

Pacific, Gold Beach celebrate class of 2020

Two high school graduations set for June 5

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Gold Beach and Pacific high schools will be holding graduation ceremonies involving parades and social distancing on Friday, June 5.

Pacific will celebrate the graduates from the Class of 2020 with a Graduation Parade through Port Orford starting at 5 p.m. on June 5.

This parade will start on the north side of Port Orford, travel down Highway 101 and end at the field at Driftwood Elementary School.

GBHS has scheduled its Graduation Parade and Socially Distanced Commencement Ceremony for 7 p.m. on June 5.

On June 5, immediate family or friends who live with the student will drive a truck, flatbed, or open vehicle to display the senior in their cap and gown in a parade through the town which will finalize on the high school football field.

The parade will start at 7 p.m. sharp. KGBR will play “Pomp and Circumstance” to signal the start of the parade.

The parade will set up in the Port of Gold Beach along Harbor Way facing north in front of Jerry’s Rogue River Museum and Gift Shop and extending south on the right side of Harbor Way toward the U.S. Post Office. From there, vehicles will enter Highway 101 from Harbor Way and progress south through town to the high school.

Students will drive north through the school parking lot, pausing in front of the high school steps to be announced, filmed (live stream), and photographed receiving their diploma. After students have received their diploma, they will continue north through the parking lot, turn left and proceed behind the stadium, and drive down onto the football field to their marked location. There, families and graduates will wait in their designated location with balloons, listening to the announcements of their classmates and honking, cheering until all graduates are on the field.

Once the last graduate has taken their position on the football field, Superintendent Tim Wilson will announce the “Graduated Class of 2020.”

After the recessional has finished playing, graduation vehicles, graduates and families should exit the field.

To abide by social distancing guidelines, all members of the Gold Beach High School community, as well as family and friends of the Class of 2020, are asked to remain in their vehicles and park along Highway 101 throughout Gold Beach to cheer on and celebrate students as they pass

Brookings

BHHS moved its parade to 7 p.m. on June 12, starting from Elmer Bankus Stadium parking lot with the graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. on June 13 at the stadium.

On May 29, Brookings-Harbor High School held a cap and gown drive-thru pick-up party from 8 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Students or parents drove by the front of the school and a BHHS staffer delivered caps and gowns, graduation cords, yearbooks, and senior announcements to the senior's car.