Class of 2020 Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Over the past several weeks, we have considered many different formats to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2020. One thing that we have consistently heard is the importance of students walking across the stage to receive their diplomas in front of their families. While we may not be able to gather as a large group, we want to make sure that every student and family member has the opportunity to share this special moment together. In order to safely do this while following social distancing guidelines, NRW will be asking students to sign up for a time to come to the high school from June 8-11. The link will be emailed to seniors, posted on the district website, and can be found here: bit.ly/NRW2020Grad

To help ensure that this process runs as smoothly as possible, we have established some guidelines and procedures that must be followed so that we can accommodate all students and as many family members as possible to witness each individual ceremony. Please read the following information carefully and, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out directly to me.

Students and families will park in the lot to the west of the high school. They will enter the building by the music and art rooms, which will be labeled. Volunteers will also be there to assist. Students will wait on the side of the stage while family members make their way down to the pit area in front of the stage to watch the ceremony. Due to the unique circumstances we find ourselves in this year, we are able to offer parents the special opportunity to present their student with their diploma on the stage. If parents choose to do this, they will be directed where to stand upon entering the auditorium. Student names will be announced as they would be in normal circumstances, they will cross the stage, and will be handed their diploma. Students and family members will then exit out the other side of the auditorium. Once outside of the auditorium, students will be able to record a brief, 20-30 second video if they would like to leave a message for their teachers or classmates.

Additional important information:

- **Cap and Gown:** Your cap and gown will be delivered to you the week before the ceremony. Students may decorate the top of their cap if they wish.
- **Family size:** Due to social distancing and group gathering guidelines, families will be limited to a maximum of six (6) people at each students' individual ceremony.
- **Seating:** There will be no seating at the ceremony. Family members will be asked to stand in the pit area in front of the stage for the ceremony.
- **Attire:** Students should dress appropriately for a graduation ceremony underneath their graduation gown. Collared shirts, dress pants, dresses, and dress shoes are some examples of what would be appropriate for the occasion.
- **Stoles:** Students who are members of NHS will be provided a stole upon entering the building. The stole should be returned immediately after exiting the stage.
- **Process:** Please watch the short video found on the high school website under the "Class of 2020" page to see what the flow of traffic will look like so that each individual ceremony goes smoothly.

Please understand that we have over 21 hours of individual ceremonies to conduct throughout the week. It is extremely important to stick to the time slots that students sign up for ahead of time

and that ceremonies are punctual so that we do not have a backup of students and families waiting in their cars.

After each individual ceremony is held, the district will compile the footage, along with speeches and other regular graduation ceremony elements into one video. This video will be broadcast on the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District Facebook page (@NRWCSD) and the NRW PR YouTube channel on Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m., allowing everyone to witness it "together" for the first time. A link to the video will be available on the district website, www.nrwcs.org. A USB containing the ceremony will also be mailed home to seniors after it has been premiered.

Our goal is to provide a special and memorable experience for graduating seniors and their families. A tremendous amount of hard work has gone into this accomplishment, and we want to provide the setting for each family to celebrate that with their student. If you have any questions about graduation or other senior items, please feel free to reach out to me at (315) 594-3100 ext. 4414 or sbradley@nrwcs.org. I look forward to recognizing each student as they graduate from North Rose-Wolcott High School.

Sincerely,

Scott Bradley
NRWHS Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This message is to communicate information about the end of the school year and other associated regular events for students and families at NRW High School. Due to the COVID-19 closure, which caused the cancellation of NYS Regents Exams and the elimination of spring recess, the original 2019-20 academic calendar has been adjusted. The last day for students at the high school will be Friday, June 12. Teachers will have the option to use that final week for enrichment or re-teaching content, depending on the needs of the students in their classes.

Teachers will submit final grades by June 17 using the grading system that was previously communicated. After that, the counseling staff will reach out to parents/guardians for any students who should attend summer school to complete registrations.

Additionally, the high school plans to hold its annual Awards Night and "Moving up Day" ceremonies conjunctively via a virtual ceremony on June 16 at 6:00pm. The ceremony will be broadcast as a "premier" event on Facebook and will also be available to go back and watch afterwards on the NRW district Facebook page.

Finally, information about graduation is forthcoming shortly. It will be communicated separately due to the extent of the information.

I recognize the challenges that everyone has encountered during the COVID-19 school closure. The NRW teachers and staff are extremely thankful for all of the partnerships with parents and families during this time to help provide instruction and opportunities to connect with students. Please do not hesitate to reach out directly to me with any questions or concerns at (315) 594-3100 ext. 4414 or sbradley@nrwcs.org.

Take care,

Scott Bradley
NRWHS Principal

North Rose-Wolcott Learning Community:

The purpose of this letter is to help provide clarity on what will be in place for the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year in terms of grading and awarding course credit.

Our committee has systematically worked through a three-phased approach to develop a means to fairly and flexibly assign grades for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, while working to maintain accountability and the integrity of our academic programs. The three phases are reviewed below:

Phase I – Grading individual assignments and entering grades into School Tool.
Phase II – Determining grades for Quarter 4.
Phase III – Determining final grades for all courses.

On April 20th, we began distributing work that focused on new learning. You are aware that grades for Quarter 3 were entered into School Tool and students received a grade of **E**xemplary, **S**atisfactory, or **N**eeds Improvement. Assignments that were not attempted will be indicated with a code of **M**issing.

***Phase II** – Determining grades for Quarter 4*
Unlike Quarter 3, all teaching and learning has occurred outside of a traditional classroom. To maintain consistency and because parents and students have gained comfort with the E, S, and N grading of assignments, we will continue to use this grading system for the marking period. At the conclusion of Quarter 4 all students we will receive a letter grade to reflect their 4th quarter learning. This will be accompanied by comments from each teacher.

***Phase III** – Determining final grades for all courses*
At the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, teachers will holistically assign a grade of Pass (course credit earned) or X (course credit not earned). The families of students that did not receive course credit will work with teachers and building administration to remedy the situation.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Principal Scott Bradley (sbradley@nrwcs.org) or Assistant Principal Jason Shetler (jshetler@nrwcs.org).

Sincerely,

Scott Bradley
NRWHS Principal

Athletic and Academic Awards

The high school will be presenting two separate virtual awards nights – an Athletic Awards Night and an Academic Awards Night. The Academic Awards presentation will be aired on June 19th at 6pm. The Athletic Awards night is still waiting to be finalized. These ceremonies will feature the awards that are typically given at their respective evenings and will be an opportunity to recognize the achievements of students this year.

Cap and Gown Delivery

Teachers will be delivering graduation caps and gowns to seniors at their home on Friday, June 5. A group of teachers have volunteered to spend the afternoon making these special deliveries. It is the beginning of the graduation celebration that will continue into the following week as each student has their individual ceremony.

Senior Recognition

News 8 is honoring Rochester area high school seniors by hosting a 1 hour primetime graduation celebration on June 16th at 8pm. During this special, they will highlight the names and schools of local graduates. Seniors were given the information to submit their photo to be included in the recognition. Currently, at least ten NRW students have submitted photos, which can be found at https://www.rochesterfirst.com/honor-roll-senior-salute/#/gallery.