

Port Townsend High School Update for Graduation 2020 Information

Friday, June 12 Graduation Day - "Graduation During A Pandemic!"

PTHS has received special permission from the State Department of Health, our local health department, and from our city and county leaders to host our graduation event. It is very important that all rules and procedures be followed to keep everyone safe. Only one vehicle per family will be allowed. This vehicle must contain the graduating senior, who should be seated in the front passenger seat. If you have a special circumstance (multiple graduates in a single family), please call the high school for assistance at 360-379-4520, or email Jan Boutilier at jboutilier@ptschools.org

IMPORTANT - Please come in a vehicle that has a working FM radio, so you can hear the graduation program at the Wheel-In Motor Movie Theatre. KPTZ radio will also be broadcasting music during the serpentine.

For everyone's safety:

• If you (or anyone in your family) are ill, not feeling well, or have a fever, you should stay home and not participate in these events!

• All staff working the graduation event will be wearing masks, may use gloves, and will adhere to social-distancing practices.

• Students giving speeches will be required to wear a mask when outside of their vehicle. Masks for student speakers will be provided by the school.

• Per Jefferson County Public Health Directive 2020-2, all individuals attending should have a cloth face covering, as we cannot guarantee a minimum of 6' between vehicles.

• Public restrooms will not be available. Please plan ahead to take care of your personal needs before arriving at the serpentine. Expected total time for the event is 3 hours, 15 minutes.

Here is our schedule of events for Friday, June 12.

Senior Serpentine begins at 3:45 pm from BH

• Families should arrive at Blue Heron School between 3:00 - 3:30 pm, with their graduating senior seated in the front passenger seat, where they will remain for the duration of the serpentine and ceremony.

• Everyone must remain in their vehicle at all times, unless otherwise directed by staff.

• Cars will receive a packet of information upon arrival. Please read these directions so

you know what to expect regarding the serpentine and ceremony.

• Vehicles will be tagged with a flag from a staff member. This flag will serve as your ticket into the Wheel-In Theatre.

• The Port Townsend Police Department will be assisting with the lineup of vehicles and serpentine procession through town and out to the Wheel-In Theatre.

NOTE: This is the time to purchase a yearbook if you have not already done so. Yearbooks will be available for \$60 at the serpentine. Cash or check only. No credit cards accepted. Directions on how to purchase a yearbook at the serpentine will be in the information packet received at serpentine checkin.

Graduation at the Wheel-In Motor Movie Theatre

• We are required to comply with health regulations and social-distancing requirements. Please be sure to follow the directions of administration at all times.

• This will be a modified (shortened) program which will begin once the serpentine has arrived and cars have entered the venue, at approximately 5:00 pm.

- Only flagged vehicles will be allowed to enter.
- Parking directors will guide each vehicle to an available row/parking spot when entering the Wheel-In Theatre.
- To give everyone the best view possible, larger vehicles (large trucks, tall SUV's) will be directed to the back row.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, the graduation gowns will be collected before departing the Wheel-In Theatre.

Senior Tribute Video

At around 7 pm, there will be a senior tribute video posted via the high school website!

Let's work together to make this a fun, safe, and memorable event for the Class of 2020!

