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Good Afternoon DHS Community:

I cannot tell you how overjoyed the faculty and administration were to see everyone this week! The weather seemed to cooperate with us. We knew that we missed the kids; however, this past week was truly an eye opener in that we missed them so much more than we thought. I wish to thank everyone for working with the school to return books and to obtain their summer assignments. The process truly went very well due to you and your attention to detail. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! For those who were unable to attend, we will be mailing the assignments and a list of books that need to be returned.

Our final meal distribution will be on **Wednesday, June 17th** at both DMS and DHS. The United States Department of Agriculture's **Summer Food Service Program** provides free meals when school is out. [HERE](#) is the information from the USDA to support families throughout the summer months.

Literary Magazine

Throughout the remote learning process, students were engaged in a variety of learning activities. Under the direction of Ms. Katy Turse, the Creative Writing class, along with many other voices were able to pen the DHS Literary Magazine! This year, a section was added to honor the Class of 2020 for all it had endured. [HERE](#) is a copy of the issue!

Scholastic Expectations

Next week, students will only have one assignment in each course to complete! We are nearing the end and I wish to thank each and every one of you for supporting us in this endeavor. This was suddenly thrust upon all of us and I believe that by working together, we were able to maximize student learning and success.

Please remember, the last day to make-up any assignment(s) will be **Wednesday, June 17th**. After that date, no work will be accepted. For members of the Class of 2020, the last day to submit work will be **Monday, June 15th**.

Students who have not been engaged in their classes will receive what they earned in the 4th Marking Period. In addition, students who have disengaged from the learning process will not earn credit for the course, regardless of their final grade as it will be determined that the student was absent from school for more than 12 days.

For students who had disengaged and then suddenly began working and making up assignments from weeks ago, there will be a penalty for the lateness of completing the assignments on a sliding scale with the lowest possible grade being a 70%. This is certainly better than a 0%! Those students who are submitting work from 6 weeks ago should not earn the same grade as a student who handed in the assignment on-time. The teachers are aware of this and will follow the same protocol.

Final Grades will be posted on **Tuesday, June 23rd** on the Parent Portal.

Class of 2020 Update

I am pleased to report that Governor Murphy continues to open up the state more and more each week due to the social distancing guidelines being followed throughout the state. In Tuesday's announcement, he has allowed gatherings outside of up to 250 people on June 22nd with the hope that he can increase it to 500 on July 3rd. We truly hope that the trend of increasing outdoor gathering size will continue throughout July so we can follow through with our plans for an on-site outdoor graduation. Please stay tuned throughout July regarding Graduation.

Monday, June 15th, the **Class of 2020** will return to DHS to pick-up Caps and Gowns. If you still have books/materials or did not complete the Post-Graduation Plans Survey, you will not receive your graduation items. I amended the schedule due to our experience this week and how quickly the process went. **Please follow the following schedule for graduation materials pick-up:**

Monday, June 15th - CLASS OF 2020 ONLY	
Last Name begins with:	Time to arrive:
A-F	8:30 - 9:30
G-M	10:30 - 11:30
N-Z	12:30 - 1:30

This is the last call for address updates for the Class of 2020. If I do not hear from you by Friday afternoon, I will assume that everyone will be home and I look forward to seeing each and every one of our graduates! If there is a change in plans, please let me know! If you have already communicated with me, I have made the necessary adjustments.

I will be sending out an update next week with the diploma distribution times and any other information that has been solidified concerning yearbooks, prom and graduation. Go Bears!!!! Class of 2020!!!!

SPIRIT Volume 45 (Yearbooks)

I have been informed that due to processing plant delays because of the coronavirus, the yearbooks have been delayed. Our hope is to have them in our possession by tomorrow. If so, we will be able to give the Class of 2020 their Yearbooks on Monday. We would then announce another pick-up schedule for underclassmen who ordered yearbooks. If they are delayed even further, I will communicate this out to everyone with a schedule for pick-up. We do appreciate your patience as the effects of the pandemic are much more far reaching than anyone could have imagined.

Class Rings

We have been in touch with the company who is producing our Class Rings. Due to the pandemic, they are behind in production. At this time, we have been informed that once the rings are completed, they will be shipped to you directly. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jaclyn Carey at jmcarey@delranschools.org or Mr. Joseph Lewis at jlewis@delranschools.org.

Summer Opportunities

Garden AHEC/Inspira Health is excited to offer our **“Future Health Professionals”** online health care learning course open to ALL high school students (Freshmen – Seniors)! The course begins on **June 21st**. The seven-week

course is completely online through BlackBoard (please see the attached flyer for more details). This will be a **FREE** program to students. Students can sign up and register for **FREE** securely through our Inspira website [HERE](#). ***Those who successfully pass this course will receive a certificate of completion from Inspira Health – Garden Area Health Education Center. This is a great addition to résumés and college applications!**

1. Click “Add to Cart” (Red Button on the left)
2. Fill out your basic information
3. Click “View Cart and Proceed”
4. Click “Register”
5. Complete your information and your payment information. Finally, click “Register” at the end

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is offering free webinars this summer [HERE](#) is more information. The workshops are geared towards students interested in college, work-based learning, and the Military (parents and educators are also welcome). Join to understand ASVAB results and discover potentially satisfying career fields. Attendees will receive tools to map out post-secondary plans, including college and scholarship search, military options, and more!

I promise to be in touch over the summer as the schedule for 2020-2021 is finalized and new dates for changing classes are solidified. The Guidance Counselors will be working over the summer so keep an eye out for their correspondence concerning schedules.

It has been a long 3 months for everyone; however, it would not have been as successful were it not for the tight school-home relationship that we have built over the years. Delran is an amazing town and I am so fortunate to work with all of you. I will send out one last communication for the 2019-2020 school year next week as this historic year comes to a close.

With Bear Pride and Spirit,
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