

Class of 2020
WEM Graduation Plans



May 22, 2020

May 18, 2020

Dear Graduates and Parents,

Congratulations on your graduation! We are very proud of you and all you have achieved. As a member of the Class of 2020 you will always be remembered for the sacrifices endured.

This document includes graduation plans. Graduation will be on May 22, 2020. Graduation will include a parade that will begin in Morristown, then on to Elysian and end in Waterville. After the parade route in Waterville graduates will have the opportunity to walk across a stage and receive their diploma. All graduates should wear their cap and gown and honor cords if applicable.

Through the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health and Le Sueur County Public Health graduates will ride a vehicle with their family. One vehicle per graduate will be staged. ***If a graduate's parents are separated or divorced and would like to have 2 vehicles staged for the parade please notify the high school office by Thursday, May 21 at noon. Also, if transportation is a concern WEM can provide assistance. Please contact the high school office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.***

Extended family and friends are encouraged to join in the celebration throughout the parade routes, however, through the guidance of MDE, MDH and LSCPH WEM is encouraging six feet social distancing and avoidance of groups of over ten in front yards and parking lots while watching the parade. There will not be spectating available for viewing other than the live-stream provided and on 92.1 FM.

At the staging area for the parade, please watch for volunteers to help direct you.

Thank you and Congratulations on your graduation,

Joel Whitehurst, Superintendent

Jennifer Wilson, Principal

Senior Checklist

_____ Seniors were emailed surveys (2) to be completed.

-Final Senior Survey (Due by noon May 21)

-Graduation Walk-up (Due by 3:00 p.m. May 20)

_____ If you need transportation for the parade or to graduation contact the WEM High School Office by Noon on Thursday, May 21

_____ If you will need cars for the graduation parade contact the WEM High School office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

_____ Graduation cap, gown and honor cords are prepped and ready to go.

Staging

Location	Time	Contacts/Roles
Morristown Community Center	5:30-5:50 p.m.	Travis, Junior Marshalls

Notes: Cars will be staged in alphabetical order. Families will be emailed a number.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be first staged, however. The staging area will be staffed to help direct you as you enter the parking lot. At 5:50 p.m. cars should tune their radio on to 92.1 FM for a welcome by Board Chair Pam Baker. At 6:00 p.m. the parade will begin, led by area first responders. Please be respectful while waiting in the staging area, avoiding tire squealing, etc.

PreParade/Commencement Begins

Location	Time	Contacts/Roles
Morristown Community Center	5:50-6:00 p.m.	Travis, Junior Marshalls

Notes: At this time commencement will begin. At 5:50 p.m. cars should tune their radio on to 92.1 FM for a welcome by Board Chair Pam Baker.

Parade

Location	Time	Contacts/Roles
Morristown, Elysian, Waterville	6:00-7:15 p.m.	First responders will be leading the parade and through the parade routes.

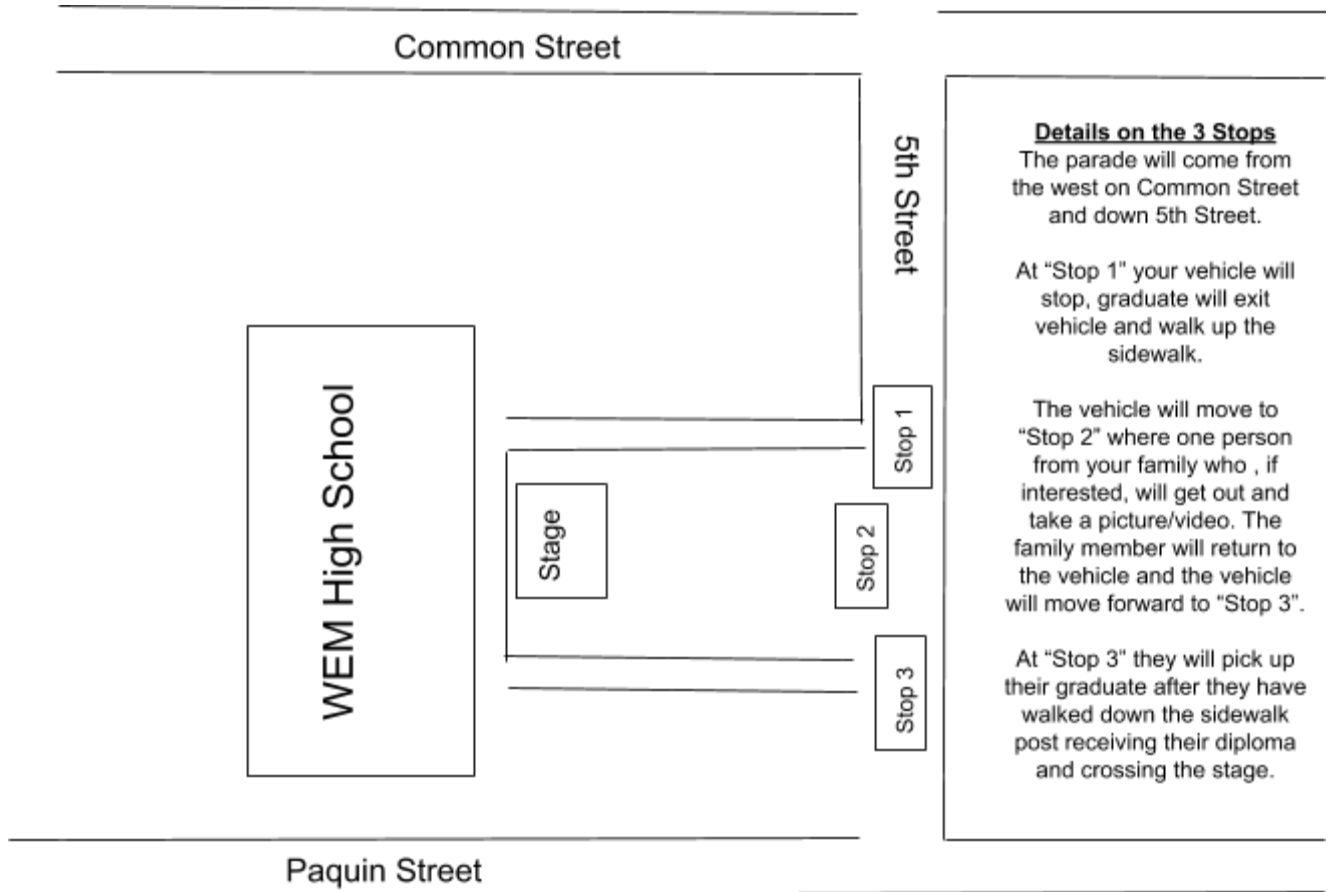
Notes: The parade will be led by area first responders and depart the Morristown Community Center at 6:00 p.m. The parade will go through Morristown then to Elysian and ending in Waterville. Parade routes will be emailed, shared on social media. The parade will conclude in Waterville before ending at the WEM High School. During transitions between towns 92.1 FM will be airing Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches as well as a senior tribute speech by Mrs. Butzer. For parade routes, please see the parade route section at the end of the document.

