

PLAINVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

March 30, 2020

Dear PHS Class of 2020 and Senior Parents.

Many of you have contacted us to ask questions and express your concerns about completing the school year and special events for seniors. We share your concerns and are working to make sure that we celebrate the Class of 2020 as fully as they deserve. We have ceased all school operations by order of the State Board of Education until the end of the school year. We will begin school using a distance learning model on April 6. Below are answers to some of the questions that you have shared thus far. Other questions will surely arise. Please continue to consult our district website and follow us on social media. We will continue to update those sites as new information becomes available. In the meantime continue to bring us your questions and stay in touch during this difficult time.

GRADES, CREDITS, AND DIPLOMAS

All seniors who were on track to graduate when we left for spring break on March 13 will graduate on time upon completion of any further course requirements that teachers may have when we begin distance learning on April 6. Any additional work required for the completion of core classes, such as English IV, will be available either online or with a "paper/pencil" option for students who do not have internet access. We will distribute diplomas and final official transcripts to our seniors in early June. If our building is still closed at that time, we will make diplomas and transcripts available through curbside pickup or mail.

GRADUATION

Graduation ceremonies for the Plainview High School Class of 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at the Activity Center at 10:00 am. Of course, there is a possibility that public gatherings will still be prohibited on that date. If that is the case, we will make every effort to hold a graduation ceremony on our campus after restrictions on public gatherings are lifted.

PROM

The Plainview Prom for the 2020 school year has been cancelled. We are in the process of refunding any tickets that were purchased.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors continue to have the opportunity to apply for scholarships from our local community. Please monitor the website for opportunities and applications. As with our other end-of-year events, we are awaiting word from health officials as to when or if we will hold our annual scholarship awards ceremony. Whether we are able to hold the ceremony live or through social media, our school and community will continue to support our seniors and they will receive those scholarship dollars as always.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available to purchase at www.balfour.com until April 17. Although we had limited spring events, seniors will still be prominently featured in the yearbook. The yearbook staff is working diligently to fill the pages with content about how this historic event affected student life. We are currently waiting for our printer to let us know that they are back in operation so that we can send the 2020 yearbook to press.

SENIOR SLIDESHOW

As usual, we will produce slideshows to highlight our 2020 seniors throughout the remainder of the school year. Not having the daily face-to-face contact with seniors to remind them about deadlines will be challenging. Please pay attention to English IV assignments, social media, and the senior remind so no deadline is missed and no senior is left out.

PHONE CALLS AND MESSAGES

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