



Parents, Students, and Staff,

5-1-2020

I hope that this letter finds you all doing well and that you are all managing these times as best as possible. This pandemic has been a whirlwind to say the least for everyone. There is so much that I would like to say but in an attempt to get information out that is critical to everyone at this point in time I will try and keep my message to the point. There are some key decisions that have been held off as long as possible until we have been able to gather as much information as possible. After much discussion, consideration, and the gathering of information we have some important information that we would like to share.

Graduation - We will be holding our graduation ceremony for the class of 2020 on June 26th at 7:00 pm inside Deward Bell Football Stadium. This will allow for more adequate space to help meet guidelines that have been set forth. There will be more detailed guidelines that will be shared out in the coming weeks but we wanted to make sure that students and immediate family were able to plan accordingly for the June 26th date. We will still have a plan B in the case that the guidelines that have been set forth are not able to be obtained in the weeks ahead. This decision has taken a lot of thought and consideration and we feel good about the plan moving forward. I truly appreciate the support of everyone that has been involved in this process. The seniors deserve an honest attempt at holding a special graduation ceremony after everything that has happened this semester and holding it in this manner we feel accomplishes this goal.

Cap and Gown Delivery- Cap and Gown delivery for graduates will be held on Monday May 11th at 7:00 pm at the Football Stadium parking lot area. Seniors please be sure to plan on picking up your cap and gown at this date and time.

Final Weeks of School in May- We are planning the final week of new classroom material for Seniors to be sent out during the Week of May 4th. This will allow for the week of May 11th to collect last assignments and for final grades to be posted by teachers in gradebooks for seniors. The last new material for Freshman through Juniors will go out during the week of May 11th allowing last material and assignments to be collected during the week of May 18th for the rest of the student body.

Chromebook Check in/Locker Clean out/Yearbook Pick Up- In order to coincide, as best as possible, with the the Guidelines that have been set forth we will be holding these activities during the week of June 8th. More specific dates and times for these activities will be shared out in the coming weeks.

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Teacher Appreciation Week- Sunday May 3rd- Saturday May 9th is teacher appreciation week. It is hard for me to not get emotional thinking about the work that our teachers have done here at HHS and across the district. In particular the work that they, along with all certified and classified staff have done in these past several weeks. I could not be more impressed by the effort that has been put forth in making the best of this unforeseen circumstance. If you have not thanked a teacher yet, this week is a great time to do so!

PBIS Theme for May- The month of May is a special one for the High School. During this school year we have focused on the “Homedale Way” with an emphasis on the district wide themes of Respect, Responsibility, Safe, and Positive Attitude. We have been able to focus on each of these on two occasions during the school year, once per semester. Given we have one extra month in the second semester we get to focus on a theme we have talked about a lot at the high school over the past several years...GRIT!

"Grit is passion or perseverance for very long term goals. Grit is having stamina. Grit is sticking with your future, day in and day out - - not just for a day, not just for a month, but for years - - to make that future a reality." Angela Lee Duckworth

My hope for our students and for anyone that comes through the doors of Homedale High School is that they learn what Grit is and how it can change their life. Having Grit is key in helping all of us reach our dreams. Just as the Homedale School District vision statement reads...

***“Everything we do is in the
best interest of our students -
we inspire them to dream
toward a better future, and we
equip them with the skills
necessary to achieve those dreams.”
-HSD 370***

I am looking forward to continued improvement in our current situation and continued improvement of health for everyone during these unforeseen times. Let's finish this month strong and I look forward to the time we get to gather as a family once again.

Sincerely,
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