

Seahawk Families:

As opposed to my usual verbose nature, I am going to keep this week's communication short and sweet. There are a few topics I have been including for several weeks, and those all have to do with events that are getting quite close:

Promotion

Today is officially the deadline for submitting a photo of your student to have them included in our virtual promotion video. If you would like your 8th grade student to participate in our 8th grade "virtual promotion," please [click here](#) and submit his/her picture. **If this form is not completed, your student's name will NOT BE INCLUDED in promotion.** If your 8th grade student would also like to submit a 10-second video of them sharing an inspirational quote, memorable middle school moment, or something they are looking forward to, please [click here](#). If the content of the video is not one of the three options above, it will not be included. Those videos need to be shot horizontal, not portrait for consistency AND they must be videos of YOUR STUDENT ONLY. If anyone else is in the video, we will not be able to include it. **Due to student privacy issues, we must have a submission through these forms for students to be included in the virtual promotion that will be released on YouTube on June 12th.**

In addition to the student slideshow, all of the usual parts of promotion will be included: Student speeches, principal's speech, PTSA, student-performed national anthem, etc. Although asynchronous, we are hoping this will be an opportunity to sit down and celebrate our EWMS Class of 2020!

Grades Updates

The Board of Trustees approved a short-term policy on Thursday, May 21, 2020, related to distance learning grading, to include the following for all district middle school students:

- All district middle school students will continue to receive a mark of **Credit** or **No Credit (CR/NC)** on the final Spring 2020 report card in June.
- In order to hold all students harmless, final term grades are based on the 3rd quarter grade which can only be improved by 4th quarter work.
 - All students earning a grade of a D or higher on the quarter 3 progress report (accessible in Aeries to parents and students) will, therefore, earn credit for semester 2.
 - If students earned an F at the quarter 3 progress report but improved to a 60% or higher, they will earn credit for semester 2.
- This is a temporary change in grading policy that will apply only to Spring 2020 final term grades. A notation will be added to middle school final report cards.

End of Year Collection / Distribution

As promised, we are now prepared to share our plan for pickup/dropoff during the last week of school. The district has determined June 5th will be the last official day of "instruction," so we can begin the collection of textbooks and chromebooks during the final week of school. *If your student checked out a chromebook, and they will be in our district next school year, they may choose to keep that chromebook over summer; however, you also can turn in at this event.*

This event will include the dropoff of chromebooks (optional) and textbooks. We are still waiting to receive our yearbooks. They are delayed due to a plant closure, but we are hopeful we will have them for this event. Students will also be able to collect awards, promotion certificates, and contents of PE lockers all at once. Please come during your assigned time so that we do not overcrowd our parking lot or cause traffic problems on Stevens Avenue.

We will have more details on logistics next week. Unfortunately, students and parents will have to remain in cars to comply with the current county health order in place. Below is the schedule, and our schematic:

7th Grade			8th Grade		
	6/10	6/11		6/8	6/9
8:00-9:30	A-B	M-N	8:00-9:30	A-B	M-N
9:30-11:00	C-D	O-R	9:30-11:00	C-D	O-R
11:00-12:30	E-H	S-T	11:00-12:30	E-H	S-T
12:30-2:00	I-L	U-Z	12:30-2:00	I-L	U-Z

[HERE IS THE SCHEMATIC](#)

Memorial Day

We will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday as usual. Teachers will not be holding meetings, or having work due on that day. On my father's side of the family, I am the first generation to NOT serve in a foreign war as far back as we can trace. I am thankful for the sacrifice of all who have served - and particularly those we have lost throughout the years.

Well...that was KIND OF short...at least by my usual standards.

Best,

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