

## Senior Parents Updates

Dear Parent of a Senior,

I am writing today to give you an update as we have come to the end of the school year. I would like to congratulate your students on finishing strong in the face of uncertain times. It was a difficult way to end for our seniors, but our students handled it with class and were able to maintain the high standards that Marathon has come to expect from their students.

Graduation is still set for Saturday, August 8 at 1:00 PM. Current guidance from the CDC, Department of Health Services, and the Department of Public Instruction recommends canceling all in-person ceremonies for the summer and recommends holding virtual ceremonies. We are continuing to monitor the situation as conditions may change and the school board will revisit graduation at their July board meeting. The likelihood of a traditional-looking ceremony indoors is small. We are currently planning for both indoor and outdoor modified options that would allow for a smaller, immediate family only audience with social distancing. If the ceremony would move out of doors we may move the time of the ceremony up to 10:00 AM to avoid the heat of the afternoon. We want you to know that we are committed to having an actual ceremony but it may look a little different than in the past.

As some of you plan for graduation parties and family gatherings this summer, I also wanted you to know that once grades are final and processed after June 19, students will be able to pick-up their honor cords, NHS cords, and if needed, their diplomas. To do this you would have to schedule a pick-up time so that your materials could be prepared. Please contact the main office at 715-443-2226. We would then ask that students who pick-up their diplomas early would return them prior to the ceremony so that they could officially be handed out at that time as well.

As the date of the ceremony gets closer we will be in contact with students and parents with final planning details that would include set-up, practice, tickets, procedures, etc.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Beranek at [dberanek@marathon.k12.wi.us](mailto:dberanek@marathon.k12.wi.us)

Respectfully Yours,

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