



Parents and Prospective MTS Graduates of 2020:

Each year, we celebrate the achievements of graduation with a commencement ceremony attended by family, friends, and the staff of MTS Secondary. Due to restrictions regarding social distancing, we are unable to continue this year the practice of gathering as a group and walking across the stage. We know this disappoints you, but we are also saddened that we will not be able to celebrate the graduates in the traditional way.

After much consideration, especially in making sure we honor the graduates somehow, we decided that we will be having individual graduation ceremonies via Zoom on Friday, June 5th, and Saturday, June 6th. **The graduates have all received the email to sign up. Please encourage them to do that as soon as possible.** The ceremony will consist of music by Ms. Raney, a message from Mr. Erlandson, MTCS Superintendent, Mr. Fondow, MTS Secondary Principal, and a staff member that the graduates will vote for. During the ceremony, graduates will be awarded the diploma and have the movement of the tassel. We are planning for each ceremony to be 30 minutes. This will allow family members to participate in-person with the graduate or through a Zoom virtual meeting.

The week of the ceremonies, the graduate will be emailed a link to their specific graduation ceremony. It will be their responsibility to send it out to whomever they want to attend. Feel free to reach out to us with questions on how to use Zoom, but you can also reference *Youtube* for step by step instructions.

The cap, gown, tassel, and honor cords (for students who have earned a 3.0 GPA or higher) will be gifted to the graduates from MTS Secondary. As soon as the cap and gowns arrive, we will be coordinating a drop off time. If the graduate has earned their diploma, we will be delivering that with the caps and gowns.

The graduates were also emailed a google form to complete by May 18th. Please encourage them to do this as it will help plan for the ceremonies.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Sincerely,

Shawn Fondow
MTS Secondary Principal