



NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear NEO Senior Families:

May 14, 2020

Can you believe your scholars' senior year is coming to an end? This year is unlike any other we have seen. Due to the unprecedented statewide school closure, we had to quickly make alternative arrangements in efforts to appreciate and responsibly celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2020.

Prom was scheduled to take place this Friday, May 15; however, we will need to re-schedule their prom to a later date and regrettably at this time we do not know what that date will be.

Nevertheless, the excitement of moving forward is tempered by reminiscing about this year. As the class of 2020 prepares to virtually walk the stage, turn their tassels, and enter the "real world", our society will become a better place. Our staff along with all of our families have worked diligently towards this fundamental milestone. Even though this time is filled with both excitement and trepidations, we know the next steps in our scholars' lives will prove to be fulfilling as they are prepared to move onward towards adulthood.

We understand that both senior prom and high school graduation are especially memorable occasions, capstones if you will to their K-12 educational careers. Scholars and families, enjoy the last leg of your journey, take the time to embrace the next evolution in your young adult's life. Stay encouraged as it only gets better from here! Congratulations NEO High School Graduating Seniors – **You are the Class of 2020!**

If your scholar has not paid their senior dues, they can be paid on Monday, May 18th during their scheduled locker clean-out. The dues include the following items:

- Cap and Gown
- Keepsake Alumni Medallion
- Diploma and Diploma Cover
- Graduation Announcements (5)
- Senior Shirt – awaiting approved design
- Gift Card
- Commemorative Yard Sign
- Electronic Copy of the Ceremony

Virtual Graduation Ceremony:

Our high school graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30th at 2:30pm, as a Facebook Watch Party!** The ceremony will be held virtually due to the mandated closure for COVID-19. We understand this is not what you expected as the culminating event to your high school career. However, we must ensure the safety and security of all involved. We are not going to place any scholar, teacher, or cherished family member in danger by physically gathering together in any way. Therefore, the thoughtful decision was made to hold the ceremony virtually.

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We certainly anticipate great eagerness during this commencement exercise, which will provide the capstone to your scholar's high school education. Please **CELEBRATE!** Scholars, wear your graduation regalia, invite all your family and friends to participate and encourage everyone to have their air horns, large posters, large balloon arrangements, whistles, or any other noise making devise ready, so that all can loudly and proudly honor you – **The Class of 2020!**

In Education,

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