May 15, 2020

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members of Canton Area School District,

It is hard to believe that we are a full two months in this pandemic. If you are as active as we, I know it has been extremely challenging to be “stuck at home” and wait until the next level of clearance is provided for more freedom. It is a constant reminder to me of the importance of patience. As we look to close out the 2019/2020 school year, I wanted to share with you a few important reminders about various ceremonies, reminders on important dates for students to gather and return their belongs, and an update on our ESY program for the summer.

**Graduation**

Graduation is set to move forward on May29th. Below are the details as of today: however, please keep checking our social media outlets and the website should something change.

**5:40 PM** – Senior Video Presentation (Virtual, CASD Webpage link)

**6:00 PM** – Virtual Commencement Ceremony (Virtual, CASD Webpage)

**Approximately 7:15** – Diploma Procession (Live)

**Graduation Reminders (for the public):**

1. Outside of the graduation participants and their families (in their cars), we will not be allowing any visitors on-site during this time. **The public will not be permitted on our campus for this ceremony**.
2. There will be a procession of the seniors, in their vehicles, that will move through town before receiving their diploma at the main entrance to the high school. We are asking that the public **DOES NOT** congregate in the streets for this procession. If you want to observe the procession, please do so with your families or in groups less than 25 at your private residence. The official procession route will be released next week.

**Re-entry Plan - Closing Out The 2019-2020 School Year (REPEAT FROM LAST WEEK)**

*Week of May 26th*

During the week of May 26th, we will be opening our buildings for our students and their parents to have curbside pickup (and delivery) of student and school contents (dates and times are listed below). In order for this to run smoothly, please **read carefully** the bulleted points below so we can be efficient throughout this process.

* All arriving traffic will enter the campus by way of the high school loop entrance closest to the auditorium.  This will be referred to as the “Warrior Entrance”.  Once you enter, there will be two lanes divided by cones and you will be directed to one of the two lanes. If you are a parent of a high school student or the parent of a high school AND elementary student, you will be directed to the left lane. If you are a parent of an elementary student and you do not have a high school student, you will be directed to the right lane. Once you have been designated to a lane, you will be informed by CASD employees on how to navigate to the respective school (elementary or high school) for pick up/drop off of student/school materials. **Please Note: East Veteran’s Drive (entrance closest to Tops) will be blocked off. Do not plan on entering the school district property through any other entrance. The only entrance that will be open to the public during this time will be the “Warrior Entrance”.**
* I am going to ask that all parents and guardians **bag any school contents** you have at your house prior to arriving to our school. Specifically, we know we are missing an abundance of textbooks, library books, calculators, athletic gear, musical instruments, and anything else that you would have that is considered school property. Please place your **child’s name, grade level, and homeroom teacher** on the bag prior to arriving to school. This will help us get the school contents back to the correct classroom teacher.
* Upon your arrival through the proper lane to the designated school, you will be required to hand off any of your child’s materials that belong to the school to a district employee, and also give the district employee the name of your child. Your child’s items will be brought to you in your car at that time.
* **The expectation is that all CASD personnel and families will have masks and gloves on during the distribution.**
* **Dates and Times for Pick Up/Drop Off of Student/School Materials:**
	+ Students with last names beginning with A-K Tues., 5/26/20 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
	+ Students with last names beginning with L-Z Wed., 5/27/20 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
	+ We understand that some families may have children with different last names. We will service all students in the household should their last name fall outside of the alphabetical system we have set up for content distribution.
	+ If traffic were to get backed up and you may block Route 414, please attempt to come back to the school at a different time to retrieve your belongings.

**CASD Ceremonies/Important Reminders**

**May 20 @ 6:00 PM -** Athletic Awards Assembly (Virtual)

**May 21 @ 6:00 PM** - Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC) Awards Ceremony, Link: [www.ntccschool.org](http://www.ntccschool.org)

**May 22** - Half day for Students and Staff – 11:00 “Virtual Dismissal”

**May 26 and May 27** – Student “drop off” and “pick up” (See times and directions above)

**May 29 –** CASD Graduation (See above for directions)

Yours in Education,

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