



CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS TAKING
AP EXAMS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!**

TOM TALKS | May 13, 2020



GRADUATION CEREMONY COMES INTO FOCUS

Last Thursday we met with Seniors via Google Meets to discuss options for their graduation. As you can imagine, it was a great discussion, and I commend our students the maturity and creativity they demonstrated throughout. It made us very proud to know these hearts and minds will be representing Cuyahoga Heights Schools as they venture out into the world after graduation. After much thought and healthy discussion, we have the Class of 2020 graduation ceremony narrowed down to two options:

OPTION A: In-Person | On July 19, 2020 (assuming state guidelines do not restrict congregate gatherings on this date) we will hold an in-person, open air graduation ceremony at the Ralph P. Adams stadium. Admittance would be limited to four (4) family members per student, with appropriate physical distancing and other safety protocols in place (i.e. face masks, hand sanitizer, etc.). There are several logistical considerations to be aware of if we are to make this happen:

- Students would be seated on the football field for the ceremony.
- We are exploring ways to have the Senior video broadcast as part of the ceremony.
- Guests would be assigned an arrival time and guidance on-site to assure we comply with physical distancing orders.
- Unfortunately, the Band and Choir would not be able to perform.

We discussed the possibility of conducting the Senior Walk prior to the start of the ceremony along with the possibility of an organized parade through all three villages at the conclusion. I am working with the advisors and class officers to finalize a plan that I must submit to the

County Board of Health for approval. Stay tuned for more details.

OPTION B: Virtual | If we are unable to conduct an in-person ceremony we will hold a virtual ceremony that will entail our graduates being videotaped separately, these segments combined into one presentation, and then shared with our students, staff and families electronically online. Additional details to ensure the safety of all involved:

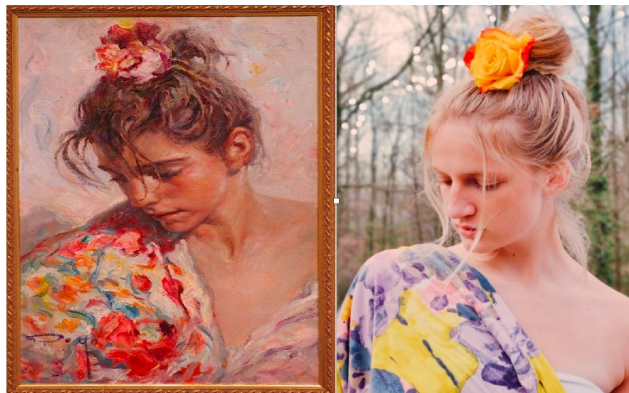
- Students would report to school at staggered times.
- The auditorium would be set up for pictures of graduates in their cap and gown and diploma presentation.
- Class officers, valedictorian and salutatorian speeches would be recorded.
- Our tech department would add the senior video and prepare the final product to be presented to the class accordingly to guidelines by the County Health Departments approval.

Again, there are still some details we need to work out, and we consult with State and County officials daily to assure compliance as move forward. We'll share additional details as they develop.

SENIOR YARD SIGNS | Our outstanding teachers are at it again! This week they will be distributing yard signs to the homes of all members of the Class of 2020. This is a tradition the teachers started several years ago and is an awesome way to recognize students. Seeing Class of 2020 throughout the community makes us so proud. Be on the lookout for yard signs in graduate yards and honk as you go by so they know we're thinking of them! Thank you Teachers for making this tradition so special for our students and community!

JUNIOR CLASS PLANT SALE PICK UP | Pick-up days for the Junior Class Plant Sale are this **Thursday, May 14th and Friday, May 15th.** The pick-up location is behind the High School by the van garages. Be sure to check your e-mail for your pick-up time -- all plants need to be picked up this Thursday and Friday.

ART STUDENTS AT IT AGAIN!!! | Check out Reagan Sturgill's rendition of "Shawl Suite" by Jose Royo.



MORE ALUMNI AND STAFF CRUSHING IT | Please join us in

celebrating our fellow Redskins:

- **Melissa Meadwell, Assistant Librarian**, will graduate this spring with an Associate of Arts and Social Science Degree from Cuyahoga Community College. She will graduate with a cumulative 3.9 GPA and is already enrolled in summer classes at Cleveland State, where she is pursuing her next degree in Social Work.
- **Ellen Rea, Valedictorian of the Class of 2016**, continues her streak graduating as Valedictorian of the Cleveland State University Honors College with both a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a BS in Physics. She led her NFPA Fluid Powered Vehicle team to a National Championship and has been offered a position in the Edison Program with GE Aerospace where she will also pursue her Masters in Aerospace Engineering with Georgia Institute of Technology.
- **Brooke Drummond**, graduate of the Class of 2016, received her Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy from the University of Toledo. Brooke will next take her National Boards on her way to becoming a certified therapeutic recreational specialist. Her goal is to work with children with pediatric disabilities.

Have a member of our alumni I should recognize here? E-mail me at info@cuyhts.org.

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

Thanks,

Tom

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