05.07.2020 Brunswick City School District Commencement Plan

A Celebration of the Class of 2020

This plan was created in the best interest of safety for our students, their families, and our staff. We realize that there are a number of different formats for how local districts are trying to make this experience special for their students. We feel that our format limits close social interaction and keeps everyone safe.

Class of 2020 Clap Out & Drive By - Friday, May 15, 2020

In place of our traditional Elementary Walkthrough clap outs, we are hosting a drive through clap out on Friday, May 15th at 2:00 pm. Seniors will drive onto our main campus entering from Hadcock and travel towards the High School on Excellence Way; families are invited to join the seniors in the car. Due to space limits, seniors and families must be in the same car. Students and families are encouraged to decorate their cars. Along this path, staff members will line the side of the road to ‘Clap Out’ the seniors as they drive by. A disc jockey will be on hand to play music. All social distancing measures must be adhered to by staff. Wearing face masks is strongly suggested as is maintaining 6 feet between individuals. Students and their family members are not to leave their vehicle and must also adhere to social distance measures in regards to interacting with the staff. The ‘Clap Out’ will conclude in front of the East entrance. Cars will be exiting right on 303 to keep cars moving on campus. Detailed directions will be sent out on Monday to seniors and their families.

Picture Opportunity - May 16, 17, 18, & 19

We have purchased 2 large banners that list the name of every graduate. These banners will be displayed on the outside wall of the high school. Seniors and parents will have the opportunity to sign up for a time to get their picture taken in front of the banner(s) from a photographer. Pictures will be added to the virtual graduation and will be posted on the BCSD website for parents to copy, print, and share. At this event, students will receive their diploma covers for their picture. Families who cannot make arrangements to come up and get their picture taken will have the opportunity to submit a picture online to be added to the virtual commencement and will receive their diploma cover when picking up their diplomas the week of May 26, 2020. Specific times for the sign-ups will be sent out by high school administration in the near future.

Graduation Ceremony - May 24, 2020, 1:00 pm

We are in the process of assembling a virtual commencement ceremony. This ceremony will include musical performances, speeches from district leadership and students, as well as the announcement of all 556 graduating students’ names. While each name is read, a slide will display with the graduates senior picture. The ceremony can be watched on the BCSD YouTube channel or the BEAT channel (Ch. 4) in the comfort and safety of your home with family. DVDs will be available through the BEAT studio, upon request.

Diplomas - May 26, 27, & 28

Brunswick High School will issue the physical diploma, student records, and diploma covers (for those who were unable to attend the picture) on Tuesday May 26th, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Wednesday May 27th, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, and Thursday May 28th, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.