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May 15, 2020

Dear STEM Academy Class of 2020 Families,

Optional Walk Across the Indoor Stage

Currently, we are in the midst of working with a vendor to create a virtual graduation ceremony. While this is being created we will begin our preparations for the optional individual walk across the indoor graduation stage. Beginning on May 26th and continuing through May 28th, we will provide an opportunity for all seniors to walk across the indoor graduation stage in their caps and gowns and receive their diploma cover, all while a professional photographer captures this important milestone. As part of the celebration, we invite only household family members to attend with their graduate. Household family members attending will be provided a designated location to take pictures within the STEM Academy Auditorium.

When you arrive on campus:

- Please enter through the Downingtown West entrance off of Manor Avenue. Once on campus take a right at the stop sign and head toward the STEM Academy.
- On a piece of paper have the student’s full name displayed in the driver’s side window along with your appointment time. Please park along the fence in designated parking spots behind the houses across from Kottmeyer Stadium and remain in your car until the Signal 88 security guard motions you to head toward the building.
- Once directed to exit your car security will guide you and your family to the entrance in the back of the school. You will walk up the stairwell and into the auditorium. If you are unable to use the stairs please let our security know and he/she will point you to an elevator. There will be several spots designated for families to stand in order to maintain safe social distancing protocols.
- Upon leaving the stage students will be required to place all stoles, cords, and honor society hoods in the appropriate box for redistribution prior to the July ceremony. Therefore, please take all pictures prior to arriving at the STEM Academy.



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- Unfortunately, due to construction, there will not be any accessible areas around the school to take pictures. After exiting the side door of the auditorium, the entire family will return to your car.
- First and foremost, we need to make sure this event is safe, thus the very rigid format to prevent any unintended gatherings that would violate social distancing guidelines. Additionally, everyone must wear a mask from the time you arrive on campus until you leave. If you do not have a mask on you will not be permitted into the building. I am sorry but there will be no exceptions.

Lastly, please select a time slot using this [Individual Sign Up Link](#) to schedule a time to walk across the indoor graduation stage in the STEM Academy Auditorium. Please register for a time slot by no later than May 22nd at 10 am. We are looking forward to sharing this important milestone with our seniors and their families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Art Campbell
Head of School