



West Chester East High School

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Good Afternoon EHS Seniors and Families,

I hope this email finds you as well as can be. This past Friday, Governor Wolf announced the closure of all schools for the remainder of the year. While this news may not have been too surprising, it is upsetting that we will not be able finish our school year together as we envisioned. I am sorry for all of our students, most notably our seniors. The three high school principals have been working closely with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to create a framework for how we can honor our seniors safely, within the challenging circumstances in which we now find ourselves. I imagine you have many questions, so I'll attempt to answer them here.

- A virtual graduation will take place for each of the three WCASD high schools. This will take place at our regularly scheduled date of **June 4 at 6 p.m.** We will be collecting feedback from students to make the virtual ceremony as memorable as possible.
- There's a strong desire to also hold a live ceremony for graduates. **We will be postponing our live ceremony to Sunday, July 26, providing we are permitted by the Governor to do so.** All three high schools in the district will hold ceremonies on this date. We'll communicate in the future about timing, and be sure to give you adequate time to plan. The cap and gown company is currently closed, but we'll work to get caps and gowns to you as soon as possible.
- Given that all PA schools are closed for the remainder of the year, the junior and senior prom will unfortunately be cancelled. There are a number of concerns about holding a rescheduled prom in the summer, including the availability of a venues and our ability to monitor young people who are no longer under our authority since they will be graduates by the summer. Senior officers will discuss options and gather feedback from the class for use of the raised funds. Additionally, the post-prom committee will decide how to handle funds raised.
- Because of the coronavirus, the yearbook warehouse has been closed. Yearbooks will either be available for pick up or home delivery at a later date. We know this is disappointing and we'll do everything we can to get them to you as soon as possible.
- Some students, parents, and teachers have asked when they will be able to enter the building to retrieve their personal belongings. We will allow students/teachers to retrieve their personal belongings when the Governor will allow us to.
- The last day for seniors will be on May 22.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this difficult time. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your grade level administrator or to me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fagan, Principal