



# OLD ORCHARD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students And Parents,

Honoring the achievements and accomplishments of the Class of 2020 is a high priority for the OOBHS Faculty and a virtual ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, June 7th at 2 PM. This afternoon, we met with the Old Orchard Beach Class of 2020 to describe our graduation plans in detail and to provide advanced notice of key times and dates. The OOBHS team has been diligently working to provide a safe, meaningful graduation experience while following the most recent guidance from Governor Mills and the Maine CDC. All graduation activity participants are expected to adhere to the State of Maine social distancing and group gathering guidelines and wear cloth face coverings when convening in public. The following information below outlines graduation plans for the Old Orchard Beach Class of 2020.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY:** On Sunday, June 7th at 2 PM the OOBHS graduation video will be presented to graduates and the public for viewing and celebration. The video is being professionally filmed and edited and will be provided to all OOBHS graduates as a lifelong keepsake.

**IN-PERSON PHOTOSHOOT AND DIPLOMA PICK-UP:** On Sunday morning, June 7th, students and their families (up to ten people) will have the option to schedule a 10-minute photo-op and diploma pick-up at the Seaside Pavilion. Students that schedule an appointment will receive their diploma from school officials and have an opportunity for family photos. A photographer will be onsite and photos are free to families.

## IMPORTANT KEY DATES & EVENTS:

- I. **Cap, Gown, and Regalia Pick-Up:** Tuesday 5/19 and Wednesday 5/20 Seniors will be scheduling 10-minute appointments to pick-up their caps, gowns, and regalia. All students will be provided the opportunity to record a 30-second message/ interview with our professional videographer. We will also need students to let us know on these dates whether they and their family will attend on June 7th. We ask that if possible students wear masks to pick up their gear and any other PPE they desire.
- II. **Faculty Hello:** On May 20th at 2 PM faculty will meet at OOBHS to participate in the recording of the Learn to Fly portion of the graduation ceremony.
- III. **Completing the Student Survey about Post-Secondary Plans:** All seniors will need to complete an emailed survey to provide the updated details of their post-secondary plans.

IV. **Recording the Graduation Speeches:** All student and faculty speeches will be finalized and recorded on June 2 at Old Orchard Beach High School. Students and faculty with speaking roles at graduation will be scheduled for a recording session at OOBHS on Tuesday, June 2 between 12:00-4:00 PM.

A. Scholarship and Speeches (June 2)

1. Principal's Message- John Suttie
2. Junior Class President Welcome-Gabriel LaSalle
3. Valedictorian- Vernon Wells
4. Salutatorian- Caitlin Perrigo
5. Faculty Speaker- Jason Henry
6. Recording of John reading Names, Scholarships, and Post Graduation plans

There will be more logistical information sent to families on May 29th regarding the diploma pick-up & photo session. We look forward to putting together a safe ceremony that will produce special life-long memories for the Class of 2020 and their loved ones! Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Suttie". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

John Suttie  
Principal, Old Orchard Beach High School