

May 22, 2020

Dear Grand Island High School Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe at home enjoying the beautiful spring weather. I would like to provide you with an update on some very important end of the year information for all Grand Island High School students. This includes important dates, pick-up and drop-off procedures, summer school updates, and plans for graduation.

Important Dates

Grade 9-11 Material Drop-off and Pick- Up	June 2 - June 3, 2020 (see guidelines included)
End of the 4th Marking Period	June 10, 2020
Last Day of Virtual Instruction (Seniors)	June 10, 2020
Senior/ Transferring Student Drop-off and Pick-up	June 10 - June 11, 2020 (see guidelines included)
*Last Day of Virtual Instruction (Grades 9-11)	June 16, 2020
Grading Window Closes for Teachers-	June 16, 2020 at 11:00 am
Last Teacher Attendance Day	June 17, 2020
Graduation	June 28, 2020

*New York State requires us to continue instruction for a specified number of days. All work after June 10th will be supplemental and be graded on a pass/ fail basis only. Any new work after June 10th will not be counted toward the 4th quarter average.

Summer School

As per the Governor's order yesterday, school will not be able to reopen this summer. Therefore, we will begin planning a virtual summer school or credit recovery program for those who are unsuccessful in classes this year. We will keep you updated on this program as more information becomes available. Please realize that not all courses can be offered over the summer session, but we will do our best to meet the needs of as many students as possible. Encourage your children to finish the school year strong.

Graduation

Due to the current pandemic, we are no longer able to have graduation at Kleinhans in Buffalo. We have arranged for a less traditional graduation ceremony to take place on Sunday June 28, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. at Beaver Island State Park in the main beach area parking lot. All families will be asked to arrive and remain in their vehicle throughout the ceremony and follow all proper social distancing guidelines. We will be setting up a stage so that a limited number of speeches and recognitions can occur. We are hoping the ceremony will be transmitted through FM radio and live streamed on the internet for those who cannot attend. At this time, we plan for each family to receive a ticket for one vehicle to attend, and we are hoping to secure a limited number of additional spots for those families with unique circumstances. During the roll call of graduates, each name will be read as the vehicle proceeds through a traffic loop and eventually returns to the parking area. If weather and social distancing guidelines permit, each student will have the opportunity to leave the vehicle to receive his or her diploma on a portable stage. The roll call of graduates will likely take a bit longer than normal, due to the revised system. We are very excited about having the Class of 2020 together on Grand Island to celebrate this monumental event. More specific information will be provided in the coming weeks.

High School Student Material Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

We are going to begin scheduling appointments next week for students (or a designated parent if necessary) to come into the school to pick up personal items and to return any school issued items. We are limiting this to one person per pick up and prefer the student to attend so he or she can access any locked items. Chromebooks and chargers will not be collected from students returning to Grand Island High School next fall.

School issued items that must be returned include the following:

- Textbooks
- Library Books
- School Issued Calculators
- Chromebooks with chargers (Grade 12 or transferring students ONLY)
- Musical Instruments (Grade 12 or transferring students ONLY)
- Musical Tuxedos (Grade 12 or transferring students ONLY)
- Athletic Uniforms
- Athletic Equipment
- Art Supplies
- Other supplies or materials

Examples of Items that should be picked up/ cleaned out include:

- Locker
- Physical education locker
- Personal athletic equipment
- Medication
- Binders in teacher classrooms
- Caps and Gowns for Graduation (Seniors ONLY)

This is the only time that students and/ or parents will be allowed to enter the building. The building will be closed this summer for construction and all summer school will be online. We are asking that each student arrive with a mask, or face covering, or they will not be allowed to enter. We also ask that each student and/ or parent practice appropriate social distancing guidelines.

Each student will receive their assigned time and date through the school email system.

- 9th through 11th graders will be scheduled during the days of June 2nd and June 3rd.
- Seniors and students not returning to Grand Island next year will be scheduled during the days of June 10 and June 11.
- All students must come through the front door where they will be signed in.
- Students should bring a large book bag or shopping bag to retrieve materials from their personal and physical education lockers.
- Students will proceed to lockers and the cafeteria to drop off the supplies.
- No more than 10 students will be scheduled during a 15 minute window.
- No seniors will be allowed to move up their scheduled date because they will need to keep their Chromebooks until June 10th.
- Students will be asked to drop off items at appropriate labeled tables in the cafeteria by subject/ item. For example Math, Music, Library Textbooks, Art Supplies, etc.

Thank you for being patient with us as we continue to work through this challenging time. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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