



## WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

# PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

WBHS Seniors and Families,

We're almost there. Only a couple of short weeks until you complete a 13 year journey spanning from Kindergarten through 12th grade. I am writing to cheer you on down the home stretch and to recognize how monumental this milestone is. Additionally, I would like to give you an update regarding senior activities.

### **Seniors' Last Day**

The last day of school for seniors is on *May 19, 2020*. This will be the last required day of attendance for nearly all seniors. If a particular student is still in need of one or more classes to graduate, a plan will be created with the family to work beyond May 19. This communication will be made through the WBHS counseling department.

### **Graduation Commencement Ceremony**

The original graduation date of *May 31st has been cancelled*. In an effort to provide seniors and their families with the best possibility of a traditional graduation ceremony, the decision was made to move the date back. ***Please save the date for August 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM*** for the graduation ceremony for the class of 2020. We are planning for various scenarios including a live, in-person ceremony with an audience, a live ceremony without an audience, a drive through live ceremony, and a virtual ceremony. No decisions have been made yet, so we want to be prepared for all possibilities.

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbook printing has been delayed, and we have an approximate date of late June for their arrival. This date is still flexible and we will share more information as we receive it. Once we have the yearbooks and know more about social distancing guidelines, we will share the plan for distribution.

### **School Materials and Personal Items**

Once the stay at home order has been lifted and social distancing recommendations clarified, we will share the plan for students to return books, materials, and Chromebooks. Additionally, we will arrange for students to pick up personal belongings and important items. Look for more information from us in June.

## **Caps and Gowns**

We are actively working with the company on a plan for distribution/collection. We will most likely pair this up with the event for school materials and personal items. Again, look for more information from us in June regarding caps and gowns.

## **Honors Convocation and Scholar Athletes/Fine Arts Students**

Honors convocation will be conducted via a pre-recorded series of awards and recognitions to be shared with the community in the near future. Scholar athletes and fine arts students will receive recognition as part of the graduation events.

## **Prom/Senior All Night Party**

We are still working on postponement of these activities in order to provide them for our seniors. We will delay them as long as possible in order to provide the best opportunity to still host them. Stay tuned for further communication regarding these events.

## **Senior Lawn Signs**

The signs from the original order (made during the school year) that have not been picked up yet are available in the WBHS front security/attendance office on "school days" between the hours of 7:30AM - 3:00PM. The second order that was recently made should become available in the next week or two.

## **Parent Update Videos**

Please click [here](#) and scroll down to "Parent Webinars" to view the recorded parent update meetings. There is one dedicated just to senior families.

## **Final Thoughts**

Please understand that we want to honor our seniors in the best ways possible, and that we will continue to network with other districts, work with our vendors, and brainstorm creative ideas to celebrate our students. Take time to savor moments when possible, and to reflect upon the amazing achievements you all have accomplished. Through hard work, sacrifice, tears, laughter, stress, and joy, you are here. It's ok to mourn what has been lost, but I encourage you to be proud of your resilience and success. I couldn't be more proud of who you are, and what you've accomplished.

Eric Pace

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