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Virtual Graduations for the Class of 2020 Ready to Hit the Airwaves

Norfolk, VA—Norfolk Public Schools has planned a variety of celebratory graduation activities for the Class of 2020 in June.

Kicking off the events are the virtual graduations of each of Norfolk's five high schools, which will be held on the same date and time as originally scheduled (June 8 and 9), and will feature pre-recorded speeches, music, and a slideshow of each senior's picture, name, and additional graduation information.

Seniors and families are invited to gather in their homes to watch the ceremony and celebrate together. They will also be able to commemorate this special time by posting celebratory comments and photos of graduation festivities using an online tool called Padlet that has been set up for each school.

The virtual graduations will be livestreamed and can be accessed from the Norfolk Public Schools homepage at www.npsk12.com, and on TV Channel 47 as well as on the Norfolk City Channel 48.

The high school graduation schedule follows:

Monday, June 8, 2020

Booker T. Washington: 4:00 p.m.

Norview: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Granby: 1:00 p.m.

Lake Taylor: 4:00 p.m.

Maury: 7:00 p.m.

Reruns of the ceremony will be available on the NPS YouTube channel as well as on Channel 47.

In addition, a Mementos and Memories event will be held at each high school on June 11 and 12 whereby graduates and their families can schedule an appointment to pick up diplomas and graduation programs, and pose for professional photos in their caps and gowns. This event will be organized in alignment with current health guidelines.

A video Salute to Seniors, scheduled for later in June, will be a video montage of graduate photos taken in their caps and gowns at landmarks and places around the City of Norfolk. The compilation video will be posted on the NPS YouTube channel and on TV Channel 47 beginning the week of June 22.

Finally, on August 3-4, an in-person graduation ceremony will be hosted at the Chartway Arena, only if permitted under the directives of government officials, advised by medical experts, and supported by state health guidelines. There will be limited seating with social distancing practices in place.

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Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) is on a mission to ensure that all students maximize their academic potential, develop skills for lifelong learning, and become successful contributors to a global society. We believe Norfolk Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community with highly qualified teachers and staff dedicated to providing diverse teaching and learning opportunities for all students.