

## **Class of 2020 Graduation Auditions:**

The auditions will be **April 14<sup>th</sup>** (singing) and **April 16<sup>th</sup>** (speaking) in the ASB room after school.

### **Times starting @ 3:30..**

Thank you for your interest in speaking/singing at the graduation ceremonies. You will be making a commitment to participate at **all** rehearsals and to be videotaped at the ceremony. You will find directions below on how to write a speech for the ceremony. You may also choose to write and perform a poem

#### **Singing and Speaking Guidelines:**

Qualifications: Must be a member of the Class of 2020. All students who try-out may not be getting an "F" in any class, or, a "D" in any class needed to graduate. The grades that will be used to make this determination will be the end of the 3rd quarter grades.

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Your name as you would like it printed on the graduation program (print neatly)

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I have read the directions above and agree to allow my student to audition and perform at graduation ceremonies.

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Parent Signature and date

**Turn in by April 13<sup>th</sup> by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch to the ASB room if you would like to try out to perform (sing) at graduation.**

Your options are:

- a. **"National Anthem"**
- b. **"I Lived" by One Republic**
- c. **"The Alma Mater"**

**Come prepared to perform it as you would the night of graduation**

**Turn in by April 15<sup>th</sup> by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch to the ASB room to try out for a speaking role**

## **Time for speech: 1-2 minutes total**

Theme: **"We Did It All"**

Evaluation criteria: articulation, projection, eye contact, expressive voice, posture, **content of the speech and relevance to the theme**

**Come to the audition prepared with **6 copies** of a typed speech.** (or turn one in the day before and we will make the copies)

\*\*\* If selected speaker(s) must commit to working with \_\_\_\_\_ to improve your speech and the performance of that speech.

#### **Speech Directions:**

- A graduation speech is a formal address made at a commencement ceremony in honor of the occasion. The ceremony will include several other presentations.
- Content and tone of the speech should be mostly serious, although touches of humor are appropriate.
- Include quotations from famous speakers.
- Tell brief anecdotes, but not long stories.
- Include some humor, but avoid silliness and disrespect
- Evaluate the school experience without slapstick or anger
- Include the expected topics: congratulating fellow graduates, acknowledging teachers and administrators as well as parents
- Offer inspirational and optimistic advice
- Use formal and dignified language
- **Rehearsals TBA. There may be additional rehearsals as needed. The valedictorian will also follow the same guidelines as above.**