July 18, 2020

Dear CHS Class of 2020 and Families,

As you know, the decision regarding Commencement has been difficult for all of us. We were optimistic in May that we would be able to hold a full graduation by July, but unfortunately the changing restrictions, rising numbers and positive cases within our district have eliminated that possibility. Our decision to cancel the group graduations was made to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all involved and eliminate any further chance of community spread. We stand by our decision to not hold a graduation ceremony for these reasons.

We understand that many seniors would like the opportunity to walk across the stage in their caps and gowns, and parents would like a chance to take photographs. To that end, we are prepared to offer an opportunity for students to walk at Teamer Field, get their diplomas and have their photos taken. Participation is limited to the graduating senior and their parents/guardians. For those who plan to attend, a health screening and temperature check will be required upon arrival for each individual. DO NOT come to campus if you are experiencing any of the symptoms listed on the screening, if you have tested positive and are currently under quarantine, or if you have been in contact within the last fourteen days with anyone who has tested positive.

Students and parents are invited to Teamer Field next Wednesday, July 22nd to pick up their diploma and to walk across the stage for a photograph. Those who prefer to opt out of the in-person pick up will have their diplomas mailed home. Details for the pick-up and photo opportunity are as follows:

- All participants must wear a mask and adhere to the six-foot social distancing protocols. Those residing in the same home do not need to social distance from each other.
- Students are assigned a time based on last name as shown here.
- Students and parents should arrive prior to their assigned times, park in the Main Lot (every other spot), and proceed to the ticket booth at Teamer Field to check-in.
- Students and parents must complete a health screening and get their temperatures checked at that time. No student or parent will be permitted to participate without successful completion of the health screening.
- Students will proceed through the processional route, pick up their diplomas and walk across the stage. Parents may take photos throughout the walk.
- Legacy Photographics will also be present to take photos of the graduates on the stage. We have provided Legacy with parent email addresses so they can contact you regarding the purchase of these photos.
- After descending the stage, students and parents will proceed behind the home stands and exit out the main entrance.
- In the event of inclement weather, the plan will be postponed to Thursday, July 23rd. A decision will be made by 8AM on July 22nd and communicated via email and our district website.

We will proceed with the production of a virtual graduation which will be made available to all families on our website at www.tesd.net/tetv. The virtual ceremony will include all speeches and the traditional roll call of graduates using senior portraits. We will notify families when the video has been posted on the website in the coming weeks.
As our time with the Class of 2020 draws to a close, I remain incredibly proud of each senior for their distinct achievements, and for the strength and resilience they have continued to demonstrate. I remember welcoming them to the “Big C” as bright-eyed freshmen and watched them on their incredible journey to become the outstanding young adults they are today. The Class of 2020 has certainly made history! I wish every senior the best as you prepare to leave us, I know you have great things ahead! Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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Principal