



June 29, 2020

Hello Groves Families,

I hope you are enjoying summer!

This will be my last parent enews update, and I can think of no better way to end my communications to you than to share two more events to honor the class of 2020. Before I do so, though, I want to take a moment to thank you for welcoming me back home to Groves in late January and continuing to be so supportive for the remainder of the school year. While occasionally challenging, it has truly been an honor to serve as your principal throughout these crazy times.

On Wednesday, July 1, be sure to tune in to WJR radio at 8:05 pm to hear a special commencement program featuring our senior class. Thanks to the work of our senior class assistant principal, DeLois Spryszak, the roll call of graduating seniors' names will be read as well as a short address to the class by one of our seniors. As you may know, WJR is the flagship am radio station in Detroit and has amazing coverage. If the weather is right and there are some clouds off of which to bounce the signal, this broadcast may be heard in Florida. **WJR radio – 760 on your am dial – at 8:05 pm on Wednesday, July 1!**

Also, please see this letter from Mrs. Spryszak regarding the commencement/diploma day event on July 28. Speaking of Mrs. Spryszak, many thanks to DeLois for her tireless work with the class of 2020 and in fulfilling all of her duties as assistant principal at Groves. Seaholm's gain is our loss, and we wish her all the best as she moves to that other school up the road.

Warm Regards,

Jim Moll

Interim Principal (until July 1)

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Dear Groves Class of 2020 and Families:

We had a wonderful event on May 31<sup>st</sup> with the Senior Drive-Through in the afternoon and the virtual graduation ceremony that evening. Those activities capped off earlier celebrations such as the Bus-a-palooza event, the virtual Honors Convocation, and senior letters and videos! Whew! The staff of Groves High School has really enjoyed making the seniors feel special as they completed their high school journey. The one activity that was missed in all of these experiences was actually walking across the stage and having the seniors receive their diplomas. We will celebrate the stage walk and the diplomas on July 28<sup>th</sup>!

Based on last name, the graduates will enter the football stadium and queue up in lines that reflect the necessary social distance requirements. Graduates will walk to the center of the field where their diploma cover will be waiting on a stage. Live video will be streamed on our scoreboard of the graduate obtaining the diploma cover and then moving toward the exit of the field where they will be given their actual diploma. An opportunity to have professional photos taken will be afforded on the way out of the stadium. Additionally, graduation roses will be available for purchase as well. To pre-

order roses, which will be available for pick up that day, please click here:

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/groves/>

In order to reduce the potential size of the crowd and observe the maximum crowd size as defined by the current executive order, please plan your day accordingly.

Details of the Event:

**All attendees must wear a mask.** Please arrive based on the times listed below. Families should limit members in attendance in order to allow proper social distancing within the stadium. Students should arrive wearing their cap and gown. Students will line up on the athletic field inside the football stadium. You will be walking/standing on the softer surfaces of the athletic fields. High heels are strongly discouraged to prevent injury and possible damage to the artificial playing surface.

The four sessions for the stage walk are alphabetically as follows:

**Abbot – Duncan**

- Arrive between 12:15pm -12:30pm
- Line up by 12:45p
- Ceremony at 1pm

**Durand – Kohl**

- Arrive between 1:45pm-2pm
- Line up by 2:15pm
- Ceremony at 2:30pm

**Konopka – Salinas**

- Arrive between 3:15pm – 3:30pm
- Line up by 3:45pm
- Ceremony at 4pm

**Salman – Ziegele**

- Arrive between 4:45pm -5pm
- Line up by 5:15pm
- Ceremony at 5:30pm

After taking photos and receiving the official diploma, Groves families are asked to leave the parking lot to allow the next group of graduates and their families ample room to park and to watch the diploma ceremony with ample social distancing. We thank you in advance for your help.

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