

Manasquan High School



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Dear Parents and Students:

Manasquan High School will hold the 135th Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2020 on Monday, July 13th at 6:00 PM on the Vic Kubu Warrior Football Field. I am looking forward to a very enjoyable and celebratory evening. As graduation approaches I want to review some guidelines that will ensure that your child's ceremony is one that you will remember with pride and admiration, along with cooperating with the most recent social distancing and safety guidelines for outdoor events. A rain date for the event will be Tuesday, July 14th at 6 PM. Please review the following "parent" and "student" information with your child.

Due to the current school closure, there will be no formal graduation practice this year. Students will be required to report to school on July 13th at 5 PM for check-in dressed in cap and gown. Staff and security will arrange students for the procession onto the football field following social distancing guidelines.

Seniors are required to return their district resources including textbooks, uniforms, laptop and charger prior to participating in the graduation ceremony. Please know the administration and Board of Education will not tolerate any attempt to avoid returning district resources. All fines and obligations must be settled to allow for participation in the graduation ceremony.

A student is eligible to participate provided they have satisfied all New Jersey Department of Education and Manasquan Board of Education requirements, no exceptions.

Guidelines for the Audience:

1. Admission to the Manasquan High School Graduation Ceremony is by ticket only. Each graduate candidate will be allotted two tickets only, to ensure compliance with outdoor guidelines due to Covid-19. This includes infants and

small children. There will be no replacement tickets for lost, stolen or forgotten tickets. Each family will receive their two tickets by mail next week. Contact me if you do not receive your tickets.

2. Face coverings are required for all graduates and guests at the ceremony. Guests must arrive with their own face covering of their choosing which must be worn throughout the ceremony. All graduates and guests are required to wear their face covering during all parts of the ceremony and maintain social distancing.
3. **According to CDC guidelines, please take your temperature before coming to the ceremony. Anyone whose temperature is above 100 degrees or exhibiting any [symptoms of illness](#) may not attend.**
4. **In accordance with the [current NJ travel advisory](#), anyone (graduate or guest) who has travelled from any of the states identified in the [travel advisory](#) up to 14 days prior to the ceremony may not attend.**
5. The graduation ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. The gates will open at 5 PM. Once the graduation ceremony begins, no one will be admitted to the ceremony.
6. There will be NO saved or reserved seating. Family attending the ceremony will be directed by security to seating areas strategically spaced to respect social distancing.
7. During the ceremony it will be appreciated if all members of the audience remain in their seats.
8. Audience members should be courteous. Noisemakers, yelling, shouting, etc. will not be permitted. If a disruption occurs, the offending party will be removed from the premises.
9. Following the recessional of graduates from the field, guests from the stands will be dismissed in sections. To limit contact between persons and families, we

encourage all graduates and guests to leave the campus immediately after the ceremony.

Graduate Candidate Guidelines for Ceremony:

1. Arrive at MHS on July 13th by 5 p.m. Report to sign in desk at the gymnasium entrance. Do not bring sunglasses or purses with you. Sunglasses will not be permitted during the ceremony. Face coverings are required for all graduates and guests at the ceremony. **In the interest of uniformity, we ask all graduates to please wear a blue/white standard paper surgical mask.** If you do not have one, one will be provided upon your arrival. All graduates and guests are required to wear their face covering during all parts of the ceremony and maintain social distancing.
2. Please dress appropriately considering the summer season and temperature, balancing comfort with dress attire. Student dress attire and demeanor will be checked before the ceremony by security and administration. If your attire or demeanor is not appropriate, you will be taken out of line and you will not be allowed to walk. I strongly suggest flat shoes for comfort and safety.
3. Caps and gowns may not be decorated to promote political agendas, campaigns, inappropriate messages or slogans that might disrupt the ceremony. Dignity and respect during the ceremony will promote a united Class of 2020.
4. Graduates should not yell or shout during the ceremony.
5. You must walk across the stage with dignity. If you call attention to yourself by dancing, strutting, etc., your diploma will be held. If it is determined that you behaved inappropriately, you will not receive your diploma until a meeting is held between the parents and administration.
6. Everyone will receive only a diploma cover at the ceremony. The actual diplomas will be mailed home following the ceremony.
7. The Manasquan High School Graduation Ceremony is a dignified event. Celebratory distractions, such as beach balls, silly string, etc., will not be permitted. Security will remove individuals participating in these activities.
8. All graduates will recess out from the ceremony in an orderly fashion and will be dismissed in the front of the high school.

9. According to CDC guidelines, please take your temperature before coming to the ceremony. Anyone whose temperature is above 100 degrees or exhibiting any [symptoms of illness](#) may not attend.

10. In accordance with the [current NJ travel advisory](#), anyone (graduate or guest) who has travelled from any of the states identified in the [travel advisory](#) up to 14 days prior to the ceremony may not attend.

11. If a prospective graduate candidate does not wish to abide by the Manasquan High School Graduation Rules and Dress Code, they are welcome not to participate. The graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a requirement or a right.

12. Any individual not complying with our guidelines will be subject to the authorities of the Manasquan Police.

The Manasquan High School Administration & Faculty wishes the very best to the "Class of 2020."

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 732.528.8820 extension 1000 or rgoodall@manasquan.k12.nj.us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Goodall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Robert Goodall
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