

May 2020

Dear CHS Class of 2021 and Families,

Commencement is always a momentous occasion when families, friends, faculty and administrators gather to honor the graduating seniors who have successfully completed their academic studies. For the Class of 2021, celebrating together as a class will be even more special after their incredible journey over the past several years. We know how much it means to our seniors and their families to hold a traditional graduation ceremony on Teamer Field on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. I am also pleased to announce the following updates to our plan in light of the recently revised guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health:

- We will offer unlimited seats for families; NO tickets will be necessary.
- Masks are required for all unvaccinated individuals. T/E School District recommends fully masking at all school events including those held outside but will permit individual determination due to our inability to verify personal vaccination status.
- Social distancing guidelines will be lifted for outdoor events, allowing for traditional seating in the bleachers and in chairs on the field.
- Gates at Teamer Field will open at 5:00PM.
- Satellite parking will be available at all T/E Elementary Schools and Valley Forge Middle School. Each site will be clearly marked as a parking site for the CHS graduation exercises. Shuttle buses will be provided both before and after the event, beginning at 4:30PM. Families are encouraged to reduce the number of vehicles driven to the event to maximize availability of parking spaces.
- Handicapped parking will be available at T/E Middle School. Please contact Alyssa Myers at 610.240.1018 or [myersa@tesd.net](mailto:myersa@tesd.net) to reserve a handicapped parking permit.

Students should be reminded to dress appropriately for a graduation ceremony. Sneakers, shorts and flip flops are not appropriate attire for academic ceremonies. Gowns should be pressed and caps free from decoration.

*Legacy Photographics* will be taking photos of the graduates as they descend the stage after receiving their diplomas. We will provide Legacy with the parent email addresses on file so they can contact you regarding the purchase of these photos. If you prefer we not share your email address with *Legacy Photographics*, please contact the Main Office at 610.240.1000.

I am so pleased that we are able to celebrate the Class of 2021 with a full graduation ceremony. It is my hope that this last memory of their time at Conestoga will be a meaningful culmination of their many successes and a celebration of the perseverance they have shown throughout their time here. I have no doubt this year's Commencement will be a celebration for the entire Conestoga community.

It has truly been a pleasure working with the Class of 2021, the 66<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Conestoga High School, one that we will not soon forget. On behalf of the entire Conestoga family, I look forward to welcoming you at graduation on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00PM on Teamer Field.

Sincerely,

Amy A. Meisinger, Ph.D.  
Principal

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be postponed to Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. The decision will be made by 9:00AM the morning of graduation and communicated via email, district website and TETV.**