



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Committed to Character Development and Academic Excellence

April 10, 2020

Dear JICHS Senior,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We miss seeing you each day! As you're aware, during this historic time of self-quarantine and social distancing, the special traditions we have for seniors have been greatly impacted. I'm writing to share with you any details about these events that I have so far. Things can change quickly, so there are no guarantees, just tentative plans at this point. We meet regularly to discuss options for you because you mean so much to everyone at JICHS. Please make sure to share this letter with your parents/guardians so they're aware of the important information that is included.

1. ***If*** self-quarantine orders and limits on social gatherings are lifted by our Governor, and we are allowed to hold a live graduation ceremony in May or June, guests may be extremely limited. This is the only way we would be able to spread visitors out six feet apart. Therefore, if you have family or friends visiting from out of town who were hoping to attend a live ceremony, you will need to inform them that they may only be able to celebrate with you off-site and view the live stream. The event will be live-streamed and a link posted on our website so any friends and family who cannot attend will be able to view the ceremony. Our current plan is to hold graduation in the new JICHS stadium with seniors six feet apart on the field and visitors six feet apart in the stands. This is why a strict visitor limit per senior may be necessary. Obviously, planning a live ceremony is extremely tentative at this point.
2. We will pick a date in May after your final exams for the following:
 - a. Pick up your cap and gown.
 - b. Get a picture taken in it to be included in the senior slide show.
 - c. Pick up your yearbook (if you paid for one).
 - d. Drop off your textbooks.
 - e. Turn in sports uniforms.

We will assign seniors to come to the school in shifts by last name to follow social distancing limits. Keep your eye out for communications from me about dates and times.

3. Keep in touch with your teachers and make sure to complete and submit all assigned work.
4. Make sure all school debt is paid by the deadline stated on school bills that were sent out recently. Students who have a balance past the deadline will not walk (if we have a live ceremony) or receive their diploma and senior slide show DVD.
5. Coach Prusinowski is producing a senior slide show DVD. The school is giving every senior a copy for free, which will be included with your diploma.
6. We want to hear from our Class of 2020 students to include their ideas as we plan. If you have any creative ideas for a graduation for either a live or virtual ceremony, please send them to Mrs. Williams at nancy.williams@jamesirwin.org.

As we move forward through this time, let's stay strong and flexible together. I'll keep you up to date as we get more information from our state and local authorities.

Many blessings,

Alex Marquez, Principal