



June 6, 2020

Dear Groves Families,

As you know, the last day for seniors was May 28th and various celebrations have taken place to recognize their achievement. We have tried to honor our seniors in non-traditional ways this spring by posting a [Virtual Honors convocation](#), the 'Bus-A-Palooza' delivery of caps and gowns, yearbooks, and other senior items, six videos to commemorate the end of their year including a [graduation celebration](#), individual hand-written letters to each senior from Groves faculty members, and the Student Goodbye Car Parade. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to watch the two videos linked above. And, if you have, take another look – we're quite proud of our seniors!

In yesterday's district email a statement was made that has caused some concern and confusion. Referring to the "hold the date" dates in July that were previously published, this message was asking to watch for different dates for a commencement event. This was being written before Governor Whitmer's latest communiqué regarding state restrictions on crowd sizes, social distancing, and the phase level of return that applies to our region. As you know, we are currently in Phase 4 and the statement from the governor opened the possibility of Phase 5 in the next few weeks.

Please know that our original July dates for another commencement style event are still in place – so hold onto July 28 and 29, please. At this time, we are exploring moving away from the site of previous graduations, Ultimate Soccer, and are planning to bring commencement to our campus and use our football stadium as a site to honor our graduates. Current plans include erecting a stage at midfield, use of our video scoreboard to simulcast graduates obtaining diplomas, and use of the public address system to announce names, all the while observing whichever protocols are in place for the safety of both graduates and families. This may involve a staggered entrance in smaller groups to keep to acceptable numbers, but at this point we are waiting to make these plans until we see what restrictions are in place in late July.

So, hold onto those caps and gowns as our graduates will have another chance to wear them!

Seniors who have items to return should plan on coming to Groves on June 18 or 19 to return them. An email will be sent to give specifics regarding this.

And, underclassmen should hold onto the items that they were loaned – textbooks, technology, uniforms, instruments, etc. as these will be collected at fall registration.

Also, please know that our incredible Chartwells team will continue to provide meals for families through June 29th.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and, for underclassmen, the last week of the school year.

Sincerely Yours,

Jim Moll
Interim Principal

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