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Greetings Conestoga Senior Families,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. With Spring Break behind us, we are looking ahead to the culminating activities for the Class of 2021. This week, we held a Senior Class Meeting to update the seniors on our plans. Today we are communicating the same information to our families. In addition to this letter, updates can also be found on the Conestoga homepage under [Conestoga Class of 2021](#) in the Quick Links.

COMMENCEMENT – We will hold a traditional graduation on Teamer Field, Tuesday, June 8th. The current Chester County Health Department (CCHD) guidelines limit the capacity for outdoor events and therefore do not permit us to have a ceremony with unlimited seating. As such, we will need to determine preferences for holding ONE ceremony with two seats per graduate or TWO ceremonies with four seats per graduate. We will be conducting a survey of parents and seniors the first week of May to determine the best course of action. The final decision will be announced by mid-May in order to finalize plans. Graduation rehearsal will be held at 9AM the morning of graduation where caps & gowns will also be distributed.

COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION – We have established a schedule for the collection of materials, including textbooks, library books, computers/chargers, debts and uniforms. In-person students will return all materials to their teachers during the final week of classes. Virtual students will return items to the small gym according to the schedule as follows:

Thursday, May 6th – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 2nd – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday, June 8th – 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Students who need their laptop for internship may turn it in on Tuesday, June 8th. Detailed instructions for the pick-up/drop-off will be announced as we get closer.

SNOW DAY IN MAY – A socially distanced Snow Day in May will be held on the seniors' last day, Friday May 7th from 11am – 1pm on the track. This is a final opportunity for seniors to come together and say goodbye before heading off for internship. Music, games and lunch will be provided by the senior parents.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP – Senior Internship begins on Tuesday, May 11th and continues through Friday, June 4th. Seniors who have secured an internship should have submitted paperwork at this time. They are required to turn in a mid-point journal and final journal in Schoology. Those seniors not going on internship will be presented with alternate options the last week in April.

AWARDS CEREMONY – Our Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 3rd in person for students only. Award recipients will be invited to the auditorium to participate in the ceremony which will be live-streamed for parents. It will also be recorded and available on our website for viewing later.

REFLECTIONS – Reflections will be held virtually this year and made available to families on Monday, June 7th at 7pm.

SENIOR SUNSET GALA – The Senior Sunset Gala is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at Waynesborough Country Club from 6pm – 9pm. The Gala, planned by Senior Class Officers and Student Council, will be a semi-formal event including music and light refreshments. All safety protocols will be in place during this event including, masking, social distancing and contact tracing. This is a senior ONLY event in order to maintain guidelines for crowd size. Per the CCHD and CHOP guidance, all students attending the Gala are required to participate in COVID-antigen testing for three days prior to the event. Testing will be conducted at Conestoga on Friday, May 7th, Saturday, May 8th and Monday, May 10th. Schedules for testing will be established as we approach the date. Tickets for the Sunset Gala will be sold during school as well as electronically. Detailed information will be sent via Schoology in the coming week.

As the year comes to a close, I remember four years ago when I welcomed the Class of 2021 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. We are pleased that we are able to offer all senior activities this year, despite the limitations we are navigating.

Thank you all for your patience and input as we finalize our plan. I look forward to closing out the year with each of you and celebrating the successes of the Class of 2021.

‘Stoga Proud, as always,

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Principal