

Graduation Update

Exciting news to share regarding graduation - With health data trending in a positive direction (decline in hospitalizations, positivity rate, number of new cases per 100,000) we may have the opportunity to host this year's graduation ceremony on our football field. I have never been more optimistic about this possibility.

Senior Class officers ~~released~~ will be releasing a short survey to members of the Class of 2021 and we continue meeting as a committee to plan for June. We will keep you posted as this and other events begin to roll out! **Please read the brief update midway down this page.**

1st up is....

Senior Pickup Day is NOW Wednesday, March 10! Please volunteer.

We would like help filling the treat bags, directing traffic, and distributing packages and yard signs to cars. If you are interested [please sign up for one of the slots](#) on our webpage.

We are **cancelling the Wednesday, March 3, event** and combining the pickups to March 10.

Instructions for pickup to follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Baserman at krisbaserman@hotmail.com

Please Share our Senior Class Fundraising Link!

[This link takes you to the PTSA website](#) where you can contribute to Class of 2021 celebration activities. We have reached 50% of our goal.

Please share with friends and families on your social media accounts. See more details below.

- Can your company match?
- We have **Microsoft & Alaska Airlines** matches available so far.
- **Sandi Tampa Real Estate** has provided a sponsorship!

More news below on these items for senior families:

- Yard sign pickup is Wednesday, March 10. Instructions for students next week.

- Need one more leader for Baccalaureate.
- Looking for a couple more junior parents to shadow this year's leaders. We have one.
- Senior Celebrations: Fundraising, Volunteers, Plans
- Follow the students' planning on social media

Would you like to know what students are thinking for graduation? What activities they plan this spring?

You Can Follow the 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/>



We need a partner for our Baccalaureate volunteer

A parent has stepped up to help lead Baccalaureate, but she needs a partner. Can you help?

- This should be families with a passion for the arts (music, poetry, acting, etc).
- We are thinking 30 second-2 minute videos from any seniors who would like to showcase their talents, but open to ideas from this leader and volunteers.
- Work with the senior class officers to produce these into a video that can be shared prior to graduation.
- Technical support to produce the video is available.
- Communications support to reach students and families is available.
- Notes and details available from the 2020 volunteers.
- Contact Kris Baserman to join the video showcase effort: krisbaserman@hotmail.com

Families welcome to join in the planning and fun:

- **There will be 3-4 volunteer days for distribution of items to seniors (e.g., yard signs, care packages, etc.).**
 - March 3-Treat Bags (sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ca4ad2ba02-graduation>)
 - March 10-Yard Signs
 - March 24-Caps & Gowns
 - Generally, planning one distribution each month.
- **We must have help from families to get sponsorships from local Factoria & Newcastle restaurants, etc.**
 - Contact Kris Baserman for additional detail: krisbaserman@hotmail.com
- **We must have families and community donate to the “Senior class 2021 Care Package Fund”**
 - Please spread the word and get others to donate.
 - \$25, \$50, \$100
 - We need \$25 per senior to ensure we can include all the best ideas in the care package.
 - Fundraising link coming in February.
 - [Link to the PTSA donation site.](#)

Graduation Webpage Has Gone Live

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

Be sure to notice all four tabs:

The image shows a navigation menu with four tabs: "Ceremony", "Other Events", "Important Dates", and "Senior Guideposts". The "Senior Guideposts" tab is highlighted in yellow and expanded to show a list of links:

- NHS Senior Guideposts 1-21-21
- NHS Senior Guideposts 1-14-21
- NHS Senior Guideposts 12-16-20
- NHS Senior Guideposts 12-9-20
- NHS Senior Guideposts 11-12-20
- NHS Senior Guideposts 10-2-20