

July 1, 2020

Dear Graduates and Families of the Agua Fria Class of 2020,

We are so incredibly proud of you, and we are excited to finally be able to celebrate all of your hard work! To honor you, we will be holding a Graduation Parade celebration on Wednesday, July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. on the Agua Fria High School campus. The sense of community is an important part of what makes Agua Fria High School and our culture so special. This celebration has been planned with the health and safety of graduates, families, staff members, and the community as the priority. To comply with CDC guidelines, it is imperative that students and families strictly follow the procedures noted in this letter.

As you can imagine, the logistics of staging a potentially 400-plus vehicle parade that includes the presentation of graduates is complex. We are confident, however, that this plan allows families to safely see their child graduate, and we are pleased to be able to bring the Class of 2020 together to be celebrated at the same time. Please decorate your vehicles with messages, posters, pictures, etc. of a school-appropriate nature.

Vehicles must enter the student parking lot off Riley Drive. Access to the student lot from the north will not be available. Vehicles may arrive starting at 6:30 p.m. (no earlier), and may continue to arrive until 8:00 p.m. No vehicles will be permitted to enter the parking lot after 8:00 p.m. Depending on the number of graduates participating and the times they arrive, it is possible that you may be in your vehicle for an extended period of time. Please bring plenty of water and any other necessary items you may need in your vehicle. Graduates should wear their caps, gowns, and tassels, and they may also bring their diploma cover with them if they want to take their photo with it. No pets or animals of any type are permitted other than certified service animals. Graduates and their families will proceed along the parade route around the high school track to take “one last celebratory lap”.

- Each graduate may have one (1) vehicle in the parade.
- All occupants of the vehicle should be wearing face coverings and must remain in the vehicle at all times.
- The graduate should be the passenger in the vehicle, not the driver.
- The graduate's full name and student ID number should be printed neatly in large letters/numbers and placed on the dashboard of the car so staff members directing you may easily see it.
- All graduate vehicles will stage in the student parking lot area on the west side of the school, with any overflow staging in the B parking lot. You will be directed where to park and be given additional instructions as the event proceeds.
- When the parade begins, vehicles will enter the stadium from the north and drive slowly down the west (home) side of the track. Upon reaching the stage, **only the graduate** will exit the vehicle and remove his/her face covering. The student's name will be called and

photographers will take his/her picture. The student will then replace his/her face covering and re-enter the vehicle.

- The vehicle will exit the south end of the stadium and turn left to exit the J bus loop onto Dysart Road to return home.
- There will not be any fans allowed in the stands. Staff members may be spaced appropriately across the parade route. No other spectators are permitted.
- *NOTE: Avondale law enforcement will be present to monitor the safety of individuals and make sure all laws are followed.*

We will be recording the graduation parade as well as live streaming the event. Additional information will be shared regarding this at a later time. Please continue to monitor e-mail and the school website for updates.

Thank you for your patience as we developed this celebratory event. We are all looking forward to honoring our graduates and sharing in your pride.

**AGUA FRIA HIGH SCHOOL IS VERY PROUD OF THE CLASS OF 2020 AND
RECOGNIZES THE FORTITUDE AND CHARACTER THE STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME AT AFHS.
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**