



UPPER DAUPHIN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Seniors and Senior Parents,

Thank you for your patience as we have developed a plan for graduation ceremonies. As was announced on May 15, 2020, we will be holding a virtual graduation on June 2nd at 8:00 PM as well as a presentation of diplomas for parents and graduates on June 2nd between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Each senior has been assigned a time to come to the stadium to receive their diploma with their parents. We did this because some had asked to have the diploma presentation in a more traditional setting. Although we are doing this, we must ask that you not bring anyone other than your parents. We ask everyone to please abide by the rules outlined in this document. There has been a group of people working together to make the virtual graduation, the diploma celebration, and other recognition possible. Everyone is trying to work within the guidelines set by the state and federal government. As a public entity, the UDASD must abide by orders and guidelines set forth by the state and federal government.

Please follow the instructions below on June 2, 2020. Failure to abide by the instructions may prevent your photos and video from being included in the 'Celebration of Graduates' video that will be posted by mid-June.

- The student will arrive at the field in a vehicle dressed in their graduation robe and cap.
 - Per Upper Dauphin Area School District regulations, only the specific regalia outlined in the student handbook may be worn at graduation.
 - As a reminder, graduates may only wear the following regalia during the diploma ceremony:
 - Medal signifying graduation with honors,
 - National Honor Society sash, and
 - Class Officer sash.
- Arrive by the time listed on the enclosed schedule and park in the designated area.
- Bring only one vehicle:
 - Only the parents, step-parents and the student are able to get out of the vehicle.
 - Families with divorced parents may have two vehicles.
- Please remain in your vehicle until you are told by event staff to move to the on-deck area at the end of the bleachers.
- Please place your iPad and anything else belonging to the school on the table near the end of the bleachers.

- When your name is called, please move with your parents down the front of the bleachers, through the center gate, and onto the red carpet on the field.
- The following will occur:
 - The graduate will pick up the diploma belonging to them off the table.
 - The graduate will receive a photo with the administration in the background.
 - The graduate will receive a photo with his or her parents.
 - The parents will be asked to move off the carpet and the graduate will be videotaped moving the tassel from right to left.
 - The graduate will then be videotaped tossing their cap.
- After those activities are complete, the family will move back to their vehicle and depart the premises.
- The entire process will be videotaped and incorporated into the 'Celebration of Graduates' video that will be produced and posted online by mid-May.

Thank you for your cooperation as we go through this time. The administration and faculty wish the graduates the absolute best as they embark on the next phase of their lives.

Sincerely,

Bob Miller
Acting Principal