

April 17, 2020

Greetings LHS Parents and Students,

I hope you have had a great first week back to school since returning from Spring Break, and that the three day instructional week followed by two days of work time has been a good change. We want to continue to encourage our students to be engaged and productive with their eLearning.

Today's message will be focused mainly on senior information, but also included is information about Yearbook Distribution for all students who ordered a Yearbook.

Yesterday, we had a great Zoom meeting with our senior class officers, council, and candelabrum members. Included in the meeting were students Cole Asbury, Arika Ballard, Mary Brown, Carson Burtron, Jeff Hart, Lizzie Kincaid, Abi McCabe, and Ben Piper. School personnel were Dr. Milleman, Bill Gee, Michael Reynolds, Phil Levine, Megan Lewis, Anne Helkey, Wade Thatcher, Jennifer Hoffman, and me. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss and develop a plan to honor our graduating seniors.

I would like to start by giving recognition and appreciation to our senior leaders for the exemplary work they did prior to and during the meeting. They were prepared for the meeting and incredibly focused on representing the Class of 2020. Speaking for the school personnel, we felt great about the way our seniors provided great insight and worked very well as a team listening to one another and providing feedback. In summary, three very important commitments were evident on behalf of the Class of 2020.

1. The Class of 2020 wants to have an in-person commencement while knowing that it will have to happen during late summer or later.
2. The Class of 2020 wants to have the traditional Last Walk through the halls of Lebanon High School with Caps and Gowns while having students, staff, and family present.
3. The Class of 2020 would like to have a Virtual Senior Celebration during the time of the scheduled graduation ceremony on May 29, 2020 at 7 pm. Please note this will not be an online graduation ceremony. It will be a video tribute of the Class of 2020 produced by LHS senior students and staff.

These three items served as the focus for the plans that were developed by the group. Knowing that to have Last Walk in a traditional manner, it would need to happen when we return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, we established the following plans for Last Walk and Commencement for the Class of 2020.

Tuesday, May12, 2020	1:00-4:00 pm	Cap, Gown, and Tassel Distribution
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	1:00-4:00 pm	LHS Yearbook Distribution (all grades)
Friday, May 29, 2020	7:00 pm	Link provided to a Senior Celebration Video
Thursday, August 6, 2020	6:00 pm	Top 20 Dinner

Friday, August 7, 2020	Time TBD	Class of 2020 Senior Last Walk
Friday, August 7, 2020	Time TBD	Class Picture and Graduation Practice
Saturday, August 8, 2020	Time TBD	Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony

Cap, Gown, and Tassel Distribution (Jostens)

Prior to May 12, 2020, more information will be provided about the procedures and routing for a Curbside Pick-up event at LHS. As mentioned, Jostens will be here to provide the senior products and settle any outstanding balances. Here is the information that Jostens has asked us to share with you.

Seniors and Parents

'Graduation Delivery Day'

WHEN: Tuesday, May 12th

**an itemized list available at delivery*

WHERE: Lebanon High School

**questions call us M-F 9-4:30 – 317-326-2782*

TIME: 1:00-4:00 pm

Final delivery payment is due at pick-up using CASH (exact change recommended for your safety) Cashier's Check, or MONEY ORDER.

You may call the office prior to the pick-up date to pay by credit card 317-326-2782

Personal Checks and Credit Cards are Not Accepted onsite on the date of curbside delivery

Items not picked up on the delivery date may be subject to an additional shipping fee. Please pick-up on date above.

Jostens

5220 N Sugar Hills Dr

Greenfield, IN 46140

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Important Notice – we have arranged with Jostens for our seniors to be able to keep their Cap and Gown this year. Typically, Caps and Gowns are returned after the commencement ceremony. There will be no extra charge to our students for this change. Allowing our students to keep their Caps and Gowns will allow necessary flexibility in case we have to change the date of any graduation related events. We also feel it will serve as an important memento for our seniors of the uniqueness of this year's situation. It is very important that seniors secure their Cap, Gown, and Tassel, as **it will be required to participate in Last Walk, the Class Picture, and the Commencement Ceremony**. All pieces must be in appropriate condition for the Last Walk, the Class and Individual Pictures, and our formal ceremony.

LHS Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will also be distributed on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 from 1-4 pm for Curbside Pick-up at LHS. This is for students in all grades. As with the procedures and routing for Caps and Gowns, additional information will be provided prior to May 12th. We want to make sure we comply with any social distancing requirements that will be in effect at that time.

Senior Celebration Video

As a way of showing our appreciation and genuine respect for our seniors, a video will be shared publically on May 29th at 7:00 pm as a celebration and recognition of the members of the Class of 2020. Members of the senior class and LHS Staff will create the video. Information will be sent to students through canvas soon on how items can be submitted for the video and how to get involved with the production of the video.

Last Walk, Class Picture, Graduation Practice, and Commencement

It is important to note that our plans for Last Walk, Class and Individual Pictures, Graduation Practice, and Commencement are all dependent on an on-time return to school in August. If we are not able to start on time, we will chose and alternate date. The dates of August 7th and 8th were chosen due to the importance of having the Last Walk when school is in session and Lebanon High School is accessible. It is the sincere desire of the Class of 2020 that this date will be appropriate for all members of the senior class and their families. We have additional back-up plans in place should these dates not be feasible. But, we remain hopeful that we will be able to celebrate together on August 7th and 8th. The schedule for the events on Friday and Commencement on Saturday, August 8th are still to be determined. Once definite times are established, they will be communicated to our seniors, families, and Lebanon Community.

In closing, I hope this information provides some clarity for our graduation plans for Class of 2020. The dates selected were chosen in order to honor our students while placing a priority on the desires of the class to have a traditional Last Walk and Commencement Ceremony physically at LHS. We also hope that by planning for a ceremony in early August, we will have the best chance of being able to host the ceremony and include aspects of the ceremony requested by the students.

Please feel welcome to email me if you have any questions about the information in this message or if I can be of any assistance. My email is orourke@leb.k12.in.us.

In Tiger Pride!

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