

## **TOM TALKS** | April 27, 2020



## **GRADUATION UPDATE**

Ohio's school districts recently learned that the state's stay-at-home order prohibits congregate gatherings, including prom and graduation.

The news was released through the following statement by the Ohio Department of Education:

"... schools should hold events virtually rather than conducting inperson events of this type, and record these events whenever possible and practicable. Congregate graduation ceremonies should not be held. Additionally, we recommend holding a virtual or alternate recognition on the original intended graduation date or a date very close to that date." You can read the full statement here.

We have a tentative graduation date scheduled for Sunday, June 28th to celebrate the Class of 2020 in the Ralph P. Adams Stadium. Obviously, there are a number of details to work out to make this happen, and we are also prepared to move the ceremony to July if necessary.

Please know that we will do whatever is possible and allowable within the Governor's orders to conduct a meaningful ceremony. Under no circumstances will we disregard a directive from the Governor. The only way we can begin to think about a ceremony is if the Governor relaxes the mass gathering and stay-at-home policies currently in place. Stay tuned to Tom Talks for further developments!

**REDSKIN RELIEF DAY** | Just a reminder that this Friday, May 1st is "Redskin Relief Day." Students will not have any work assigned or due on this day. Instead, May 1st will be designated for you and CHS staff members to connect and make sure you have everything you need right now. Please remember that: we're here to help. Whether you're working through a difficult assignment, or are struggling from being cooped up for

so long, we will help you through it.

**FLATTEN THE CURVE** | I thought you would all enjoy another peek at what remote learning looks like for our art students. Thank you Mr. Shafer for sharing!



Click here or on image to view

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS RECOGNIZED** | Please join me in giving a big shout out to senior football players Carson Horstman and Ryan Selig. Carson and Ryan were slated to play in the annual North/South All-Star game this past Saturday sponsored by the State Football Coaches Association. Being selected to play in the game is a tremendous honor. **Go Redskins!!!!!** 

**CVCC STUDENTS EXCEL AT REGIONALS** | Several of our students who attend Cuyahoga Valley Career Center rocked it in their regional competitions before the stay-at-home order. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

- Rod Terrigno: Third Place in CNC Turning from SkillsUSA
- **David Shul:** Second Place in Computer Security, Third Place in Network Design Team, and TOP TEN in Linux Operating Systems Fundamentals from Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- **Jessica Novak:** First Place in Creative Problem Solving from Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)
- **Emily D'Onofrio:** Third Place in Creative Problem Solving from Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)

**JUNIOR CLASS PLANT SALE** | The Junior class annual plant sale continues this week. With the current restrictions in place all sales will be completed online through the link below. Pick-ups will take place through car drive-thru, and will be scheduled using the Remind app. Link and code is also below. Thank you for supporting the Junior Class!

JUNIOR CLASS PLANT SALE LINK

• REMIND LINK FOR SCHEDULING PICK-UP; or,

• **TEXT:** @g869k24 to 81010

**HELP SUPPORT OHSAA** | This Thursday, April 30th, from 4:00 PM until closing, Raising Cane's restaurants are donating 15% of their sales to the OHSAA to support their scholarship program. Alternative funding options such as this became necessary after the cancellation of both Winter and Spring sports tournaments. Without those tournament funds, your support this Thursday at Cane's in Brooklyn will be critical to help ensure these worthy student-athlete scholarships.

**AMAZING STUDENT ARTWORK** | Check out Lily Frank's self-portrait inspired by Salvador Dali!



## **CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS ALUMNI CRUSHING IT!!!**

- **Sammy Kiriazis** graduated from Cuyahoga Community College with an Associate's Degree in Construction Management with a 3.88 GPA! Sammy plans to continue on to next earn his Bachelor's Degree.
- McKenna DeFranco graduated Summa Cum Laude from Clemson University with a major in Architecture and minor in Digital Production Arts.
- **Samantha Attewell** graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Have an alumni we should feature here? Please email us a <a href="mailto:info@cuyhts.org">info@cuyhts.org</a> and we're proud to share!

## STAY SAFE AND GO REDSKINS!!!!!!!

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