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Hello Pirates!

Last week, we celebrated a number of wonderful things. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. We are so grateful for your support, and especially thankful for those of you that sent messages to our staff. Our staff felt supported and inspired reading through the nearly 1000 messages that were sent!

This weekend, we celebrated our seniors at PHS. Our seniors participated in a “senior car parade” through our parking lot to celebrate their achievements. We also had 170 staff members deliver graduation lawn signs to all of our graduates. It was a memorable Saturday to say the least.

### **Graduation Information**

We will host our virtual graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 17, beginning at 2:00 p.m. While we continue to hold out hope that we will be able to host an in-person graduation ceremony during the summer, we hope that you will join us in honoring our seniors this week. Please see the link below, which will live-stream the graduation.

<https://adc.d211.org/phsvirtualgraduationceremony2020>

As we transition into the final two weeks of the school year, we are feeling energized and pledge to continue to provide high levels of instruction and support. It is even more important for students to continue to be engaged in their schoolwork as we work to not only finish this school year, but also prepare them for the next school year. Many of our courses include content that builds upon previous knowledge, and we want to ensure that students are ready for the courses they will take in the fall. Parents, we ask that you continue to encourage your child to take attendance in Infinite Campus each day, engage in activities posted in Schoology, and complete and submit assignments to their teachers. Students, we want you to continue to engage with your teachers and classmates and complete all course expectations. As always, our staff is available to provide academic and social-emotional support to your child.

Many students have begun taking AP exams this week and next. Our AP teachers have been working diligently to prepare students both with the content knowledge necessary to be successful on the exam and with the skills and understanding of how to navigate the different testing environment.

### **School Material Return and Student Item Distribution (including Yearbook)**

Next week, we will be having all of our students return their materials and pick up things that they have kept in the school. We will also be distributing yearbooks to all students that have purchased them.

#### ***Procedures***

1. Students and parents are directed to enter the main circle drive entrance (Rohlwing and Cunningham).

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* Walkers/Cyclists are also welcome while following social distancing procedures \*\*\*\***

2. Place a sign on your passenger side window with the student's first and last name clearly written.

3. Follow the circle drive "BUS LANE" to Entrance 6 for material drop off.

4. All items returning to the school should be accessible for the driver to hand to PHS staff members through the driver-side window.

5. Plastic bags and name labels with IDs will be provided so that the items can be placed and sealed in the bag, labeled correctly, and returned to the school.

**6. The health and safety of all involved is a priority, and PHS staff members will follow CDC protocols, wearing gloves and face masks, and practicing social-distancing measures.**

7. You will then proceed to item pick-up at Entrance 1.

8. Students who have personal items remaining in the building will be able to collect them at this time. Hallway and PE locker contents have been collected, bagged and tagged by PHS staff. No students will be entering the building.

9. Yearbooks will also be distributed at this time; ***if one was purchased***. If your child did not purchase a yearbook, limited quantities are available for purchase

through the online school store using your [MySchoolBucks](#) account. You will have to create an account if you do not already have one.

10. Drop off/Pick-Up Schedule below:

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.      Last Name A - F**  
**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.      Last Name G - M**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      Last Name N - R**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.      Last Name S - Z**

**Monday, May 18: Seniors and Juniors**

**Tuesday, May 19: Sophomores**

**Wednesday, May 20: Freshmen**

The end of the school year allows us the opportunity to reflect on both our successes and the things that we can do differently. While none of us would have chosen to end our school year this way, living through a global pandemic has allowed us to put many things in perspective. I have been continually impressed by the resiliency and determination of our students and school community. Thank you for leaning into new opportunities for community and connection, finding safe ways to support each other, and reinventing the ways we communicate and engage each other. Together, we have placed an emphasis on the value of our school community; we appreciate the opportunity to grow stronger together.

Thank you,

Tony Medina  
Principal

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