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To The DHS Class of 2020:

“No matter what, WE can still see CLEARLY now!”

We know that this year may not be how you imagined your Senior year of high school; but, you are strong, and we will get through this. You were built to make it! You will be able to look back and say, “Wow, we really made it through!” We must take one day at a time.

“Do what you have to do, until you can do what you want to do.” - Oprah Winfrey

Dr. James Lane, State Superintendent of Instruction, provided some flexibility during this time. Great news, Seniors who were on track will still graduate.

- **High School (Grading)**
Grades for high school students should be determined as of March 13, 2020. Teachers will assign students a “P” if the student had a grade of 60% or higher. We also recognize that many students were counting on the next few months to improve their grades and meet their goals for the year. Therefore, teachers will be providing students with opportunities to complete missing work and/or provide alternative activities to increase the student’s grade.
- **Regarding failing grades and missing work:** No assignment or assessment entered in the gradebook from work submitted after March 13 should negatively impact a student’s grade. Students have until May 29 to turn in missing assignments and/or to complete alternative activities assigned by the teacher. Teachers will work with and provide reasonable alternatives for students who might not have the necessary materials (to include internet) to complete missing assignments.
- A verified unit of credit is awarded for a course in which the student earns a standard unit of credit and achieves a passing score on a corresponding end-of-course SOL test or a substitute assessment approved by the Board of Education
- Dinwiddie County Public Schools Grading Guidance: COVID-19 - The course credit earned by passing, using Pass/Fail, will be excluded from the student’s GPA calculation and a “P” or “F” will be recorded on the student’s transcript. Promotion/graduation credit will be earned only by a “P”. A student currently enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course eligible for a verified credit during the 2019-2020 school year and who has received the standard unit of credit (passing grade) may be awarded a locally-awarded verified credit, per VDOE waivers.
- **Graduation:** It will take place somehow, some way. Based on the current events surrounding COVID-19 pandemic, a date will be determined at a later time.
- **Prom:** We do plan on still having a prom. Currently, we are unable to share specific details at this time.

- **Dual Enrollment and Advanced:** Students who take Dual Enrollment and/or Advanced classes will complete assignments based on the guidelines set by John Tyler Community College, Richard Bland College, and/or College Board. Please continue to use your teachers as a guide.
- **GradPoint and Apex Courses:** Students who are enrolled in a GradPoint or Apex class, who were passing the course, and completed the majority of the essential standards as of March 13 can have the class closed out for the year. Those students will earn the course credit for the class. In Gradpoint and Apex, the “Overall Grade” is the average grade for assignments completed by the student. Grades for high school students should be determined as of March 13, 2020. Teachers will assign students a “P” if the student had a grade of 60% or higher. If the student does not have a passing overall grade as of March 13, then the student will be allowed to continue working in the course to improve his or her grade. This could mean assessment retakes or continuing with class instruction and assessments. Students have until May 29 to improve their overall grade (Dinwiddie County Public Schools Grading Guidance: COVID-19).

Reminders

Scholarships and College Applications: Please continue to seek scholarships and be certain to complete any last-minute college applications.

GEAR UP Scholarship: Please make certain to complete the GEAR UP Exit Form if you have not done so. This is a requirement in order to receive the GEAR UP Scholarship. For more info, visit the website, <http://www.schev.edu/guvscholarship>.

Emails: Please make certain that you check your email as you may receive important information. Please keep in mind that you should not use your dcpsnet.org email to email individuals outside of the school division; you must use your personal email to email outside of the district.

Please continue to practice social distancing. Remember to wash your hands or sanitize your hands on a regular basis.

Remember, WE will get through this. The BEST is still yet to come!
“Be Better TODAY than you were YESTERDAY!”

Take care of yourself,
Mr. Garnes, Interim Principal
Ms. Melissa Breunle, Assistant Principal
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