



# FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

## DRIVE-IN CELEBRATION Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. Please review important information below

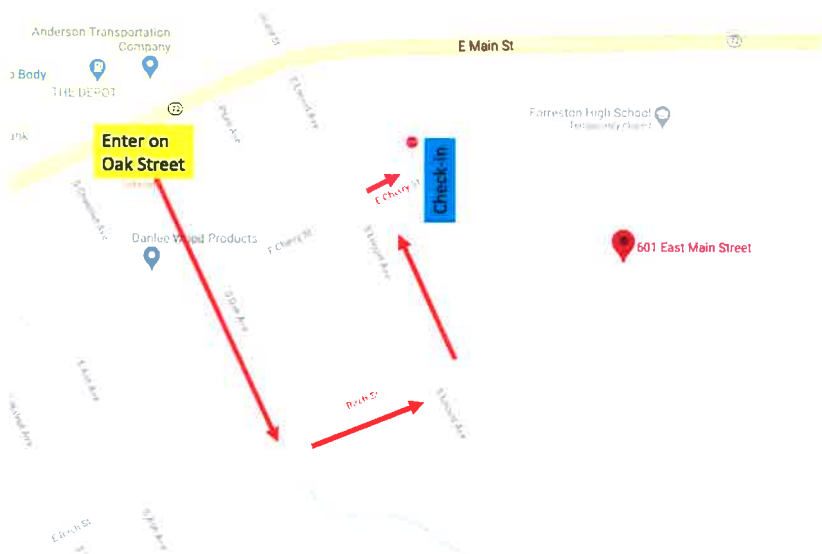
Please understand due to the recent guidelines by IDPH and ISBE, we must be extremely careful to follow all regulations provided in order to ensure the safety and wellness of students, staff, family members, and greater community. It is critical all persons electing to attend this *optional* event follow the regulation outlined below or the entire vehicle will forfeit attendance.

Please do your part to assist in providing a unique opportunity for the Class of 2020.

Please carefully review the information below. If you still have questions, contact Forreton High School.

### What time do I need to arrive on Sunday?

Students should arrive in cap and gown at FHS with their parents and siblings **by 1:15 p.m.** Vehicles must enter on Oak Street (turn immediately after Farmer's) and follow map below, stopping to verify registration at Check Point located at tennis courts.



### What is the check point process and why is this necessary?

A check point has been implemented to ensure the safety and wellness for all and to assist in overall organization of the event. Please remember we are in unique times and must follow the guidelines set forth by IDPH and ISBE. The check point is to ensure all attendees have registered, all attendees have a face covering, as well as to assist with overall vehicle organization for the event itself. Please be patient as we will move you through as fast as possible.

*Please note: Entering through the checkpoint is REQUIRED for every vehicle. All other entrances will be closed.*

### What happens if the people I registered are no longer able to attend?

Simply let the staff member checking you in know the individual is not in attendance. However, no substitutions are allowed.

**What if someone in my vehicle is not registered?**

No one will be allowed to attend the event UNLESS they have been pre-registered and received prior approval by administration. Registration was completed online last week. **This event is limited to graduates, their parents, and their siblings ONLY.** The event is not open to grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, or other family members and close friends, EVEN IF these members are part of the same household. This will be strictly enforced to allow equity for all graduates.

Any vehicle arriving with individuals not approved prior will be denied access to the event, forfeiting the opportunity for parents, siblings, AND graduates from participating. Understand your responsibility to maintain wellness and equity for all. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

**How will you ensure adequate spacing for all vehicles?**

All parking spaces have been pre-marked and pre-determined. There is no reason to arrive earlier than 1:15 p.m. to reserve or select your parking space. You will be provided a parking number upon check-in. No vehicle will be allowed entry to the east parking lot without stopping at the check point and receiving an assigned number.

**What are the guidelines we must follow for the event?**

All attendees (graduates AND family members) must have a face covering to display at checkpoint. All attendees must remain in vehicles at ALL times.

Graduates will be allowed to exit for individual recognition ONLY as part of the celebration event when specifically called to do so. They must have a face covering on at time of vehicle exit and may remove when directed by staff for photo opportunity, if desired.

