May 19, 2020

Dear Class of 2020 students and families:

We hope that you are well during this unprecedented time. Please know that Atlantic City High School staff is working tirelessly to ensure that you are acknowledged and properly celebrated during this pandemic. We are planning the following end-of-year activities in accordance with the guidelines set forth by state and local officials.

Please note that all plans are made with the overall safety of students, families, and staff as our guiding principle. The plan to celebrate the seniors at ACHS is as follows:

- A YouTube Senior Salute video will be created to celebrate the Class of 2020 with special messages from fellow students, staff and administration
- Each student will receive a personalized lawn sign and senior gift
- The Class of 2020 will be recognized on the Atlantic City Boardwalk’s digital displays and a billboard in Atlantic City will feature a salute to the graduating class of 2020
- **The Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony** - It is our desire to give every graduate of Atlantic City High School an opportunity to walk across the stage. However, instead of a traditional graduation, Atlantic City High School graduates will be able to participate in a Drive-Thru Graduation Ceremony. At such time, one vehicle per family will be allowed to accompany the graduate during the vehicle parade, but may not exit vehicles due to state guidelines. Each graduate will wear his/her cap & gown and a photographer will be available to capture the moment. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their vehicles to commemorate the occasion and students are permitted to decorate their cap.
  
  **Date: Thursday, June 18th (Rain date: Friday, June 19th)**

  *Additional details will be added to the website by June 5th

As we prepare for the end-of-year closure, seniors will be invited to ACHS on **Friday, June 12th** to pick up a personalized lawn sign, return Chromebooks and textbooks--Last name (A-K) 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; last name (L-Z) 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. On **Wednesday, June 17th**, seniors will visit ACHS to pick up the following items:

- Cap and Gown--No cost to the student
- Honor Stoles/Gold Tassels for qualifying students
- Diplomas
- Yearbooks will be available for purchase; if you would like to purchase a yearbook prior to June 17th, visit yearbookavenue.jostens.com
We are extremely proud of the strength and resiliency that the Class of 2020 and their families have shown during this difficult time. Students, if you have any concerns regarding your graduation status, please contact your teachers and/or counselor for assistance. In a true test of character, each senior has passed with flying colors! The Viking Family will weather this storm together. Viking Pride! Viking Strong!

**Note:** Updates will be added to the website as we approach the tentative dates.

Yours in Education,

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