

Class of 2020 and Parents/Guardians,

These truly are unprecedented times. First and foremost, I trust each of you are maintaining your social distance and staying healthy. Secondly, I want to challenge each of you to seek gratitude in the small things and cherish those you love the very most every single day. I find this helps keep me grounded during the uncertainty. As Laura Kelly Fanucci so eloquently stated, "When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be...and may we stay that way – better for each other, because of the worst."

Finally, I wanted to inform you of plans that have been made to allow us to celebrate the Class of 2020. **Please understand these are all contingent upon the relaxing of social distancing guidelines from the Governor's office and public health officials. Clearly, I cannot guarantee that these alternate dates will become a reality, but I wanted to make sure you knew back-up plans were in place.**

PROM: The May 9 Prom at Signature of Solon has been CHANGED to Saturday, June 27 at Signature of Solon. If it becomes apparent the social distancing requirements will be relaxed and it is safe for us to hold a Prom, details on tickets will be communicated in the coming weeks.

AFTER PROM: PTA is continuing to investigate options, when decisions are made I will be sure to communicate with all of you.

GRADUATION: The May 28 Graduation ceremony has been CHANGED to either Thursday, June 11 or Thursday, July 23 at Solon High School's Stewart Field provided it is safe and we are allowed to hold large gatherings. If the ceremony occurs, please expect there to be a limit on the number of attendees as we continue to maintain safe, social distancing. Again, details on tickets, practice, etc. will be communicated in the coming weeks if it is determined we are allowed to have large gatherings. If we are not able to conduct an in-person ceremony, there will be a virtual graduation ceremony produced by Solon Education TV.

CAPS, GOWNS, SENIOR YARD SIGNS: The high school administration will work with PTA to distribute these items sometime in May. More details to follow.

SENIOR AWARDS CERMONY: The May 19 Senior Awards Ceremony has been CANCELLED. Senior award winners will be posted on the Solon High School home page in late May. All departmental and special awards will still be given. Scholarship winners will be posted and scholarship checks will be sent to the individual recipients.

MAMMA MIA: The Drama Club's production of *Mamma Mia* has been CHANGED to July 16-19. Again, this is contingent on the relaxation of social distancing guidelines. Further details will be communicated directly through the Drama Club.

ART SHOW: The annual Art Show will be held virtually in early May.

CONCERTS: All spring concerts have been CANCELLED.

I personally would like to thank you for your patience as we continue to receive guidance from the Governor's office as well as public health officials. **Again, please understand these alternate dates are all dependent on significant reduction in the social distancing requirements in the state of Ohio.**

I am hopeful that we will all be able to come together at least one more time to celebrate the Class of 2020 and honor their significant impact on the community and the legacy of Solon High School. Until then, stay safe and healthy and know that I miss you more than you can imagine!

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