



Good Morning Neshaminy,

Things to Know about the NHS Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration Plans:

1. Clarification on the August 1, Neshaminy Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony

Just some clarifications and additional details on the planning for the August 1 Ceremony. After we pass the June 27 Events, we will begin planning more specifics for August.

- As with past Graduation Ceremonies, attendance is optional.
- Pennsbury, Truman and BCTHS are running similar plans to NHS for Summer Ceremonies. Pennsbury and Truman have events planned for late July in advance of the Neshaminy August 1 event. All schools are hoping the 250 people gathering limit is higher. If not and the county can remain “Green,” the plan is for multiple Ceremonies. Again, predicting the conditions X weeks/months out is not possible.
- August 1 Rain Plan (as if anything else can go wrong)

Rain plan if one ceremony is scheduled for 11 AM on August 1:

Rain Date/Time 1: August 1 at X PM

Rain Date/Time 2: August 2 at 11 AM

Rain Date/Time 3: August 3 at X PM

If multiple ceremonies on August 1 at X AM and Y PM

Rain Date/Time 1: August 2 at X AM and Y PM

Bucks County Technical High School is scheduled for their Ceremony at NHS on August 3. We have not problem-solved the “What if it rains on both August 1 and August 2” scenario yet.

- Based on feedback, we have eliminated the September Labor Day Weekend postponement option.
- How many family tickets will each graduate get? Again, all such decisions will be based on the conditions at the time when we need to finalize the plans for August 1.

2. Details on the June 27 Activities

Though all are disappointed in the postponement of the June 27 Commencement, the NHS Administrative, Office and Security Teams have expanded the activities given the now confirmed information that Bucks County will be in the Green Phase on Saturday, June 27. Moreover, Lower Southampton Police, Middletown Township Police, the Bucks County Department of Health and various local Fire Companies have coordinated to make certain our seniors can get together and be safe at the same time.

Overview/Timeline:

Morning Activities

10:15 AM: Senior Car Processional to the NHS Campus

11:00 AM – 1 PM: Senior Picnics and Yearbook Signing Gatherings on the NHS Front Lawn, Diploma Pick-up

Evening Activities (Online at home)

6:30 PM: Pre-Premier Show 'Live' from NHS

7:00 PM: Premier, "Salute to the NHS Class of 2020"

The Details:

Senior Car Processional to the NHS Campus (10:15 AM)

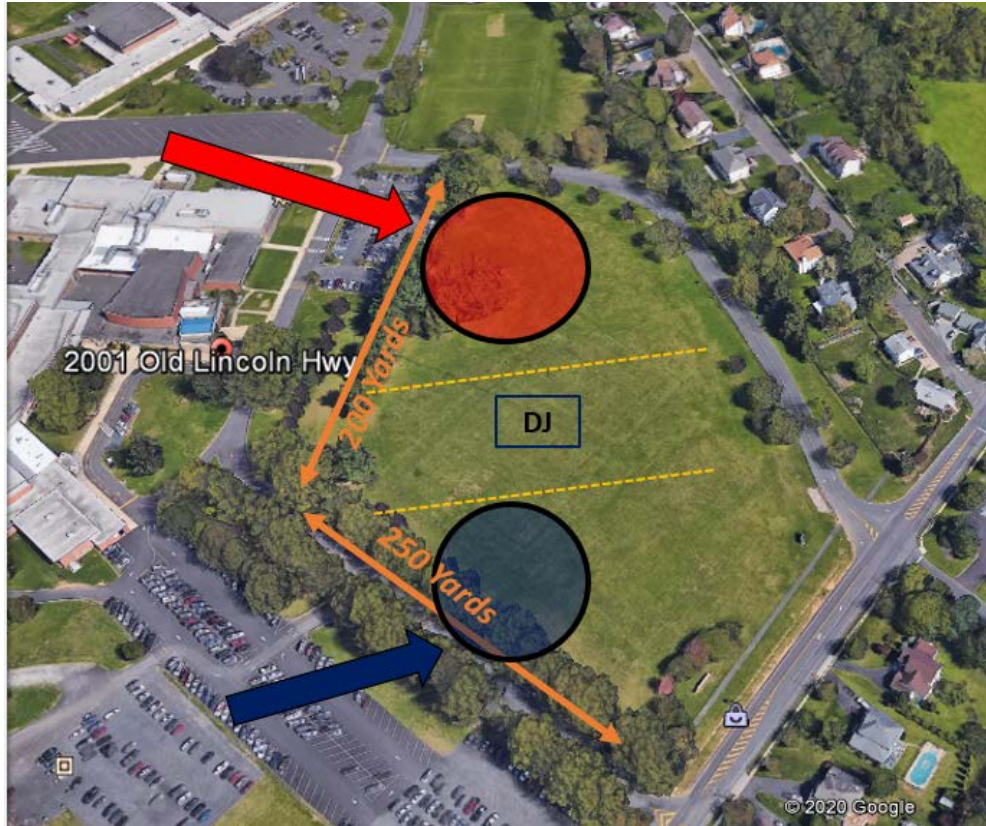
- All of the below is in coordination with the LSPD and MTPD.
- Those Seniors interested in participating will gather at Maple Point Middle School beginning at 9:15 AM.
- There should be no more than 4 people in a vehicle.
- Vehicle may be decorated assuming such does not interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.
- Seniors may drive and park on Campus for the Senior Picnic Gatherings.
- Parents may drive and drop off Seniors on Campus. (Sorry, you're not invited to the Picnics – it's a numbers thing.)
- We will email the Car Processional Route once the local authorities have coordinated the final logistics.
- Those Seniors who are not interested in the Car Processional to the NHS Campus, may come directly to NHS at 11:00 AM for the Senior Picnics.
- Seniors not interested in remaining for the Senior Picnics will be able to get their Yearbook and Diploma and leave.
- Seniors should only share a ride with others in the same Picnic Grouping as to assist in truly separating the class into two acceptable size groups for longest duration possible.

