



BUREAU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Drive-Through Graduation Ceremony for Class of 2020

Seniors, this is surely not what you had planned for the end of your senior year, nor is this what I envisioned while overseeing my first graduation ceremony as principal. While we cannot change the events that have led us to this point, we can still be thankful that we live in a technological age that allows us to remotely communicate with our friends and family while maintaining the well-being of all. It is with this positivity that I strive to find ways to honor your achievement of graduation that still follow the social distancing mandates from state and health officials. Thank you for feedback, patience, volunteerism, and desire to uphold Unity, Excellence, and Pride.

With that being said, **Bureau Valley High School will host a drive-through graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on Sunday, May 17, 2020.**

In order to participate, seniors will need to have completed all graduation requirements, returned all school property, and paid all fees owed to the district by Friday, May 15th. If completed, students should arrive in their caps and gowns at the pre-arranged times listed below by last names. Seniors and only their immediate family shall enter using the East entrance (nearest Manlius), follow traffic directions, remain in their cars, and not congregate before or after the ceremony, per state guidelines.

A - B	C - G	H - L	M - R	S - Z
11:00AM-11:30AM	11:30AM-12:00PM	12:00PM-12:30PM	12:30PM-1:00PM	1:00PM-1:30PM

When directed, only the graduating senior will exit the car in cap (with tassel) and gown to be photographed by a BVHS staff member at a designated location in front of the school; the photo will be provided free of charge from the school district. After the picture, the graduate must immediately return to his/her car and exit school grounds.

At all times, this event will abide by the guidelines set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health, including the following criteria:

- *Students, and only their immediate family members who are staying at home together, should arrive in waves and leave after their individual recognition. Students may exit the car individually, in their cap and gown if available, to have a photo taken.*
- *There may be no person-to-person contact during the ceremony. Individuals may not hand students diplomas, or any other items, or shake graduates' hands.*
- *Students may walk across a stage or area and pose for a picture individually.*
- *Individual students may remove their masks or face coverings while having their individual photo taken by the district or school.*
- *Only staff and a limited number of students may be outside of their cars.*
- *Restroom facilities and refreshments will not be available.*