Dear Students/Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020:

I am so pleased to share our plans to celebrate the Class of 2020! Before I share the plans for senior end of year events, please review this very important message regarding cap and gown pick-up and equipment drop-off.

On **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**, Conant High School will host a curbside graduation cap and gown pick-up and equipment drop-off for the Class of 2020. Students will receive their graduation gown and accessories, four commencement programs, and a diploma cover. Students in NHS will receive their graduation accessories. Students who have enlisted in the military will receive the red, white and blue tassel.

At this event, seniors are asked to drop off any athletic uniforms and equipment. Prior to coming to the school, please place all athletic uniforms and equipment in a garbage bag labeled with student name and ID number. We also ask that graduates write their first and last name on a piece of paper to display in the passenger window for cap and gown pick-up.

Students are asked to arrive during their designated pick-up time. We ask that these timeframes be followed as much as possible to avoid traffic lines and long waits. If students cannot come during the scheduled time, they may arrive during another timeframe posted.

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Last Name A-J
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Last Name K-P
- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Last Name Q-Z

Vehicles are to enter at Cougar Trail and will be directed through the stations. Students and parents will remain in their vehicle at all times. Access the “Senior Drop-off and Pick-up Map” [here](#).

First, students will return athletic uniforms and equipment in a bin overseen by staff with social distancing measures and CDC protocols in place. This is a senior only event. We will gather these materials from other students at a different time.

Students will then be directed to pick-up their cap and gowns. Jostens’ employees will oversee the distribution. This process will require students to display their name toward the passenger side of the vehicle, roll down the rear driver-side window so that the cap and gown can be placed in the car; if there is not a rear window, the items will be given to the driver.
The health and safety of all involved is a priority and those working the event will follow CDC protocols, wearing gloves, face masks and practice social-distancing measures.

Next week, I will send communication about how we will offer a second phase of drop off and collection for seniors. The second phase will include dropping off iPads that were not purchased by seniors, textbooks, and other school equipment. During the second phase, Seniors will have the opportunity to clear their hallway, gym, athletic and music lockers by signing up for a designated time that will allow social distancing measures to be in place.

**Senior Celebrations!**

It's time to celebrate the Class of 2020! Please review all of this information carefully and submit all links that apply to you!

**Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Virtual Graduation**

We remain very hopeful that we will be able to celebrate a traditional graduation on either **Saturday June 20, or Saturday July 25 at the Sears Centre**. More information will be made available once we get closer to these dates. The commencement program was created with hope for an in-person summer graduation.

Recognizing that public health guidelines may not allow us to gather on June 20, or July 25, Conant High School will celebrate a virtual graduation on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Details on accessing the Conant High School Commencement will be available in the upcoming weeks.

**DUE Friday, May 1st**

Don't forget that ALL SENIORS need to provide the pronunciation of your name for the 2020 virtual graduation. Please complete this small task. Here’s the link to do so: [CLICK HERE](#).

- Recording an audio message on an iPad or iPhone
- Recording an audio message on an android

**Monday, May 18, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Senior Graduation Parade!**

Prior to the virtual graduation on May 18, we are excited to celebrate graduation with a Senior Graduation Parade! In coordination with the Village of Schaumburg and the Schaumburg Police Department, the Senior Graduation Parade will take place at Boomer Stadium, 1999 Springinsguth Road, in Schaumburg on May 18, from
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We invite all seniors to don their graduation attire and join us, with their families, to drive through a parade route where our staff will celebrate our graduates! We will practice social distancing by adhering to a specific layout. Seniors and their families will be asked to remain in their cars as they drive through the route. Our faculty and staff will remain in their cars or stand just outside their cars to cheer on the Class of 2020! We can’t wait to see you! It will be quite an event!

Other Senior Events

Decision Day
We know some decisions may be on hold, but we want to celebrate your plans! Please remember to complete the survey from Patrick Camargo and Lexi Tempera who will create the traditional Senior Map! Submissions must be complete by Monday, May 4 to be included on the map.

Please also use this link to share a photo and description of your post-high school plans and destinations. Be on the lookout for Schoology and social media posts celebrating the Class of 2020! Please submit as soon as your final plans are determined. Students may submit well into summer, if needed. The sooner you submit, the sooner we can celebrate YOU!

“Senior Talks”
Each year, we gather seniors to discuss end of year events and talk about expectations for the end of high school. This is always my opportunity to review some of the “life lessons” we hope you take from school. This year’s “Senior Talk” will take on a different feel and will be sent to seniors next week.

Friday, May 8 – Seniors Got Talent!
After a day of e-learning, seniors will get to see Senior Superlatives and talent from the Senior Class! We encourage you to “get together” with your friends via Google Hangout or Zoom, have a meal together and watch the show! In order to produce a quality program, we need our seniors to submit a one-minute clip of a talent they would like to share by Monday, May 4. It can be a vocal performance, instrumental performance, reading of a poem, comedy act, magic act, Zoom recording with friends, or other talent. Seniors, we know you are talented! Show us what you’ve got! Many thanks to Senior Class for organizing this event!

Tuesday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 13 – Virtual Senior Prom Event
We are assessing our seniors interest in a virtual “Walk the Red Carpet – Senior Prom Event.” Please complete the survey that was emailed to you by Friday, May 1. The event will run if there is adequate student interest.

Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. – Honor’s Convocation
Conant will host a virtual Honor’s Convocation to celebrate our seniors’ academic accomplishments, along with departmental awards. Scholarships specific to Conant
High School will also be awarded. Seniors who earned awards and recognitions will receive invitations to this event, along with their parents.

In addition to these events, athletics will be honoring our senior athletes with the traditional senior recognitions and awards. This spring will count as a season for four-year, three-sport athletes. We are also spotlighting many of our seniors’ participation in activities on social media.

Please be on the lookout for a few surprises we will be sending your way and sharing with you in the coming weeks! And always remember, “Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar!”

Sincerely,

Julie C. Nowak
Principal

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