Picnics and Yearbook Signing Gatherings (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

We have always been proud of NHS Seniors that when we treat them like adults, they step up and act like adults. While individually, you may not agree with some of the below conditions as set, collectively, they represent the conditions required to have our gatherings, as determined by the health professionals, to ensure maximum safety of all involved, short of no gathering at all. So, I respectfully ask that we all put our differences aside for a few hours so our Seniors can have a get-together.

- All of the below is in coordination with the Director of Bucks County Health Department.
- In order to remain as safe as possible and within the Commonwealth's Green Phase Gathering Limitation, NHS Seniors will self-divide into two groups.
- These two groups will not physically interact during the gathering (and the drive to and from NHS.) Each will have separate parking areas and separate distinct areas of the NHS Front Lawn.

- Seniors will self-select and sign-up for either the Blue or the Red Group. (Blue and Red having nothing to do with the Gym Night separation of colors – how many times will we have to re-explain this nuance ...)



- “Wait! 600+ Seniors divided by two is more than 250 people.” It is. From past experience, some are not interested in attending. If it becomes an issue, we have plans for dividing into three groups.
- “How am I going to figure out what group my friends are in?” You are about to graduate from High School, you can figure it out.
- Students are asked to bring something to sit on, such as a towel or small folding chair.
- Students are asked to bring a personal mask. Additionally, upon arrival students will be given a Red or Blue Mask (donated by a Neshaminy Family.)
- For safety and everyone’s peace of mind, seniors are asked to wear their masks during the gatherings.
- Seniors will eat prior to Yearbook Distribution (The Yearbooks are in Kansas at the moment....)
- The Food is pre-wrapped, individual grab-and-go items.
- Particularly while eating, we ask Seniors to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- After the food, Yearbooks, individual pens and gloves will be distributed.
- Tables and Hand Sanitizer will be readily available.
- Seniors may leave any time they wish. We will end the gathering at 1:00 PM as the duration of the event is part of the conditions for safety.
- As to minimize the loss, damage and/or unintentional swapping of Diplomas, NHS Counselors will unceremoniously distribute diplomas as Seniors leave the Picnic.
- Again, this is an NHS Senior Only Event.

Evening Family Graduation Viewing Event:

6:30 PM: 'Live' NHS Pre-Premier Show

Think a combination of the "Red Carpet" during Oscars/Grammys/Emmys/etc. and a Sunday Pre-Football Game Show (but nowhere near as good as either....)

7:00 PM: Premier, "A Salute to the Class of 2020"

A one-hour+ long production by Mr. Chris Stanley and NSD Facilities featuring traditional graduation speeches, the ceremonious confirmation of diplomas along with the Roll Call of Graduates.



The Rain Plan for the June 27 Activities.

The Evening Premier is a Rain or Shine Event. If weather will clearly interfere with the morning Car Processional and Mid-day Senior Picnics, we will first attempt to shift the time to later in the day on Saturday, June 27. If we see no opportunity on Saturday, June 27, the Car Processional and Senior Picnic will move to Sunday, June 28.

3. Final Thoughts:

- While individually, each nuance of the above may seem odd or arguably ineffective. In working with the Bucks County Health Department, we learned it is the collective effect of each facet that ultimately determines the reduction in the level of risk.
- Clearly the safest thing to do is to stay home and not attend. We have worked to provide those who make that choice, as many options as we could to get their stuff and participate partially if desired.
- For Seniors not attending the events, Yearbooks and Diplomas may be picked up from 1:30 – 3:30 PM on Saturday, June 27. Seniors may also pick up Yearbooks and Diplomas throughout the summer beginning on July 7 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call in advance (215-809-6100) to make certain we are ready for you.

- On Monday, June 22, Mr. Staub will email and post a link to Sign Up for the Red or Blue Grouping. Again, not the traditional A-K Blue, L-Z Red divide.
- Early next week, after being finalized, Mr. Staub will email the Senior Car Processional Route.
- A request: This is an inclusive event. Let's make certain all who wish to participate have a ride. Seniors, if you can't find a ride, please call us at 215-809-6100.
- Finally, of all the uncertainty at the moment, the one thing that is clear as we all move forward is the importance of knowing the symptoms of COVID-19, monitoring your own health and taking yourself "out of the game" even when such a decision results in disappointment.

Do not attend the event on June 27 if you are symptomatic including:

(Honestly, you should not be attending anything, on any date, if symptomatic.)

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please "Lead by Doing the Next Right Thing" and put yourself "On The Bench," if necessary, for the well-being of others.

Fingers crossed for Bucks to be Green, Yearbooks to ship on Tuesday and good weather on Saturday!

Questions / Concerns / Clarifications? Please call me at 215-809-6512.

On behalf of Mr. Meehan, Mr. Staub, Mrs. Pennington, Mr. Magdelinkas, Mr. Mueller and Mr. Pirritano,

With Neshaminy Pride,
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