



May 1, 2020

Greetings Conestoga Seniors and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. Looking back four years ago, I remember welcoming the Class of 2020 on our Move Up Days as they looked at me wide-eyed and enthusiastic to become high schoolers and join the ranks at the “Big C.” They eagerly anticipated their journey, including the many traditions which make Conestoga so special. As their four years come to a close, we look for ways to balance the disappointment of these unprecedented times while still celebrating the amazing accomplishments of the Class of 2020, meaningfully and personally. Despite these challenges, I remain incredibly proud of the Class of 2020 for their distinct achievements, but also for the strength and resilience they have continued to demonstrate.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate our plan for the Class of 2020 end-of-year activities. In addition to this letter, we have also set up a link on the Conestoga homepage, [Conestoga Class of 2020](#), with the most updated information for seniors and their families. I would like to personally thank the Graduation Committee for their input, perspective and willingness to “think out of the box” as we explored creative options for commemorating our seniors. Below is a summary of our work:

COMMENCEMENT SURVEY – This week, surveys were administered separately to parents and seniors. The goal of the survey was twofold: (1) determine the preferred date for a postponed, traditional Commencement to be held on Teamer Field during the summer, and (2) identify the preferred format of Commencement in the event we are unable to hold a traditional Commencement due to restrictions from COVID-19. As you can see from the results, [at this link](#), both parents (352 participated) and seniors (243 participated) selected July 21, 2020 as their first choice for a traditional ceremony, and a Modified Commencement on Teamer Field if we are unable to hold the full ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT PLAN – **We plan to hold a traditional ceremony on Teamer Field, July 21st at 6pm assuming we are permitted to do so given the regulations at that time.** If we are unable to host a full ceremony we will implement a modified ceremony on Teamer Field as permissible, in the order below:

- Social Distancing Commencement on Teamer Field – Students and guests seated six feet apart. Limiting guests and establishing protocols in compliance with restrictions. Ceremony would be broadcast on TETV and live streamed.
- Social Distancing Commencement on Teamer Field with Students Only – students seated six feet apart. Ceremony would be broadcast on TETV and live streamed.
- Individual Graduation Ceremonies on Teamer Field– Each student will be assigned a time for an individual ceremony on Teamer Field with guests as permissible. Each ceremony will be videotaped and produced into a full graduation to be shared with families and broadcast on a date TBD.

A decision regarding which option we will pursue will be made by July 1st in order to finalize plans with vendors and equipment needs.

COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION – A schedule will be established for the collection of materials, including: textbooks, library books, computers/chargers, debts and uniforms. Seniors will also pick up any items remaining at school in lockers, team rooms and music

rooms. They will also pick up their cap & gown at this time. The schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, May 26th – Students with last name beginning with A – F

Wednesday, May 27th – Students with last name beginning with G – M

Thursday, May 28th – Students with last name beginning with N – T

Friday, May 29th – Students with last name beginning with U – Z

Detailed instructions for the pick-up/drop-off will be announced as we get closer.

SENIORS' LAST DAY – I am pleased to announce, we will move the seniors' last official school day to Friday, May 22nd. Seniors should plan to complete all work for the fourth marking period by that date.

AWARDS CEREMONY – Our Annual Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on the regularly scheduled date, May 28th at 7pm. It will be broadcast on TETV as well as live streaming. Recipients will be notified in advance of the ceremony, so they are sure to tune in.

SENIOR PROM – The Senior Prom is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th at The Foundry in Phoenixville from 8pm – 12am. Ticket information will be shared by Mrs. Avila as the date approaches and we are better able to confirm our ability to hold the event.

JUNE 3rd COMMEMORATION– We plan to hold a variety of commemorative activities on Wednesday, June 3rd to honor our original graduation date. Included in the activities will be the broadcasting of Reflections and the Senior Lip Dub. Stay tuned for some additional surprises we have planned!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND RECEPTION – Conestoga will host a reception for the Class of 2020 during their Thanksgiving Break this November 2020. This will be an opportunity for the class to reunite, reminisce, and reconnect!

Thank you all for your patience and input as we finalize our plan for these unprecedented times. We will continue to monitor the changing restrictions and regulations to maintain the safety of our students and their families. I understand these plans are not what any of us hoped for the final days, but we will work to make the events as memorable as possible and we know that the Class of 2020 is certainly making history! I look forward to closing out the year with each of you and celebrating the success you have achieved during your time at the Big C.

‘Stoga Proud, as always,

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