In addition, all district rules apply as any other school sanctioned event and can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook or Board Policies. This includes NO SMOKING/VAPING on school grounds, and extends to no smoking/vaping in your personal vehicle while on school grounds. Pets are also never allowed on school grounds and cannot be with you on Sunday. All rules and policies are available for your review on our district website [www.fvdistrict221.org](http://www.fvdistrict221.org).

**Will my family who can't attend be able to view this celebration?**

Yes. The event will be livestreamed and live broadcasted via radio.

- Radio live broadcast by WCCI 100.3 FM. All vehicles are encouraged to tune to WCCI 100.3 FM for the best sound quality during the event itself. This allows for optimal social distancing and for cars to remain running for climate control if heat/air conditioning become necessary.
- Facebook Live event by searching the 'Forreston High School Class of 2020' page.

We want to thank our sponsors for allowing the radio broadcast option.

The DePot, Forreston State Bank, German American State Bank, Koeller Hardware, Logan's Bar & Grill, and Rosati's.

**Am I restricted to any specific vehicle?**

We would expect you to arrive in the vehicle you drive on a daily basis. Recreational vehicles, such as RVs, will not be allowed due to parking space availability. In addition, no open air vehicle will be allowed (convertible, jeep, sitting in truck bed, or other open-air option). Please remember the recommendation would be for all vehicles to keep windows up during the ceremony and tune in via WCCI 100.3 FM radio to maximize social distancing.

**What is the itinerary for this celebration?**

You can expect all the main components of a commencement ceremony during our Drive-In Celebration. You will hear the staff and student addresses and students will pick up their diplomas after their names are called. However, we will not be able to shake hands and no person-to-person contact is allowed. A program for this event will be available on the website near the end of this week.

**Are we still having a commencement ceremony in June or July?**

Yes. We feel it is important for our students to have a traditional ceremony, if allowable, on June 20<sup>th</sup> or July 18<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for traditional pictures, extended family members to attend, and an opportunity for our students to spend time with their fellow classmates, without the current restrictions of vehicles, social distancing, and face coverings. While the itinerary may be similar from this Sunday, we feel two times is better than none for this particular class, considering all circumstances.

**Will my son/daughter receive their diploma?**

Yes. Your son/daughter will be announced by Mr. Heinz and will pick up their diploma. They will be congratulated by Mrs. Smith, Superintendent and Mr. Reining, Board of Education President. No personal contact will be made.

**Will I be able to take pictures?**

No, parents and siblings will not be able to leave their vehicle for pictures. While I know this is important, this is simply not allowable under the IDPH and ISBE guidelines. Mrs. Angie Janicke will be the district photographer for the event. Pictures will be taken of each graduate and provided FREE of charge to all parents.

**Will I be able to hear the celebration from my car?**

The district will have a speaker system to assist with the radio and staff/students speaking. However, this sound will likely not extend to a closed vehicle. Therefore, please tune radio to WCCI 100.3 FM to meet your audio needs. Keep in mind this could create an extended use of vehicle battery, so vehicles may need to remain running. Please plan accordingly.

**What happens if it rains?**

As of the time of this publication there is a 40% chance of rain this Sunday. Please have your graduates bring an umbrella, as our goal is to hold this event for the class of 2020, rain or shine. If a delay becomes necessary, we will hold off in our vehicles for a break in rain showers.

**Will restrooms be available?**

No, restroom facilities will not be available. Please plan accordingly.

**What happens when the celebration has concluded?**

All individuals must remain in their vehicle after the celebration has ended. Vehicles will be directed by staff to exit at one of three locations to assist with traffic flow. Again, all individuals must remain in their vehicles; you will not be allowed to gather for pictures or socializing.

**Disclaimer:**

*This event is an optional event and student attendance is NOT required. Recent guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for graduation events will be followed. In addition, consultations with the Ogle County Health Departments and the Regional Office of Education have been made. While many precautions are in place, Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District is not able to guarantee a risk-free environment. Each attendee should evaluate their health risks by attending this public event and make decisions to participate based on their own unique situations. Alternate means of participation are available by WCCI 100.3 FM radio and Facebook Live to all.*

*In order to protect the safety and wellness of all participants, Forreston Police Department will be on duty during this event. Should any person refuse to comply with established guidelines and rules, they will be escorted from the district premises. Please assist us in making this a great event for the Class of 2020!*