link to our ceremony will be made available for everyone to download through our district website, we encourage family and friends to plan their own private watch parties of our graduation ceremony to help celebrate this wonderful occasion!
- This ceremony, including all speeches, performances, and announcements of graduates and their future plans will also be broadcast live over Sunny 106.5 FM
- Please be prepared that it will be dark during this portion of the ceremony. For the safety of yourself and for others, please do not leave your seat without the presence of an SPO. Our SPO's will have flashlights to assist any of our guests who need to leave their seats at any time during the evening.
 - Restroom facilities will be available under the stadium.

In closing, we would like to provide a special thanks to the many people who have come together and worked very hard to provide our Class of 2020 with the most special send-off possible in these unprecedented times!!!!

- Mr. and Mrs. Brennan Bell
- Tri-County Church
- Mrs. Joelle Watt Photography
- Our entire DuBois Area School District Staff, School Board of Directors
- and Administration
- Sunny-106.5 FM
- Bigfoot Country 102.1FM
- The Courier Express
- Mr. Herm Suplizio, DuBois City Manager
- Mr. Randy Schmidt, Mayor, City of DuBois
- Chief Blaine Clark and the City of DuBois Police Department
- Chief Kris Kruzalak and the Sandy Twp. Police Department
- Officer Janice Bart and the DASD Police Officers
- Chief Joe Mitchell and the City of DuBois Volunteer Fire Department
- Sandy Twp, Reynoldsville, Sykesville, Falls Creek, Union Twp., Brady Twp., and Penfield Volunteer Fire Departments
- Mrs. Julie Stewart and Downtown DuBois, Inc.
- Our DuBois Area businesses who have assisted in painting our town Red, Black, and White
- Penn State- DuBois
- Avery Vinyl Graphics
- LaBue Printing

Thank you and we hope that you and your families have a wonderful week!!!