

Hi All,

I am writing to update you on graduation. We know that you are sad and disappointed that the school year was derailed and that our traditional graduation, among countless other things, had to be cancelled. And while it is not the same as an in-person graduation ceremony, we still want to celebrate and honor the resilient Class of 2020. To that end, we are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Herff Jones - in collaboration with graduation technology partners StageClip and MarchingOrder - to host a virtual graduation ceremony to recognize this year's graduates.

The event will be held on Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m, and will be streamed on YouTube (a subscription to the service is not required). I will be sending more information, including a link to view the ceremony, in a few weeks.

In the meantime, there are a few things that you need to do in order to prepare for the ceremony:

- Click the link to go to the Google Form and submit a **current, valid shipping address and phone number**. As of this moment, the plan is to have all items purchased in your Senior Dues Package (may include: cap, gown diploma case, tassel, earned cords, yearbook, senior gifts, etc.) delivered to the address you submit. Someone will have to sign for the items upon receipt. You should expect to receive your items the second or third week in June. Please note that John Adams High School is not responsible for lost or stolen items. **CLICK LINK TO COMPLETE THE FORM**: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffo8j8LbK-G68an1gCEiv1CXRAgcYa-4PrgftHFOwq_Kzsnw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Watch for an email invite to join your SLC-specific Virtual Graduation Google Classroom. I will post all "assignments" and due dates for the ceremony there. Be sure to carefully read and follow all directions of all assignments posted in your Google Classroom.
- Be on the lookout for emails from MarchingOrder and StageClip. You will need to carefully read their emails and follow their instructions to create passwords for your accounts, upload your photo, message, video clip, and more. If you are confused about what to do, please reach out to me at: tbeneduce@johnadamsnyc.org. It is **very important** that you get all of this done by the due dates, or you will not be included in the ceremony. **Due dates will be posted in your SLC-specific Virtual Graduation Google Classroom. Please note that all content you upload MUST be school-appropriate. The photo and video uploaded MUST be in your cap and gown.** Examples will be provided in your SLC-specific Virtual Google Classroom.

- Check your email and SLC-specific Virtual Graduation Google Classroom DAILY for updates and requirements.

I know that this has been a difficult and confusing time, but you are Spartan Strong and we look forward to celebrating you and honoring all of your achievements. We are excited to see your personalized graduation slides in the virtual ceremony and give you something that you can share with your family and friends.

Please make sure you share this email with your parents/guardians. If you have any questions, you can contact me at tbeneduce@johnadamsnyc.org.

Wishing you all the best,

Mrs. Beneduce