

Seniors,

I hope this letter finds you well! Thank you so much for your patience and support during this incredibly challenging and unique year.

I am excited to announce July 31st as our official graduation commencement date! We will be holding our ceremony in Adkin's Stadium at 7 pm on that Friday; as you preferred, we will be holding one ceremony for all of our graduating Seniors! Saturday, August 1st will remain our inclement weather make-up date for our Friday commencement.

While current social distancing guidelines allow us to proceed, we will be taking extra precautions in planning and executing the event.

For instance:

- We will provide extra seating to allow for social distancing;
- We will provide a live stream of the ceremony for those unable to attend or those that are unable to endure the heat associated with our July date (we will have a live stream available within the main building)
- We will limit the amount of movement and contact during the ceremony (contact while awarding the diplomas will be minimized as well as recognizing our award winners in place (in seat));
- We have also planned to maximize the efficiency of the ceremony reducing the total time spent gathering;
- We will also distribute diplomas from the high school's main office the week following; eliminating the need to gather further after the ceremony.

We have continued to plan for several events including: NHS induction, Awards night, Special Services Graduation, and Baccalaureate. The following dates will apply for each corresponding event: Baccalaureate (July 26th); NHS Induction Ceremony (July 28th) ; Awards Ceremony (July 29th); Special Services Graduation (July 30th). Each event preceding graduation will be held at the JCHS campus in our main gym at 7pm (Baccalaureate will be held at 12 pm). Our hope and intent is to have adapted ceremonies for each; more details will be available as we draw nearer the dates.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you and share in your disappointment regarding the delay. Now, more than ever, it is important to celebrate, fellowship, and strengthen as a community; we recognize each event's role in doing so and cannot wait to gather with you again!

In the meantime, we wish your family the very best; take care and we hope to see you soon. GO JAYS!

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