FAQ Sheet for Faculty, Staff, and Families

If graduation ceremonies are cancelled, how else can we honor our graduates this year?

We still have June 2 reserved for graduation, but it seems less and less likely that we can hold the ceremonies in our usual location. We are doing our best to think of meaningful ways to show our support and recognition of the graduating seniors. The following list includes some of the things we are planning for them.

- Signs have been posted in seniors’ yards for all to see and recognize their status as part of the Class of 2020.
- Tweets are being sent out for each of the spring sports to honor our senior athletes. Upcoming Tweets will honor seniors in other extra-curricular areas, as well.
- We will post all the academic awards and the student recipients on the website. We will also offer an opportunity for recipients to thank their sponsors through written letters of appreciation.
- We are planning to light up the stadium on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. If everything goes as planned, the stadium will be lit on 8:20 PM (signifying 2020) with the scoreboard counting down from 20 minutes, starting at 8:30 PM.
- If possible, we will celebrate graduation in the same manner as other years; if not, we will consider the possibility of a modified live format in our own stadium.
- In case no live options are available to us, we are also planning a virtual baccalaureate service and a virtual graduation ceremony with all the usual speeches to be aired on June 2, 2020. We are collaborating with Blue Ridge Cable to film all the speeches in advance of this date. Graduates will be given the opportunity to pick up their caps and gowns and then submit a photo in their graduation regalia; these photos will be used to create a slide show that will be incorporated into the virtual ceremony.
- We are exploring the possibility of a parade of busses to honor our seniors on the night of June 2.

When can we stop by the school to pick up personal items from classrooms or lockers?

- **Week of June 1:** Families will be invited to pick up their items, following the drive through manner. Families should also return library books or other items they have identified they no longer need for instruction. Students will return computers to their appropriate school. Each building will determine the most appropriate time for pick up/ delivery and communicate to their families. Any returned student items will be placed in the cafeteria for sanitizing and cleaning.
- **Week of June 8:** Principals will make phone calls to any remaining families who may owe materials, to set up a delivery time. The High School will be open for students to empty lockers and obtain necessary items from them.
- **Week of June 15:** Class placement letters will be held for any students who did not return their computer to the school.
• **Summer 2020:** Any personal items left behind by the student can be mailed to the student or left in the office for pick up at a later date.

**What will happen with all the summer programs that are usually offered?**
We will continue with our online credit recovery program for high school students. All other programs will be dependent upon when the Stay-at-Home orders are lifted. If we are not certain by the middle of May that we are able to meet in person over the summer, many of the other summer programs will likely be cancelled, unless we can determine a way to offer those programs in a virtual format.

**Did I see that construction work is occurring at some of the school buildings?**
Yes. The Governor’s orders regarding construction work included provisions for school districts to continue with projects that were considered essential for their operations or finance. As such, we were able to continue with repair work and also begin the addition and renovation of Adamstown Elementary School. Because there is less concern about interfering with the daily operations that typically take place in our schools, this is an ideal time to accomplish the construction work that needs to be done. At Adamstown, which is the largest project we are pursuing, the switch to energy efficient lighting in every classroom, the relocation of the main entry and office suites to increase safety measures, and the conversion of the current office spaces into additional classrooms can proceed without interruption during this time.