



Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School



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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of the Class of 2020,

At this time, we'd like to provide you with some guidance on a number of items specific to culminating events for our Palisades Park Jr./ Sr. High School Senior Class of 2020. Please find information and instructions below:

- **Caps and Gowns** - Each member of the Class of 2020 will receive a cap and gown as originally ordered. Pickup of caps and gowns will be held on Friday 6/12 and Monday 6/15 at the front entrance of the school.

Please refer to the schedule below for your alphabetically-assigned date and time. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please email Mrs. Hali (jhali@palpkschools.org) asap to set an alternate appointment. Please take good care of your cap and gown once you arrive back home. Take it out of the plastic and hang it up to prevent wrinkling. We intend to host a physical graduation ceremony in early July pending Governor's guidelines. You will be expected to wear your cap and gown at that ceremony. Stoles, cords, and pins honoring your participation in honor societies, etc. will also be included in your package.

You are required to wear a mask to pick up your cap and gown. Please adhere to social distancing protocols, following indicated physical spacing guides once you arrive at school.

Friday June 12th

10:00am	Ahn, D. - Calise, L.
11:00am	Calo Teletor, D. - Edgar, K.
12:00pm	Elsamra, A. - Gutierrez, M.
1:00pm	Hah, P. - Kang, Y.
2:00pm	Kim, Andrew J. - Lopez, K.

Monday June 15th

10:00am	MacLean, J. - Oh, Y.
11:00am	Okan, G. - Rahman, H.
12:00pm	Ramos Gutierrez, G. - Torres Xitumul, M.
1:00pm	Toumi, L. - Zhang, H.
2:00pm	Additional appointments as needed

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- **Returning Textbooks, Chromebooks, and Other School Materials** - Please bring any textbooks, chromebooks, uniforms, supplies, and other materials with you when you pick up your cap and gown. These items will be logged as “returned.” Any missing items (aside from those still in your locker...more on that topic below) will cause a “hold” to be placed on your diploma and final transcripts. These items will be released once your outstanding items are received.
- **Virtual Graduation Celebration** - A virtual celebration of our graduates is scheduled to go live on Wednesday June 17th at 6:00pm. A link to the presentation will be posted on our school district website (palpkschools.org.) We hope you take time to celebrate this great accomplishment with your families in your own homes in anticipation of us gathering as a school community to celebrate more traditionally at a later date. Please be sure to have a parent/guardian acknowledge the Photo Release Form in your Class of 2020 Google Classroom. **Your name and/or image will not be included in the slideshow without this permission.** Contact Mrs. Hali (jhali@palpkschools.org) with questions.
- **Senior Celebrations** - We’d like to thank our PTSA for their generous support in celebrating our Seniors! A congratulatory banner has been hung at Boro Hall in commemoration of your graduation. Additionally, at cap and gown pick-up, each graduate will receive a lawn sign compliments of your PPHS Administrative Team. Display these signs with pride at your home...out front, in a window, or even in your living room or bedroom. We are so proud of you and all you’ve accomplished to bring you to this point!

Important Events to Come...

Please note: The following items are subject to change pending approval from our state and local officials. Further guidance and plans will be shared as soon as they become available.

- **In-person Traditional Graduation Ceremony** - We are working closely with our town, county, and state officials to plan a more traditional graduation ceremony. At this time, we have tentatively planned for a ceremony to be held in early July, pending the Governor’s and local official’s recommendations. More information on the details of this ceremony will be shared as soon as they become available. We look forward to celebrating in person with you very soon!
- **Diplomas and Yearbooks** - Diplomas and yearbooks will be distributed at a later date in conjunction with our physical graduation ceremony. If for some reason we are unable to host a physical graduation ceremony, information regarding diploma and yearbook distribution will be forthcoming, and coordinated by your school administrators.
- **Locker Clean-outs** - At this time, students are not permitted entry to the school building. Your school administrators have made a plan for student entry to be implemented once we are granted permission by the Governor and our local officials. Information on access procedures will be shared as soon as we are able to. Students will be scheduled and supervised to ensure appropriate social distancing procedures and safety measures.

We’d like to extend our thanks to our students, parents, and guardians for their support through this unprecedented time. We are so proud of you for your hard work and dedication to your studies. While we know this isn’t the end to your Senior Year that you imagined, you have managed to succeed and demonstrate great strength and perseverance in the most difficult of times. We applaud you! Please feel free to contact Ms. Krista Voorhis, Vice Principal (kvoorhis@palpkschools.org) or Mrs. Joanna Hali, Senior Class Advisor (jhali@palpkschools.org) with any questions.

Regards,



Krista Voorhis
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