

May 19, 2020

Dear HHS Seniors and Parents of Seniors:

I certainly wish our seniors had been able to enjoy a final lunch in the HHS cafeteria today, as originally scheduled, but I hope you're now taking some satisfaction from your participation in the first-ever "[Senior Service Week.](#)" This final academic expectation has already generated some impressive submissions, and I look forward to seeing the rest, as the Class of 2020 continues to solidify its reputation for spirit, unity and service to others.

I also wanted to provide a few important updates:

- We continue to hold **August 1st** as a date for **graduation** and will strive to hold an in-person ceremony if possible. Please mark your calendars.
- We are also working on plans for an **awards ceremony** to be held in mid-June, **possibly on Saturday, June 13th. The date is still subject to change.** If at all possible, we will try to deliver an in-person event of some kind but will be prepared to offer a virtual ceremony if necessary.
- Your class advisors are continuing to work on **contingency plans for a prom.** To be honest, I think it's very unlikely that a prom will prove to be feasible under the social distancing guidelines that will probably exist during the week of July 27th, but we have not yet officially canceled the event. If the prom does eventually have to be canceled, as will probably be the case, the Class of 2020 will retain those funds and can then decide on an alternative event (e.g., a class reunion) to be held at some time in the future.
- If you have not already completed the **Naviance survey** for your counselor, please do as soon as possible. Once logged onto your account, click on the "About Me" tab; then "Surveys to Take" will appear on the left-hand side; click on the "College Admissions Results Survey" and complete it. This is considered a **senior obligation.**

Finally, **all books and other school-issued items should be returned to HHS next week, on Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th,** according to the following guidelines:

- **Each senior has been assigned a specific time** to report to the school. Please **see the attached spreadsheet** for your assigned time.
- Students will be allowed into the building, following social distancing guidelines, two at a time, and given up to five minutes to complete the necessary tasks, which include returning textbooks and other items (e.g., athletic uniforms, etc.) and, if necessary, retrieving medications from the nurse or belongings from lockers.
- Anyone who needs to retrieve something from his/her locker must do so quickly and avoid lingering. Hallways will be supervised.
- Staff members will be available to monitor and document the collection of all items.
- Anyone entering the building must be wearing a mask.
- Each student should put his/her name and his/her teacher's name on a sheet of paper inside each book or (if applicable) on other items such as calculators, Chromebooks, uniforms, etc.
- Once all tasks have been completed, students will be able to pick up their graduation **caps and gowns.** There will be **no cost,** as the Class of 2020 has agreed to cover the full expense. Students should keep those items in good condition until graduation on August 1st.
- When finished, students will leave the building and the next two students will be allowed to enter.
- Members of the Hingham Police Department will be on hand to help ensure safe traffic flow and oversee the implementation of appropriate safety measures.
- If you are not feeling well, you should stay home. If necessary, alternative arrangements will be made for the return of items at a later time.
- **Questions may be directed to Jayne Skinner,** administrative assistant to the principal, at [j Skinner@hinghamschools.org](mailto:j Skinner@hinghamschools.org).

We'll all be wearing masks (that's a must!) but we still look forward to seeing you (even if it's only for just a few minutes) next week!

Sincerely,  
Rick Swanson  
Principal