

Dear South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools Community,

On behalf of everyone in our District, I write to share with the students and parents of our SEL Schools Family our Commencement Program and plan to honor the Charles F. Brush High School Class of 2020. This program has been developed by our dedicated Brush High School staff members, who have been devoted to ensuring the distinguished quality of traditional spring commencement ceremonies, while also abiding by the most recent directives and requirements for graduations as outlined by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

A comprehensive, commemorative plan has been established for our celebrated graduating seniors in the Charles F. Brush Class of 2020. Details for our plan are outlined below.

- ***Charles F. Brush High School will conduct a compliant, pre-recorded Virtual Commencement Ceremony on Tuesday, May 26th*** beginning at 6 p.m. which will be live streamed on the District's social media platform for the entire community to watch. All components of the Virtual Commencement ceremony will be pre-recorded, including class speakers, guest speakers and remarks from the Superintendent, President of the Board of Education and other members of the administration. Student names will read during this Virtual Commencement, a time-honored, symbolic online turning of the tassels and a virtual "toss of the Commencement caps" will take place. Seniors and their families have demonstrated an uncanny level of patience, and the District will honor them with this state compliant Virtual Commencement opportunity.
- Between the days of ***May 27th and May 29th, Members of the Class of 2020 will participate in a socially-distanced, individual walk across-the-stage at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to receive their diplomas.*** In the weeks leading up to the Virtual Commencement, exclusive appointments will be made for seniors in the Class of 2020 to invite 2-4 members of their respective families to watch them, clothed in cap-and-gown enter the stage, walk across it and receive their diploma. During the symbolic walk across the stage, there will be only one graduate and their families in the Performing Arts Center at a time. Building administrators and other District leaders may be on the stage to congratulate the graduating seniors, while remaining compliant with social distancing requirements. Seniors will have photos taken of their walk-across-the-stage.
- To Kick-Off this exciting final end-of-the-school-year season for our wonderful Seniors in the Class of 2020, ***Brush High School will host a Virtual Graduation Celebration the week preceding Commencement*** where all members of the Class of 2020 will generate the thrill and elation of the forthcoming Virtual Commencement by participating in these daily activities:
 - Monday, May 18: Virtual Midnight Snack
 - Tuesday, May 19: Virtual Cap Decorating Party
 - Wednesday, May 20: Brush Arcs Spirit Day
 - Thursday, May 21: Throwback Thursday: share a photo from Freshman Year to Senior Year
 - Friday, May 22: Fun Friday: Share your moment of having FUN at Brush High School

Seniors will be encouraged to upload photos to ***#Arcsgrad2020*** to share this excitement with everyone!

To close, I want to personally commend the graduating seniors of the Charles F. Brush High School Class of 2020, for their resilience, patience, hard work, understanding and dedication to success. These year-end activities, culminating in the Virtual Commencement Ceremony on May 26th, will share the dignity and respect the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools has for you and your families. Your individual and collective accomplishments are praiseworthy and the District is dedicated to honoring you in the most appropriate and safest manner possible. Thank you for being devoted Brush High School Arcs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools