

With Graduation just around the corner, we wanted to provide you some final information on your graduate's tuxedo.

As you know, we have been working with our vendor, Merian Brothers, to circumvent the many covid-related restrictions and prepare your graduate's tuxedo. Merian Brothers supplied measuring tapes for each member of the Class of 2021 and created a measuring tutorial video that we emailed out to the seniors and included in the Eagle Update. We were grateful that he offered families, who were concerned about their measurements, the opportunity to meet with him at his store, which has been closed since the start of the pandemic, to ensure a proper fit. Thirty families availed themselves of that offer and that sample size provided us some confidence that our process seems to be working. Of the 30 that met with Mr. Merian, 10 had a perfect fit and the other 20 would have worked but he made minor adjustments. This means that between the measurements you provided, and Mr. Merian's expertise and ability to make modifications based on the information you submitted, we feel that almost all tuxedos should fit your graduate for the upcoming ceremony.

While we are happy with the results thus far, we do want to remind you that there is a possibility that your graduate's tuxedo will not be a perfect, custom fit. The pandemic makes this goal unlikely. That said we do expect that your graduate's tuxedo will fit well enough to help make the day special. Please be mindful that all the pants are adjustable and, with the provided suspenders, there are options to help in fitting. We will have a small assortment of jackets, shirts, pants, and accessories, in case your graduate cannot make his attire work, or if something is broken.

We will be distributing the tuxedos after Graduation Rehearsal on Friday, May 21. Please have your graduate try on his tuxedo when he gets home, so that you can work to make it fit the best way possible. If you have a major problem (pants/jacket are too small to fit), you can contact John Merian on his mobile number (508-612-2688) and he will try his best to accommodate you in the very limited time that he has. Please only contact him if it is an emergency. The tuxedo return date is Monday, May 24 (the Monday after Graduation Weekend) from 9 am – 1pm, at the McNeice Pavilion garage door. Any tuxes returned late will incur a late fee, so please make arrangements if your graduate will be unable to return his tuxedo in that timeframe.

Finally, we recognize that you, the parents/guardians of the graduates, have been extremely accommodating this year as we have all worked together to provide your son a semblance of a normal senior year. We cannot express enough gratitude for that understanding and support. We are asking one final favor in working with us to make these tuxedos work. We were extremely limited in our process of taking measurements and we feel that we have done the best we can under the circumstances. We are grateful to you for your anticipated understanding and to Merian Brothers for their tireless work on our graduates' behalf to provide the best service possible. We look forward to the upcoming Graduation to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Class of 2021.

Sincerely,

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