



Twin Lakes High School

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Dear Senior and Senior Parents:

While the governor has lifted some of the restrictions, please understand that educational facilities remain under great scrutiny. Educational facilities or school sponsored events involving our students (regardless of the location) must follow mandates from the governor, the Department of Education and the White County Health Department. With the current restrictions in place, we are unable to host the full “traditional” graduation ceremony. We still want to celebrate our seniors, but in the safest way possible. We are excited to announce that we will be holding three in-person graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 28, 2020 in Twin Lakes High School Main Gym.

Graduation 2020:

- To manage crowd size, the graduation will be divided into three ceremonies at different times: 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Ceremonies will be arranged in alphabetical order by last name.
- Students will receive information on which of the three ceremonies they are to attend in their senior packet that will be available for pick up on June 3rd, 2020.
- Students and parents/guests should arrive 15-20 minutes before their ceremony.
- Each ceremony will have about 60-65 students.
- Each senior will be allowed to bring up to two adults with them. No one under 18 (besides the senior) may attend. Adults who are among our most worrisome populations in high risk categories are strongly encouraged not to attend. Our total attendance needs to stay below 250 if we are in Stage 4 of the Governor’s Back on Track Indiana Plan.
- Each graduate will need to accompany their parents/guests into Twin Lakes High School.
- No guests will be allowed without your senior accompanying them. Graduates are allowed up to two guests.
- Doors will open to the gymnasium 15-20 minutes prior to each ceremony. Door number 9 will be open to enter and exit the building.
- The students will be 6 feet apart on the floor and we ask that our guests social distance among the families.
- Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.
- All guests need to remain in their seat during the ceremony.
- Graduation will also be live streamed that day so those who could not attend can have an opportunity to watch the ceremony live.
- The link to the to the graduation program and graduation video will be on the Twin Lakes School Corporation website. (<http://www.tlschools.com>) The link will be available on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm.
- We ask that if you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms, and/or if you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, please do not attend.
- All people entering the building are strongly encouraged to bring their own mask and wear it while they are in the building.

- Students and their guests should park in the Student Parking Lot.
- Please do not congregate in the lobby, bleachers, outside the building, or parking lot.
- We will not have a cap toss at the end of the ceremony.
- Following the ceremony, everyone is asked to clear the gym so we can get it ready for the next ceremony.
- Chairs will be sanitized between each ceremony.
- Jerry Schulteiss will take a picture of the senior receiving their diploma. Envelopes for pictures will be in the senior packet students are to pick up at the high school on June 3rd.

Achievement Night was scheduled for June 5, 2020. Due to COVID-19 we had to cancel that event. We will be releasing the video of a virtual Achievement Night on June 26th.

If Monticello is not in Stage 4 of the Governor's Back on Track Indiana Plan come June 13-14, then we will determine if we need to go to our back up plan of a virtual graduation. More information will follow if we need to use this plan.

All procedures and guidelines were created with the assistance of the White County Health Department and must be enforced to allow us to safely distribute diplomas. Please follow the guidelines in place so we can make this event safe for everyone involved.

If you and/or your senior do not feel safe receiving their diploma in this manner, please email mwhitehead@twinlakes.k12.in.us to make arrangements for us to deliver the diploma.

We understand that this is an unprecedented time in all of our lives. While 2020 looks very different from what we are accustomed to, we still want to make 2020 as special and memorable for our seniors as we can. The Board of School Trustees, administration and staff are committed to ensuring our TLHS 2020 graduates are recognized. We have done our best to balance what the students desire for the day with the realities of keeping everyone safe. We appreciate your patience as we have worked through the past two months. We have had a lot of changes in the past weeks. We have also been working with our senior class officers to come up with a safe but meaningful way to celebrate the Class of 2020. A big thank you to the senior class officers for their input.

On Friday, June 26th, 2020 at 8:20pm we will turn the football field lights on for 20 minutes and 20 seconds to honor the Senior Class.

Our heart goes out to all of our seniors. This is a special group of kids.

Sincerely,



Melissa Whitehead



Desiree Swaim