

Waynesville High School Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation & Parade

Due to COVID 19, Wayne Local Schools will have a virtual graduation and parade beginning at 6 pm. The virtual graduation will be presented as live stream that will include both prerecorded portions and live shots of the parade.

Date: Thursday, May 21 at 6pm; Rain Date is Friday, May 22 at 6pm

Where: Seniors will meet in the high school parking lot at assigned times.

Preparation for the Parade: Seniors will be advised of arrival time - between 4:30 pm to 5:50 pm. The vehicles will be arranged so that seniors will be in line alphabetically throughout the five-mile parade. Seniors may wear their gowns during the parade since they must turn them in at the end of the parade prior to receiving their diploma. Seniors' names will be announced at a designated location during the parade, as well as recorded for the final video.

Students will arrive according to a preset schedule in one vehicle per student household. As they arrive, they will be checked in, arranged in parade order and then moved to the new "backlot" near the bus barn. Once all the groups have arrived and loaded in, the parade will depart the school on a route approved by the Waynesville Police Department. The parade will return to the lot in front of the Middle School where students will hand in their robes and receive their diplomas.

Safety Rules: In order to conduct the parade safely, there will need to be a number of safety rules for the event.

Traffic flow will be a "one way" traffic pattern during the event.

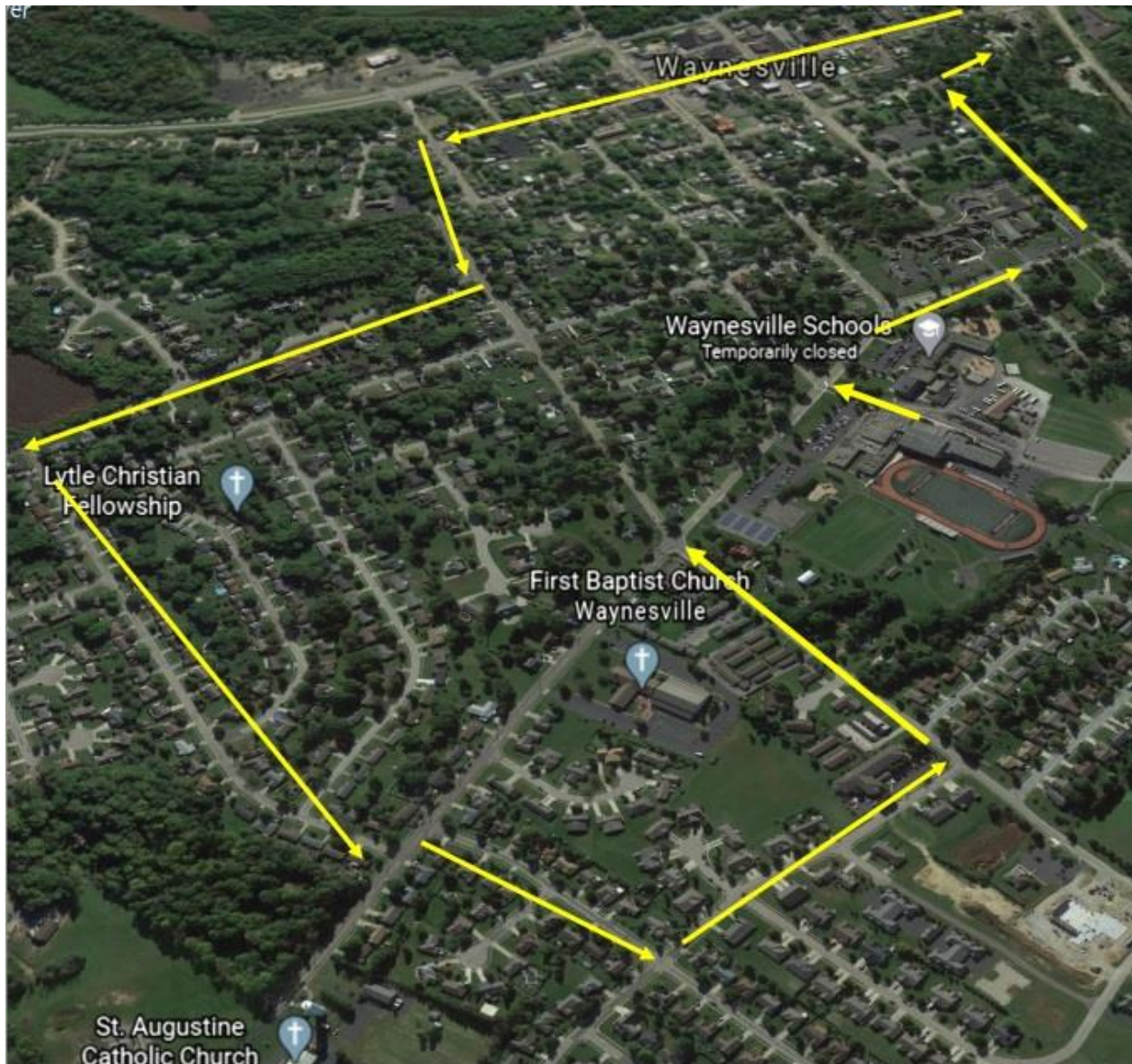
All people on WLS property, with the exception of those involved with the live stream, will wear a face covering. Individuals directing traffic may remove their face coverings momentarily for safety reasons while directing traffic but will replace their covering as soon as feasible.

All participants will remain in their vehicles at all times once on school property and throughout the parade.

Vehicles for the parade: Must be a registered vehicle with no attachments (trailers, etc.). Only one (1) senior permitted per vehicle (if the vehicle is a truck- only one senior/person in the truck bed). Family members may ride in the vehicle (parents and siblings, if room). The vehicle cannot stop throughout the route and no one may leave the vehicle nor can anyone come up to the vehicle as it passes. A WLS bus will lead the parade. The Waynesville Police Department will have officers monitoring the parade and enforcing the guidelines established by the governor on maintaining social distance throughout the event.

Observers: Family, friends and community are encouraged to remain in vehicles parked throughout the parade route. Individuals who stand along the route must be 6 feet apart and no congregating together. The Waynesville Police Department will have officers stationed throughout the route.

End of Parade: Vehicles will enter Middle School Parking Lot and will make two brief stops. The 1st stop will be to hand the gown through the window to a representative from Graduate Services (no one may leave the vehicle). Then drive to the 2nd stop and receive the diploma through the window from the Board of Education President- Mr. Brad Conner. The vehicle then turns left onto Spartan Way, then to Dayton Road (at stop sign) and turn right to leave. Wayne Local School staff members will be standing along the Middle School Sidewalk and Spartan Way (as the vehicles turn left out of MS lot) - 6 feet apart waving to the seniors as they pass. The parade is then over.



- Start at school.
- Come out of Spartan Way- turn right
- Turn right on Edwards Dr.
- Turn Right on High St.
- Turn Rt. On 3rd/ South Street
- Left on Main St.
- Left on Franklin
- Right on Old Stage
- Left on Preston
- Right on Campcreek
- Left on Adamsmoor Dr.
- Left on Franklin Rd.
- Right on Dayton Rd
- End at Middle School

Sunset in the Park: Optional! Once the parade is over, seniors may park in the park area next to the middle school to watch the sun go down. This was a creative idea of the class of 2020 and started with the sunrise in the park in August. No one is permitted to get out of their vehicles during this event.

Graduation Video: On May 24th, original date of graduation, a video will be posted on Wayne Local School website. This video will include a full graduation ceremony including music, speeches, photos, videos and parade.