

Graduation 2020 UPDATE

This provides our third update regarding graduation and we are getting close to this historic ceremony. As of today, (keep your fingers crossed) we are very optimistic about holding an onsite outdoor graduation ceremony during the three day time span we have communicated. While we understand the desire to have an exact date and time for the ceremony, we are not making that determination at this time. We are holding on the decision to capture the best scenario based on weather forecasts and COVID guidelines (barring a new outbreak).

Our plan is evolving. We have even opened our thoughts to include swapping the graduation setup to have parents and community in the stands and track, with people spaced out according to their comfort level. Graduates and the stage would then be on the football field. Please understand this situation has been and remains very fluid. Therefore, this is not absolutely set either and we are hoping for more clarity in our next communication. This communication will be forthcoming on June 8 with final details, including date and time, released on June 15. Regardless of the set up, family and friends will be able to watch the live stream of the ceremony on the Facebook page of Okoboji Broadcast with Jeff Thee. Due to the fact that we have been cleared to have on open outdoor ceremony and many are hosting graduation parties, we will not be having a graduate caravan.

If weather_or COVID-19 absolutely does not allow an outdoor ceremony, Spirit Lake High School graduation will be held, allowing individual graduate's a stage walk for their diploma and the opportunity to take photos with their family. In addition, a virtual ceremonial message will be delivered. More details will be provided in a later update, if necessary.

We congratulate our 2020 seniors on all they have accomplished and wish they well as they leave Spirit Lake High School. If you missed the awards ceremony, you can watch at this link: Award's Night Ceremony. To review the Award's Night Program, with the winning graduates' names, click here: `. In addition, the senior spotlight video that was compiled and shared to recognize and honor our seniors can be watched here: Senior Spotlight Video.

This remains a fluid situation. Please continue to direct your questions to: <u>districtoffice@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us</u>. We look forward to giving you an additional update next Monday, June 8th.

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