

May 1, 2020

Greetings Parents, Guardians, and Students,

On Wednesday, April 29th, the Board of Education amended graduation credits required to earn one's diploma for this year's seniors, from 25 credits to the State mandated 15 credits. For most seniors, this means they simply need to complete their senior English credit. Our guidance counselors will be reaching out to all seniors via e-mail to inform them of what requirements they have remaining. We ask all seniors to look for this e-mail and reply to their guidance counselor indicating receipt of the e-mail acknowledging they understand the final requirements they need to fulfill in order to obtain their diploma. We will reach out via phone calls to seniors not responding by Friday, May 8th. We have earmarked the last day for senior remote learning as Wednesday, May 27th; seniors will not be able to drop courses. We encourage all students to continue participation in all courses as best as possible to ensure all credits are earned.

We are in the process of cleaning out all lockers. This process is tedious as we need to bag and label all contents. For students with shared lockers, we are doing our best to identify student content. Once we have all lockers processed, contents will be transported to the fieldhouse and organized by grade and alphabet. After this process has been completed, we will schedule dates and times for students to pick-up their belongings from lockers. We intend to hold this pick-up near the very end of the year so all students can drop off musical instruments and uniforms, drop off textbooks or any other school materials, collect academic locker and physical education locker contents, and finally, perhaps most importantly, distribute yearbooks. We will collect iPads for seniors only and not for underclassmen at the end of this school year. We will collect iPads from underclassmen, hopefully, in August during registration. More details to come on locker pick-up as we near the last two weeks of school.

On Thursday, May 14th, we will attempt to distribute senior Cap and Gowns using the Circle Drive for a drive-through process, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Seniors will receive all locker materials (along with their siblings' locker contents) as well as their Cap and Gowns. The Jostens' representative will be in contact regarding this process as well. Please see the school website and Facebook page for more information. We will establish a time at the end of the month for seniors to return their iPads, musical instruments and/or uniforms, textbooks, and other school related materials. Pick-up for school related projects and yearbooks will take place at this time as well. Underclassmen will collect locker contents and pick-up yearbooks during the week of June 1-5th. Details to come later.

As for future school related events, we currently plan to hold our traditional graduation ceremony on Saturday, August 8th, at 11:00 a.m. We will try to finalize dates for Prom, the Awards Ceremony, and Project Graduation, but we intend to hold them near the graduation ceremony (for example, within a week before or after graduation). We will get more details out on these events before school is officially adjourned for the 2019-2020 school year.

Again, we cannot say enough how grateful we truly are for the overwhelming support, patience, and understanding you have shown during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Nicksic, Principal