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Guidelines for MVHS 2020 DRIVE-IN GRADUATION CEREMONY

Congratulations to each MVHS Graduate and their families on reaching this milestone. While this year's graduation is unprecedented to say the least, it does not diminish the accomplishment and we are looking forward to celebrating with you on Wednesday, June 17th at 5:30 PM.

In order for us to be able to successfully pull off an undertaking such as this, we will need the support and compliance of all those in attendance. Obviously, we are all under the Guidelines issued by the NB Department of Health and all of these measures must be adhered to at all times or we risk the chance of having our ceremony shut down at any point.

After consultation with the Province and the City of Miramichi Police Force, we have come up with the following guidelines for our Drive in Graduation Ceremony:

- Each graduate has one parking pass ONLY. Parking passes must be on display to gain access to the parking area. The gates to the parking area will be open at 4:30 PM and parking will be assigned. After meeting with Miramichi Police, a parking protocol has been established where the first vehicle to enter will be assigned to the very end of the first row and we will fill in the first row accordingly. Once the vehicle is parked, that is where it will remain unless the staff ushers or Miramichi Police feel it needs to be moved for any reason. Once the first row is filled, the same process will take place for rows 2 through 5.
- Please do not come in the area on foot as that could cause us to have to stop the ceremony due to restrictions on the number of people we will have outside the vehicles. Miramichi Police Force will be present to help us enforce this. (Please share this with family members)
- As for vehicle size, we can accommodate conventional vehicles only (vehicles that hold up to 8 passengers maximum). We want everyone to be able to see the stage; therefore, some vehicles may not be permitted if they are too big and will obstruct the view of others. In addition, no one will be permitted to sit in the back of half-ton trucks to watch the ceremony; you must be inside the vehicle at all times.

- Staff will be helping with parking, so please be patient to ensure we can park cars in a way that everyone will have a view of the stage. We must allow graduates enough space to leave their vehicles.
- We will begin with a group of 25 students. These will be students with numbers 1 to 25 on the Parking Pass you received while filming your grad video. As students return to their cars, we will periodically be calling students up by number to join in line. Be sure to listen for your number to be called to get in line to receive your diploma. Keep in mind that social distancing must be respected, and you must stay 2 meters away from your classmates at all times.
- **THE ONLY PEOPLE ALLOWED GETTING OUT OF THE VEHICLES ARE THE GRADUATES.** At no time will family members be allowed to leave their car. If you want to take pictures, it must be from your car. We do not want to have to call off the ceremony because people are leaving their vehicles and not abiding by guidelines set out by Public Health and the Miramichi Police Force. We will have a photographer taking pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma.
- Graduates are asked to dress respectfully as they were for the video graduation in the theatre. Students are also reminded that they will be required to walk on the Rugby Field to the stage area so keep this in mind when you are choosing footwear for the evening.
- Following the ceremony, we ask that you leave in an orderly fashion. We will have staff directing the flow of traffic. Please respect staff directions.
- The ceremony will be streamed live on Facebook although unfortunately we are unable to provide wifi. There will be some speakers set up at the school, but we suggest you bring a device to access it at the same time for better sound in your vehicle.
- This event will take place rain or shine and if there is inclement weather, the stage will have a covering, but you may want to have an umbrella while waiting in line.

At 7:30 PM we will be launching our MVHS 2020 Graduation video. It can be found by clicking on the link available on the MVHS Facebook Page. Congratulations and we will see you on June 17th.