Receiving Diplomas

Location	Time	Contacts/Roles
Waterville HS (HS Main Entrance)	7:15 p.m.	Dr. Wilson, Mr. Boran and Mr. Whitehurst

Notes: Cars will remain in the parade format/line-up while waiting to receive the graduates diploma. Each car will take turns pulling up to the stage in the front of the WEM High School. One graduate at a time will be ushered by our Junior Marshalls to the stage. Each graduate will walk across the stage and receive their diploma. Only one family member riding in the vehicle with the graduate can get out to take a picture/video. The graduate nor the family member getting out of the vehicle to take a picture/video should be the driver. If a family member is getting out of the vehicle to take a photo/video they should follow the Junior Marshall and stay within the designated area. WEM will provide photography on site and shared for you after the event is complete and editing has been done. Diplomas will be labeled on a table where the graduate will pick theirs up. This portion of commencement will be streamed for free as well as aired and commentated on 92.1 FM. After a graduate has received their diploma and walked across the stage they (and their family member) will get back into their vehicle and drive away allowing the next car to pull up. First responders and WEM staff will be present to help with the flow of the procession line. Please be courteous of fellow graduates and families. While waiting in line to receive your graduate's diploma keep your radio turned down to a reasonable volume, avoid tire squealing and loud exhaust from tailpipes. Graduates and family members should remain in your vehicle until direct to get out once pulling up to the stage. A diagram of the processional line is provided in the next section.

Diagram of Processional Line



Details on the 3 Stops

The parade will come from the west on Common Street and down 5th Street.

At "Stop 1" your vehicle will stop, graduate will exit vehicle and walk up the sidewalk.

The vehicle will move to "Stop 2" where one person from your family who, if interested, will get out and take a picture/video. The family member will return to the vehicle and the vehicle will move forward to "Stop 3".

At "Stop 3" they will pick up their graduate after they have walked down the sidewalk post receiving their diploma and crossing the stage.

Advisements and Guidelines

- Per MDE and Le Sueur Public Health guidelines, graduates should not toss their cap.
- Students are not to enter the school building to receive their diploma. In the event of inclement weather a tent will be put up.
- To assure for social distancing and crowds less than 10, extended family and friends who are not riding in a family vehicle during the parade should join the celebration during the parade along the parade routes. The stage area will be blocked off from extended family and friends.
- Please do not throw candy or other items from your vehicle during the parade or along parade routes.

Parade Route: Morristown

From Community Center/Fire Department Parking Lot

- Right on Division Street, North
- Right on Washington
- Left on 2nd Street
- Left on Franklin
- Right on 4th Street
- Right on Hwy 60 towards Elysian

Parade Route: Elysian

From Hwy 60

- Right on Main Street
- Right on 5th Street
- Right on Frank Ave
- Left on 1st Street
- Right County Road 14

Parade Route: Waterville

From County Road 14, come in on Paquin Street

- Left on Reed Street
- Right on Lake Street
- Right on 3rd Street
- Left on Common Street
- Left on 5th Street