

SUPERINTENDENT TOWN HALL- FAQs

Philomath School District 17J

April 14, 2020

1. How do I get a Chromebook?

Answer: Chromebooks have been passed out at all schools to those families that do not have a computer or need extra computers. If you are still in need of a Chromebook, contact the school where your child attends to ask for one.

2. Are schools providing meals?

Answer: Lunches and breakfasts are being provided at CPS 12:00-1:00 pm every week day. These are provided free of charge to any child up to age 18. The child does not need to be in the car to pick up the meal.

3. How are we going to handle graduation?

Answer: Graduation is a concern that we all have. A virtual graduation would be a last resort. As the governor opens the state up, we will be able to make a more definitive plan. May will still be the month that PHS will use to elect speakers for graduation, determine scholarships and other decisions that would normally happen during that month. Annuals may not arrive until fall. If we cannot hold graduation on the scheduled date of June 6th, we will look at June 13, 20, or 27. If we have to make a major change to the format, there will be a committee set up to work on a plan.

4. Why are the football and baseball field lights turned on Friday evenings?

Answer: To honor our class of 2020, the football and baseball field lights will be turned on every Friday evening at 2020 (Military time) and stay on for 20 minutes.

5. How are packets handled for the elementary grades?

Answer: K-5th grades will receive packets that will be picked up on Friday. When materials are returned they will be held for 72 hours before the teachers open the packets. The district is also looking at using the bus company to help with distribution and return of packets. Routes will be published if this option is put in place.

6. What method will be used for grading?

Answer: Grades will be on a pass/no pass basis. It will not affect GPAs.

7. Will there be summer school?

Answer: We will have a robust summer school program using a style similar of courses through Edgenuity. There would be three options for grading: 1. Pass/No Pass 2. Audit the class, 3. Receive an A-F grade.

8. What types of courses for summer school?

Answers: Elective credits and core classes. We may not be able to offer CTE type courses. More information to come.

9. Will there be fees for summer school?

Answer: No fees unless there are some materials costs

10. When will students be able to pick up personal belongings?

Answer: Mid May is the goal for this activity. If you have items that you need now, you may call the school to ask about setting up a time to come in.

11. IXL, Con Academy, Edgenuity, CK 12, etc for online learning. Different platforms are being used by teachers for video learning. PHS has over 376 students in online classes.

12. Will there be summer school for K-1 grades?

Answer: We are looking into this option. More information will be provided at a later date.

13. Will you be including seniors and parents involved in the committee planning graduation?

Answer: If it graduation is done as usual, but on a different date, then probably not. If it is a major change, then yes, we would include input from seniors and parents.

14. When will students get to choose electives for next year?

Answer: PHS started forecasting on Monday. Buzz will ask Mike about this.

15. Will there be year books?

Answer: Yes, but they won't be available until fall.

16. When will middle school students get to pick elective preferences for next year?

Answer: Buzz will ask Steve

17. If you haven't paid for yearbook yet, do you pay now or next fall?

Answer: Buzz advised that people email Mike Bussard with this question. Yearbooks can be purchased online on the district website. www.philomath.k12.or.us

18. The district is trying to get information out as soon as possible. We get our direction from ODE. We appreciate the patience of the community.

19. Next Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting – Tuesday April 28th at 7 PM.