

Graduation Parking and Traffic Advisory

Guests and Graduates of FCPS 2019 Commencement Ceremonies,

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and the Mount St. Mary's University Public Safety Department will be assisting Frederick County Public Schools with the commencement ceremonies set to take place May 28th through May 31st, 2019 at Mount St. Mary's University.

Guests are strongly encouraged to park on the west side of Route 15, due to the limited parking on the east side of Route 15. There is a pedestrian underpass under Route 15 that brings you to the rear doors of the Knott Athletic Complex. In many cases the walk from the west side of Route 15 will be shorter than the walk from where you will be directed to park, if you elect to park on the east side of Route 15.

Guests who choose to park on the east side of Route 15 will have to abide by the direction of uniformed sheriff's deputies and the Mount Public Safety Officers. Lots are filled in a manner that allows for the best use of space in the limited time frame, *the closest areas are not necessarily parked first.* (See attached map)

Deputies and the Mount Public Safety Officers will be directing the flow of traffic, where vehicles will park, and the direction of vehicles exiting the event once complete. Once the upper lots, A-F, are full, guests will be directed to park in one of the two lots off of College Lane. Buses, campers and limousines must park in the large gravel lot down College Lane. College Lane will be one way and traffic will only travel eastbound toward Old Frederick Road. Guests who are directed to park in either one of these gravel lots must exit to the left, away from the complex toward Old Frederick Road. Vehicles will not be able to access the complex from Old Frederick Road.

Guests will need to obey "No Parking" signs and "Handicap Parking" signs. The location for drop-off and pick-up of individuals with disabilities will be on the east side of the Knott Athletic Complex. Handicapped parking is extremely limited and is filled on a first come first served basis.

Guests are reminded that Mount St. Mary's University is private property and if they park in a designated "no parking" area, their vehicle will be towed. There will be no parking on the Elizabeth DiNuzio Memorial Trail; Mount Public Safety Officers will be monitoring the property and will act in accordance with their policies.

Guests and graduates are also asked to walk on the sidewalks, use the crosswalks and avoid walking or standing in the fire lane that is just outside of the front doors of the Knott Athletic Complex. This lane needs to remain clear for guests dropping off or picking up individuals with disabilities and for emergency equipment.

It is your responsibility to factor in enough time for parking and walking to the complex. Doors will close prior to the actual start of the commencement ceremonies. If you arrive late you will not be let in until the graduates are seated.

There will be a high volume of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic on these days; our goal is to maintain public safety.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.