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## Graduation Ceremony Update:

I had a few questions from a senior parent this morning. In trying to keep abreast of the ever-shifting information from the State, from the County, and from OSPI, we are constantly adjusting now and will continue as we move through the spring.

Q: Is Newport hosting live-in person graduation in June? A: YES!  
Newport will host graduation in our own stadium on June 17th as planned.

Q: Can parents attend the ceremony? A: Still planning as of this afternoon, March 26.  
Once the decision was made for live-in person graduation (as opposed to virtual and pre-recorded), the next step is to evaluate the capacity load of our stadium, honoring all safety requirements. Instead of splitting the seniors into 2 separate ceremonies, our student leaders asked to combine into a single program. With their feedback, the decision was made to graduate all 450 seniors who qualify together. They felt that being together with their class was most important criteria for them.

Plan A: Deliver what you are confident you can deliver: for us this meant at minimum, all graduates together and live stream the 90 minutes for families. That is what we published earlier this spring.

Plan B: Under review. We are now evaluating the capacity for spectators-in this case, family members. We hope to have a formal answer you can use in your planning prior to Spring Break!

## Community Service Hours Suspended

For the class of 2021 ONLY, the community service requirement for graduation has been suspended.

The PTSA will still award Knight Valor honors.

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## Caps and Gowns -It's not too late to order you

- To order Cap & Gown, log on to [Jostens](#) to make your purchase or call 1-800-567-8367.
  - To order capes and cords, log on to your [Touchbase](#) account.
  - Orders received after March 22 will be distributed at a later date.
  - Contact Office Manager [Shelley Anderson](#) to request **scholarships** for cap, gown, cape and cords.

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## Follow Student Leaders' Planning on Social Media

- **Your student** can follow the Class of 2021 on the [CLASS of 2021 TEAM](#) in Microsoft Teams.
- **Families** can follow these information sources:
  - the Class of 2021 Instagram [@newport2021](#) and
  - <https://bsd405.org/nhs/2020/11/class-of-2021-graduation-information/>

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## Graduation Webpage Has Gone Live

Track graduation news on [Newport's graduation webpage](#). A variety of information including deadlines and gatherings is posted there.