



April 30, 2020

Dear Groves Families,

As we enter May, our seniors continue to be a priority in our planning. This is typically a time of year that we begin to focus on celebrating their achievements through a variety of traditions. Despite the circumstances, we remain committed to celebrating our seniors and we want to share our plans moving forward:

Honors Convocation – we are working with staff to develop a virtual Honors Convocation to recognize our seniors who have excelled in their overall performance. Our virtual ceremony will take place on May 28, 2020. We'll be reaching out to participating students and their families during the week of May 11 to extend an invitation and share the platform for the virtual ceremony.

Graduation Day Recognition – We know these unprecedented circumstances are out of our control; however, this momentous milestone deserves recognition on the day our seniors expected. On May 31, the day of our originally-planned graduation, we will be sharing our congratulations to our students in a manner that recognizes this day, but also adheres to the restrictions we're faced with as a state. We are in the process of planning virtual graduation recognition and the platform for this will be shared in the coming weeks. While we know that this virtual recognition will not replace the expectations of a face-to-face graduation, we want to honor and celebrate the journey that many of our students have been on since preschool.

Graduation Ceremony – While state guidelines have restricted our ability to carry out in-person ceremonies on May 31, we're still hoping to cheer our students on as they walk across the stage later this summer. We are currently working with the site of our commencement ceremony, Ultimate Arenas, to move the date of our graduation to late July. We're asking families of our seniors to reserve two dates on their calendars to help us accommodate any potential gathering limits that may be imposed by our state in the coming weeks and months. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 28th and Wednesday, July 29th. Reserving these dates will allow us greater flexibility for potential crowd restrictions, arena scheduling, and keeping within any state mandated guidelines. Please stay tuned for more information as we finalize details. We will, of course, be closely monitoring news from our state as we make these plans. Know that we are hopeful that they can be carried out, but we should be prepared to pivot upon guidelines from our state. We acknowledge that there is great uncertainty at this point regarding exactly what we will be allowed to do. However, please know that we will make every effort to celebrate the class of 2020 to the extent possible while observing guidelines that ensure the health and safety of all.

Stay Safe!
Go Falcons!

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