

Hello Senior Families:

**I am writing to let you know that due to the predicted weather conditions for Sunday, graduation for the class of 2023 will need to be held indoors in the high school gymnasium.**

While this is unfortunate, the predicted weather calls for an 87% chance of rain, with a temperature of 48 degrees with 20 mph winds and an air feel of 41 degrees.

### **Indoor Graduation Details**

#### **Capacity**

Our indoor capacity is 1,100 seats in our bleachers with another 300 chairs on the floor.

An outdoor graduation at the Fort has 1,200 seats on the field for reference.

**There will not be any tickets or limitations for attendance.**

#### **Seating**

We ask that all guests sit as efficiently as possible to allow everyone the opportunity to access our indoor facilities.

#### **Parking**

Parking will be assisted by the Cape Elizabeth Public Works. We will attempt to fill each parking lot until it is full and then direct traffic to the next available lot at the high school.

Once the high school parking lots are full, attendees will be directed toward the middle school and pond cove, where there will be a lane designated to access that parking area directly from the high school lots.

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department will assist with traffic control entering and exiting the parking facilities.

#### **Handicapped Parking and Access**

Attendees that required specialized parking and access to the high school should park in the upper back parking lot around by the pool and near the facilities entrance.

They should plan to enter through the facilities entrance.

#### **Entrances Available for Graduation**

There will be a number of access points to enter the high school for graduation. Attendees may enter through:

1. Theater entrance near the snack bar at the bottom of the hill

2. Art wing entrance near the back parking across from Hannaford field
3. Rear cafeteria entrance and the door to the right of the back cafeteria entrance
4. Facilities door near the upper back parking lot

### **Streaming Access**

The class of 2023 graduation ceremony will be streamed for those that cannot attend. You can access the stream at this link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3467802>

### **Graduation Details**

While the vast majority of the graduation will remain consistent with an outdoor ceremony, there will be slight differences in the setup.

1. Seniors will be seated in front on the floor, facing the stage.
2. Pomp and Circumstance and pre-ceremony music will be played through our AV company rather than the band due to space constraints.

We know an indoor graduation ceremony is not ideal for anyone. However, our main objective is to recognize and celebrate our seniors, their work and contributions to CEHS. As always, we thank you for your support of our students and staff.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at graduation in the CEHS gymnasium at 1:00 pm.

Best,  
John Springer  
Principal, CEHS